



TORONTO CONDOMINIUMS

Building with rich history to be conserved

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The building that will house the new Euclid condominiums has gone through many incarnations over its long life. "It started off as a Rabbi's house in the 1880s," Brad Lamb of Brad Lamb Realty explains, and subsequently became a synagogue, a cultural centre and then a Baptist church. Pyramid Architects bought it recently and are converting it into a five-unit condominium, he says.

The units range from 500 to 2,700 square feet. "Four of the five units have large outdoor spaces or roof decks. The whole building will have a West Coast, modern L.A. look to it. It's going to be very sleek and modern but not to the point of

At a glance

Site: The Euclid
Developer: Pyramid Architects and Element Group
Location: Toronto
Square footage: 500 to 2,700
Price: \$379,900 to \$699,900
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being retro-style. Some of the original brick walls will be maintained to add to its character," Mr. Lamb says.

Large square windows will allow lots of natural sunlight into the suites. The straight lines of the architectural design and white-wash

exterior colour — punctuated by black wrought-iron fencing and trim — will give it a timeless look. On the front of the building, a black iron sculpture fashioned in a cross-like shape honours its history with subtle good taste.

As well as converting and conserving the building, the developer will be adding on to it. Two of the units will be accessible from Euclid Avenue, which is just south of College Street and west of Bathurst Street, and three of the units will be accessible from another side street, Mews. Buyers will be able to move into the building this year.

"Pyramid Architects and their affiliate, called the Element Group, are well-known for their custom residential work," Mr. Lamb says. "They have done many jobs for

super-prominent people of Toronto, ranging from bankers and CEOs to sports figures and international business people — the super rich. This is the first project for Pyramid that's like this — for people who they don't usually do work for. However, with this project they will customize the homes for buyers."

Prices for the Euclid start at \$379,900 and go to \$699,900, making some units priced at less than \$300 a square foot. Parking is available for three of the five units (included in the price) and for the two smaller ones, parking permits will be procured on Euclid Avenue.

About 60 people have registered so far to see the project plans and visit the site. With only five units to sell, they're expected to go quickly.