

DOWNTOWN CONDOMINIUMS

Five Nine Richmond boasts of 'sensuous, modernist' design'

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Condominium buyers who love stylish architecture and décor will be attracted to Five Nine Richmond, a new project under construction at 59 Richmond St.

The 14-storey condominium building with 79 units "has a modernist, sensuous design with a lot of natural materials, such as wood laminate flooring, wood cabinetry and granite or marble countertops," says Philip Marsland, a partner with Jason D'Elia in Five Nine Developments, the site builders.

Brad Lamb, president of Brad Lamb Realty, the sales representative, adds: "We've set up this project in a way that will attract a buyer who cares about interior design and architecture. It is a very stylized building with clean, straight, architectural lines and lots of glass."

Core Architects, whose projects include Tip Top Lofts, and the interior design firm Burdie Felik, which has done design work for Club Monaco stores, were involved in creating Five Nine.

The units range from about 500 to 1,000 square feet. There are also two penthouses that are 1,418 and 1,536 square feet. They are single-level units, but include a private roof terrace. "They have astounding views," Mr. Marsland says.

Prices start at \$164,900 and go up to about \$600,000. "The value is excellent. It's priced very competitively with anything else in the area," he adds.

Parking is available for a little more than half of the units. "We are using a novel parking system called a tri-stacker," Mr. Lamb says. It allows three vehicles to be stacked on each other, on their own shelf-like space. The shelves can be raised or lowered to the parking floor by a key system. When a vehicle is flush with the floor, the owner can get in

and drive away. "For tight urban sites, the tri-stackers are a saviour."

The interiors have nine-foot ceilings and include stainless-steel appliances, gas hookups on the balcony, bathrooms with mosaic tile and faucets from Italy. "All the taps, door knobs and cabinet pulls are cutting-edge design." Mr. Lamb says. "There is no need to upgrade the finishes."

The views to the south are good because Five Nine is one of the highest buildings in the area. "There aren't many condominiums being developed between Spadina Avenue and Bathurst Street, south of Queen, north of King," Mr. Lamb notes. "Most of the developments in this area are located south of King Street. We are the only condominium built in this area during the past two years."

Two blocks away is in one of the hottest restaurant, nightclub and bar districts. "There are also great shops along Queen Street, including contemporary furniture and clothing stores. For entertainment, Roy Thomson Hall, the Royal Alexandra Theatre, Princess of Wales Theatre and the proposed Four Seasons opera centre are within walking distance," Mr. Marsland says.

At a glance

Site: Five Nine Richmond

Location: Toronto

Builder: Five Nine Developments

Square footage: 500 to 1,000

Price: \$164,900 to \$600,000

Sales centre: 460 Richmond St., west of Spadina Avenue. Open Monday to Thursday, noon to 6 p.m.; weekends and holidays, noon to 5 p.m.

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