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Group expects significant contribution from division by 2020

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FAJARBARU Builder Group Bhd expects its property development segment to contribute significantly to the group's performance by 2020.

Group executive director Datuk Sri Eric Kuan Khian Leng said the construction and timber logging businesses contributed the bulk of the company's revenue.

"We are operating in five segments – construction, property development, timber logging, trading and logistics," he said. "As of right now, construction and timber logging are the biggest contributors. However, as we expand the property de-

velopment segment further, we expect it to contribute significantly, even as soon as 2020," said Kuan, here, yesterday.

The group currently has three Malaysia-based property developments comprising Rica Residence Sentul, Rica Residence Kinrara and Rica Residence Malacca, all part of the Rica Residence series.

The company completed Gardenhill – its first overseas project – in Melbourne, early last year.

Fajarbaru is in the midst of developing its second Melbourne-based project, the Paragon, with a gross development value (GDV) of A\$200 million (RM602 million). It is targeted for completion in the second half of 2020.

Paragon, which is jointly developed by Fajarbaru, Beulah Interna-

tional and KHK Group, obtained funding facility amounting to A\$100 million from Malayan Banking Bhd yesterday.

Beulah International managing director Chan Jiaheng said almost 90 per cent of Paragon had already been sold.

"We believe the selling point for Paragon is that it boasts Australia's first elevated indoor forest," said Chan.

Chan said 30 per cent of the buyers were Malaysians.

Paragon features 227 luxury apartments across 48 levels and prices start from A\$480,000.

Fajarbaru's third Melbourne-based project, Northcote, is currently being planned. It currently has a GDV of A\$33 million.

Going forward, Fajarbaru will continue to look for opportunities in Australia.