

Palatial Penthouses

HAUTE LIVING

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WHEN CLOUD NINE IS YOUR neighbour you know you've reached the top – literally and symbolically. Call them “sky homes” if you will, because more often than not, they soar to sky-kissing heights with unobstructed views, boldly punctuating the skyline wherever they are built, and not to mention the sky's the limit when it comes to their sensational features. Call them by their more familiar name, the “penthouse,” and either way it

conveys the same message – it's the pinnacle of luxury, prestige and privacy. Perhaps the most iconic of all living spaces largely associated with the moneyed elite, purchasing a penthouse is a lifestyle that customarily attracts the empty nester, urban professional or affluent baby boomer. It is an architectural expression of unsurpassable success and an equal level of personal achievement. These homes come with their own set of bragging rights with features and amenities most only dream of. There is the rooftop patio, concierge, doorman, high-end appliance packages, spa and fitness facilities, valet or secure underground parking, and expansive terraces to entertain and soak up endless sunsets, just to name a few. *Condo Guide* looks at six diverse penthouse homes, each luxuriously appointed and situated in various vantage points of Metro Vancouver, touting their own style and remarkably unique offerings.

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PROJECT LOCATION 565 Smithe St. at Symphony Place, Vancouver

PRESENTATION CENTRE 880 Seymour St., Vancouver

NEIGHBOURHOOD Central to the Arts and Culture district of Vancouver with The Orpheum, Queen Elizabeth Theatre, Vancouver Art Gallery and eclectic Robson St. all within walking distance

HOURS Noon to 5 p.m. daily except Fridays

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WEB vitacollection.ca

PROJECT SIZE 29 storeys

RESIDENCE SIZE Penthouse 1: 1,813 sq. ft. two-bedroom/den; penthouse 2: 1,735 sq. ft. two-bedroom/den

PRICES Unit #2901: \$2.858 million; Unit #2902: \$2.858 million

DEVELOPER Solterra Group of Companies

DESIGNER INTERIORS

- » Wide-plank hardwood floors in the kitchen, living and dining areas
- » Individually controlled AC/heat
- » Gas fireplace with brushed stainless steel surround
- » Art-glass door partitions in master bedroom

GOURMET KITCHENS

- » One-in.-thick granite countertops in Alto scheme; polished marble mosaic tile backsplash
- » AEG wall oven and gas cooktop
- » Two Fisher & Paykel dishwasher drawers
- » Liebherr integrated frost-free refrigerator

BATHROOMS

- » Soaker tub
- » Rain head style shower head/European pressure balance chrome faucet
- » Water-efficient, dual low-flush toilet
- » Marble countertops for vanities with Acri-Tec semi recessed vanity sink

AMENITIES

- » 820 square feet private rooftop terrace
- » Fitness room on amenities floor
- » Indoor/outdoor children's play area
- » Resident's lounge with big-screen TV and second garden terrace

“There was an identified need for upscale, luxurious residences in this mid-town area of downtown Vancouver, which was becoming the heart of the new Arts and Cultural district of Vancouver. To meet this objective, the use of premium finishes like custom sliding art-glass doors, stone counters, hardwood floors, sleek wood cabinetry, European faucets, high-end appliances and fixtures in a sophisticated palette create a sense of luxury and opulence that is usually found in the residences of Coal Harbour.

“The best part about this penthouse is its interpretation of rooftop living. The spectacular 820-sq.-ft. rooftop terrace gives you a golden ticket to enjoy Vancouver's skyline with its 270-degree panoramic views, an outdoor gas fireplace and hot tub for getting cosy, built-in benches and landscaping for even more privacy at this

outdoor oasis and last but not least, even indulge in alfresco dining with a complete outdoor kitchen.” *Laura Rizzo, vice-president, marketing; Solterra Group of Companies*

AFFINITY

PROJECT LOCATION 2200 and 2238 Douglas Rd., Burnaby

NEIGHBOURHOOD In the heart of the Brentwood neighbourhood, a few blocks from Holdom SkyTrain station

SALES CENTRE 5695 Lougheed Hwy. (at Holdom)

HOURS Noon to 5 p.m. Saturday to Thursday

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WEB affinitybybosa.com

PROJECT SIZE Two towers of 24 and 29 storeys

RESIDENCE SIZE Two, two-storey penthouse units per tower; two-bedroom/den

PRICES Priced from \$1,075,000

DEVELOPER Bosa Development Corp.

DESIGNER INTERIORS

- » Hard-wearing laminate wood flooring in the living, dining, kitchen, den and entry areas
- » Indoor gas fireplace with concrete fireplace surround, stylishly lit with a light fixture
- » Contemporary-style 100 per cent nylon carpeting in each bedroom
- » Designer colour schemes, wenge or graphite, created for Bosa by Cristina Oberti
- » Forced air conditioning for year-round comfort

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