

AT CANVAS EMBRACE THE BEST of urban city living

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ATTRACTING FIRST-TIME HOME BUYERS

Al Kwan, 34, knew exactly what he was looking for in a condo – location, location, location. Equally important for the artist was living in an eclectic neighbourhood with like-minded individuals.

The animator spent all last summer searching for the right location but the condominiums he saw were either not in a trendy area, too pricey or didn't provide secure parking.

"I stopped looking after awhile and then this past month I started again," says Kwan. "When I found CANVAS I was very impressed with the location and the affordability. There's a lot of potential here with Emily Carr University going in — and the culture really suits my lifestyle."

Kwan is thrilled with his future home. He purchased a one-bedroom loft-style condo on the fourth floor with lots of windows for natural light and a "pretty sweet balcony to entertain my friends."

Another fan of CANVAS is realtor and fellow first-time buyer Arianna Torabian. The 26-year-old spent countless hours researching and looking at new condominium developments before ultimately buying in CANVAS.

"I live and work in the Mount Pleasant area and I want to be part of this cool up-and-coming and trendy neighbourhood," says Torabian. "Once I saw

CANVAS it was a big yes for me. I also loved the great finishes inside, and the price was affordable."

She was also sold on its location close to transit, the waterfront, Olympic Village and oh-so-chic Main Street corridor.

At CANVAS — the latest artist-inspired new condo development by North America's award-winning Onni Group of Companies — residents will enjoy living in Vancouver's burgeoning art district in the False Creek Flats.

What was once the industrial hub of Vancouver, today CANVAS shares this address with the nearby Centre for Digital Media and the future Emily Carr University of Art + Design.

"CANVAS is much more affordable than downtown, there's some opportunities in the market, and just more and more people moving to the neighbourhood," says Nic Jensen, Vice President of sales at Onni. "Standing on the corner of Great Northern Way and Thornton, you're looking at the city, the snowcapped mountains, and B.C. Place Stadium."

CANVAS features two, six-storey towers joined by a fully landscaped central courtyard with garden plots, a fire pit and a long communal picnic table to encourage a sense of community. The towers will be home to 209 thoughtfully designed homes reflecting the lifestyle needs of Vancouver's hip urbanites.

CANVAS promises to be classic on

the inside and out and Jensen believes its modern sanctuaries will appeal to Emily Carr faculty, first-time buyers and investors.

AFFORDABLE LUXURY

Imagine the opportunity to live in an urban landscape on the threshold of the city's most promising neighbourhood at a starting price from the high-\$200,000s? You can!

CANVAS' open-concept studios, one and two-bedroom city homes with linear kitchens range in size from 508 to 973 square feet. Each residence will showcase luxury finishes such as commercial-grade, wide-plank laminate flooring throughout entry, living, flex space and kitchen; Berber style stain-resistant carpeting throughout bedrooms and walk-in closets; in-suite full-size washer and dryer; plenty of in-suite storage with multiple over-sized closets featuring contemporary flat-panel doors and melamine built-in shelving.

In addition, each suite is beautifully appointed with an exceptionally elegant kitchen — truly a chef's dream. All are equipped with high-end KitchenAid stainless steel appliances, 1 1/2 double nose composite stone countertops, European inspired, custom flat panel soft close wood cabinetry with rift-cut oak veneer face featuring wood gables and island backs, top-of-the-line cabinet hardware, including imported modern pulls and over-height tile backsplash.

OUTDOOR SPACE THAT REALLY WOWS

Most of the homes have either generously size balconies or, on the ground floor, spacious patios for entertaining or catching a spectacular Vancouver sunset.

Expect to be truly wowed by the top-floor homes' private roof decks, ranging from 300 to 700 square feet,



which will present residents and their guests with a fabulous space for casual entertaining or meeting up with neighbours.

“Buyers told us that it is important that their new home have a balcony or patio,” he says. “And the rooftop decks can be enjoyed about eight months a year. The way that CANVAS is designed offers a direct view to the city and specifically the BC Place Stadium.”

INSPIRED DESIGN

Forward-thinking gBL Architects designed CANVAS to reflect the vibe of this emerging district - modern, hip, artistic inspired living. The lush outdoor space encourages neighbours to meet and mingle, whether it's in the communal courtyard, the artist gallery, the collective workshop space or in the fully equipped fitness centre.

At the corner of Great Northern Way and Thorton Avenue, CANVAS is walking distance to the seawall, transit and several great restaurants. Soak in the culture ... walk and explore the galleries of The Flats, shop the Main Street boutiques or grab a fresh pint at the soon-to-be-open Red Truck Brewery just down the street.

For those outdoor enthusiasts, right at your doorstep is The Greenway – The Central Valley Greenway, a 24 km walk and bike-friendly trail that invites residents to explore the city.

CANVAS is an exciting condominium development that offers a truly carefree, singular living experience in the up-and-coming False Creek Flats district. Here is your opportunity to enjoy condo living with chic features and finishes in a trendy downtown address.

Beautifully appointed new homes at such value are rare today.

CANVAS presentation centre and display home, at 1405 Main St., Vancouver, are open daily from noon to 6 p.m., except Fridays. Come and see for yourself why this new community is creating such a buzz. Don't miss this exclusive opportunity to buy in one of the Vancouver's most exciting and emerging neighbourhoods, minutes away from abundant social activity and services. Completion date is anticipated to be in March 2016. For more information visit www.onni.com.