

THE LEE KUAN YEW WORLD CITY PRIZE 2020 SPECIAL MENTIONS

Cities on the Rebound

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From haphazard urban development to slow regeneration. From 1980s decline to a knowledge economy. From years of financial woes to innovation and good governance.

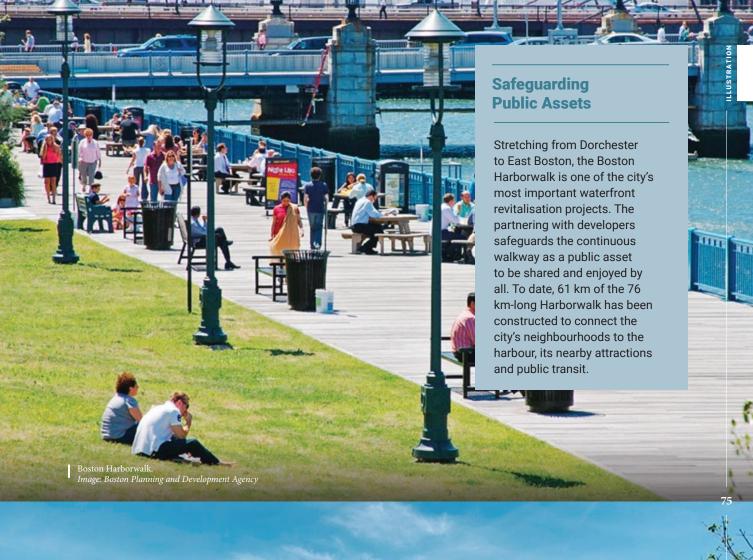
These are the transformative stories behind Antwerp, Boston and Lisbon, the 2020 Lee Kuan Yew World City Prize Special Mentions, explored in this photo story.

ANTWERP, BELGIUM Reversing Undesirable

Conditions of the Past

The 2006 Strategic Spatial Plan helped reverse Antwerp's haphazard urban development, which arose due to the lack of strategic post-war city planning. Through strategic interventions to tackle issues such as climate change and housing affordability, formerly neglected areas such as Het Eilandje are transformed into lively neighbourhoods today.





Casual gatherings on the rooftop of the Bruce C Bolling Municipal Building. Image: Boston Planning and Development Agerics

Establishing a Strong City Brand

Boston has successfully rebounded from industrial decline, thanks to the tenacity of its people that is complemented by a legacy of world-class hospitals and universities, fueling the city's reinvention as a knowledge economy. Local non-governmental organisations, companies and Bostonians alike are motivated to push for lasting positive changes in the city, while the government's willingness to engage its stakeholders has helped build long-term, win-win collaborations.

