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Vale Ervin Vidor AM – co-founder of Toga

Acting CEO of Urban Taskforce, Stephen Fenn, today said the property industry had lost a titan with the passing of Toga founder Ervin Vidor AM.

Mr Vidor's story reflects the richness and success of the broader Australian story since the end of the Second World War – a journey from postwar Hungary to the pinnacle of Australia's property and hotel sector – which has left an enduring mark on the industry and the nation.

As co-founder of TOGA Group in 1963 (along with his wife Charlotte Vidor AM and Antonino Stillone), Mr Vidor transformed the sector through a legacy of high-quality homes, hotels and mixed-use precincts.

TOGA's growth from humble beginnings—first building flats in Glebe - set new standards for residential and commercial development, with a lasting impact still seen in projects across Sydney, Australia, and overseas.

Secretary and Treasurer of Urban Taskforce, David Tanevski, acknowledged Mr Vidor's passing with great sadness,

"His vision and pioneering spirit helped shape Australia's property landscape," Mr Tanevski said.

"Ervin was a true trailblazer in the serviced apartments sector, years ahead of his time in recognising their importance and value, and his legacy will continue to influence the industry for generations to come.

"His commitment, foresight, and entrepreneurial drive not only built an enduring business but also set new standards of excellence that many continue to follow today.

"My heartfelt condolences go out to the entire Vidor family during this difficult time, may you find comfort in knowing the immense impact Ervin had and the lasting legacy he leaves behind," Mr Tanevski said

Beyond property, Mr Vidor was a committed supporter of community, philanthropy and cultural initiatives, sharing his success with a range of causes. His resilience, integrity and collaborative spirit remain an inspiration to peers and future property leaders.

A well known story is when Ervin arrived on Australian shores in 1949 aged just 17, he was welcomed by a gentleman from a welfare organisation, who gave him a £10 note. The gentleman said there was no need to pay it back, but just to remember this support once he had established himself. Ever since that day, he's been paying the £10 back.

TOGA's legacy under Vidor's leadership encompasses thousands of homes, iconic hotels and mixed-use precincts, with operations spanning Australia, New Zealand and Europe. Mr Vidor's philosophy of "creating and shaping meaningful spaces for life" became

foundational for industry best practice—uniting business excellence with social responsibility and transforming communities through innovative development.

This is nowhere more to be seen than in one of Toga's more recent projects – Wick's Place at Marrickville, which took out this year's Urban Taskforce's Development Excellence Award for best urban renewal project. This project has transformed a tired industrial precinct into a vibrant mixed-use precinct and is a fitting tribute to the vision of Ervin Vidor and his company.

Urban Taskforce pays tribute to Ervin Vidor and extends the sympathies of Taskforce members to his wife Charlotte, Managing Director of Toga Group and son Allan, their families, as well as the broader Toga team.

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