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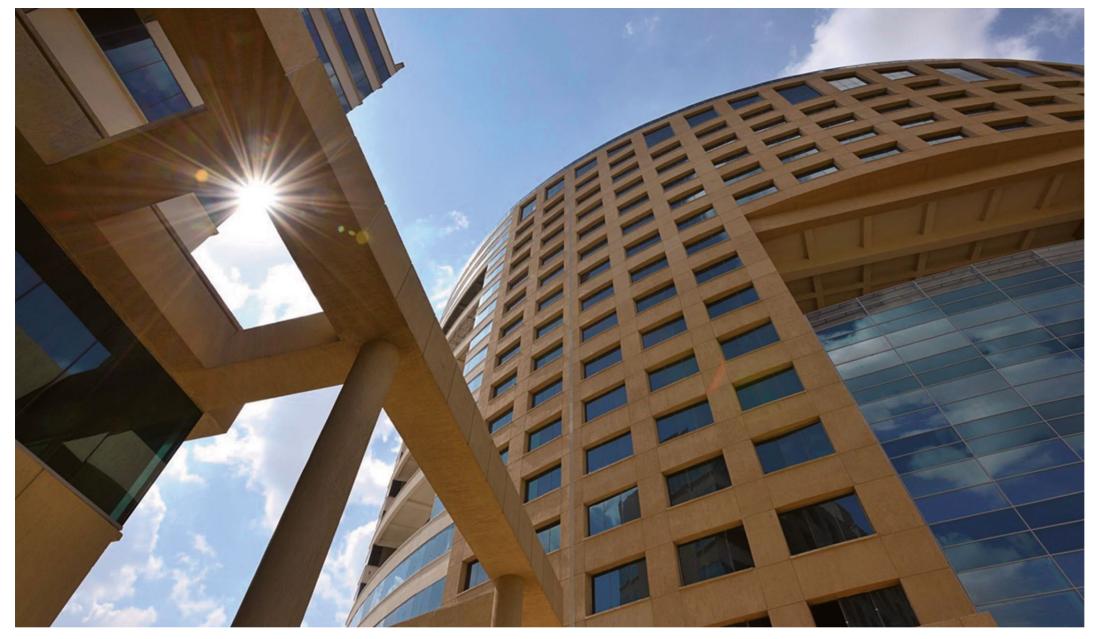
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High ideals

Cyberwalk was conceived to bring man and nature together within an office environment that would enable better ideation

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In Gurgaon, New Delhi, stands DFI (Design Forum

International)'s Cyberwalk, the first building to be certified LEED Gold in the area. A fluid combination of contemporary style and classic architecture, the aim of Cyberwalk was to create green office environs with a character endowed through trees.

Conceptualised as a self-sufficient green building, Cyberwalk is located within a 150 acre information technology campus in Manesar, Gurgaon. Amid the concrete jungle of its surrounds, Cyberwalk is enveloped by an oasis of green, designed to utilise the natural resources of sunlight, air, water and power in the most efficient manner.



Cyberwalk has a dedicated area of 25,000 sq-ft to 38,000 sq-ft for commercial office space. Since the building aimed at a LEED rating, the architect selected SGG Envision glass, a high performance material with excellent thermal insulation properties and high spectral selectivity. In addition to delivering a superior performance, Envision also enables abundant light transmission and is relatively more transparent than other solar control glasses.

With the extensive use of high performance glass, Cyberwalk has become an exceptional model for green architecture, demonstrating that an environment-friendly, efficient and lower operating cost facility can easily be compatible with the space requirements of a corporate office occupier.

Cyberwalk is also a mixed-use complex, with a health and fitness centre, swimming pools, daycare centres, ATMs, food courts and a cafeteria, as well as ample parking. The central spill-out zone is an interactive plaza with walkways, water features, sitting areas and greenery, full of trees, plants and lush greenery, far away from the traditional methodical office space made of bricks and mortar. ●

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