

ENJOYING THE VUE FROM KENSINGTON

Urban Condo Condo project a feast for the senses



Condo shoppers eyeing home ownership, but who'd prefer savouring the Vue to a lengthy bumper-to-bumper commute to careers downtown are finding an address that's worth a second look in West Hillhurst.

Condo Condo Development Group's Vue (which stands for Vibrant Urban Energy) opened the doors to its database of customers January 25, and since then the two furnished show suites and pair of spec units have seen their share of visitors coming to take a peek.

"This is more of a mid-rise than some of our other projects. The great thing about this building, whether east- or west-facing, is the views are spectacular. On the west side you get the sunset and on the east, you get the downtown view and the reflection of the sun setting," says Tamara Peaker, marketing manager for Condo Condo Development Group Inc.

Of the seven-storey concrete condo conversion's 55 suite deals up for grabs, 11 were placed on reserve in the first week of sales. A true penthouse, located on the eighth floor with a balcony stretching in every direction around the elite space, is still in the planning stages, but will likely be a two-bedroom-and-den configuration.

Visitors to the newly-opened Vue are able to check out a broad cross-section of what's available, including a massive two-bedroom "Get Home" plan spanning 1,201 square-feet that's fully furnished and a completed, yet unspoiled "Energy" suite, sized at 901 square-feet.

A sample of the one-bedroom "Dream" show suite is also poised to give buyers a glimpse of how stunning the 663-square-foot, one-bedroom address can look, while a fourth, yet unappointed

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698-square-foot "Fantastic" corner suite is also open for the viewing seven days a week.

Prices for one-bedrooms (560 to 698 square-feet) are from \$245,900, while two-bedroom Vue suites (928 to 1,336 square-feet) start at \$356,900. As the project is a condominium conversion, buyers can save the money they would spend on GST for furnishings or a heartier down payment.

Though the project is a mid-rise, buyers are treated to elevated standard appointments to help them enjoy their Vue, among them fireplaces in every

unit faced with granite, high-end appliances and rich maple cabinets with a choice of stains.

"The main feature is it's open concept. Kitchens are open to the living room and eating areas, and we put glass in the upper cabinets to let the light in," says Peaker, of the unique display cases visible and accessible from either living or culinary spaces. "Even in the smaller units we put the upper cabinets, which are great for showcasing glassware."

Granite countertops are among far-from-standard included appointments, as are handsome glass tile backsplashes in kitchens and bathrooms, short shag and tile flooring, jetted tub and shower combinations, vessel bathroom sinks, Grohe-brand Pulsator showerheads, and in-suite stacked washer and dryers.

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downward to the second level of the building. "It will be a pretty quick move in, with possessions this year, which is sometimes hard to find," says Peaker. The basement boasts commercial space the developer will be selling, so residents with a business may have the opportunity to stay close to home.

But for those who work downtown, the commute is a no-brainer from the convenience of the 14 Street N.W. addresses — which Peaker deems the prime motivator for buyers.

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And play is equally close, with a slew of coffee shops, restaurants, shopping and nightlife in Kensington, and the hot spots of 17 Avenue all a short distance from Vue doors. [CL](#)

For more information about the Vue, visit www.condo-condo.com or drop by the showsuites daily on the seventh floor at 429 – 14 Street N.W. Hours are weekdays from 2 p.m. to 7 p.m. and weekends, noon to 5 p.m.

