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Singapore has become a liveable and sustainable city in the last four to five decades even though its density has tripled as its population grew from less than 2 million to 5.6 million today. This was achieved in spite of very limited land as a small island. Land prices have soared and the real estate industry prospered. The industry has contributed significantly to the building of the city, thanks to good governance and integrated planning, which have created a well regulated, but transparent and healthy property market. Orchard Road, The Central Business district, and other sub centres in Tampines and Paya Lebar have been built largely by the private sector. How will this successful collaboration change in the years ahead as the city faces new challenges like technological disruption, climate change and an ageing population?

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