



An artist's impression of Sea Esta, where about 250 of 376 units have been sold. PHOTO: HOI HUP SUNWAY PASIR RIS



An artist's impression of Tropika East, which has sold 59 of its 105 units. PHOTO: TONG ENG GROUP



An artist's impression of 1919 at Mount Sophia. The luxury sector project has sold out its 75 units. PHOTO: AURUM LAND

Home hunters still in buying mood

By AMANDA TAN

HOME hunters have been snapping up units over recent weeks and propping up developer sales amid a market slump, but some consultants expect the June tally to be weaker than last month's.

New private home sales for last month were 1,702 units, excluding executive condominiums, but Mr Tan Kok Keong, OrangeTee's research and consultancy head, said the June figure could come in as much as 10 per cent lower.

Buyers have been especially keen on suburban and city fringe projects such as the newly launched Cradels, where 65 units have been sold since its launch last Saturday.

The freehold condominium near Novena MRT station has a total of 125 units costing about \$1,500 per sq ft.

A one-bedroom unit of nearly 500 sq ft starts from about \$600,000.

Tong Eng Group's Tropika East, which launched on June 9, has sold 59 of its 105 units, with 14 moved in the past two weeks.

Three-bedroom units are priced from about \$1.3 million.

The 376-unit Sea Esta in Pasir Ris has sold about 250 units since its preview on June 10.

One-bedroom units of 517 sq ft or more are available from \$488,000. Three-bedroom units of at least 904 sq ft start from \$760,000.

Qingjian Realty has sold more than 250 units out of the 410 released at its River Isles in Punggol. The 610-unit condominium, launched on June 2, is priced from \$830 psf to \$850 psf.

Far East Organization has sold 27 units over the past week across its projects, with Seahill and Seas-trand the top performers.

Sales also held up in the luxury sector. Aurum Land's 1919 at Mount Sophia has sold out its 75