

Feature Development



Vita

The Sweet Life with a Downtown Edge

Ahhh, the delights of Vancouver's downtown. Here's where you'll find Picasso and Emily Carr rubbing shoulders with Holt Renfrew and Chanel, where you can feast on oysters at Joe Fortes or linger over lattes at your favourite coffee bistro. And whether it's sports, opera, or the silver screen that tops your list of favourite things to do after hours, you're sure to find a dazzling selection waiting exploration just outside your door.

But get ready because downtown is about to get even better. Introducing Vita. Stylish, sophisticated, and downright edgy, Vita is the first phase of Symphony Place, and you'd better believe this 28-storey tower is designed for people with a zest for the downtown lifestyle plus a keen appreciation of quality.

A Landmark in the Making

Stepping inside Vita's presentation centre, there's an immediate sense of meticulously planned sleekness - a rhythm and flow that marries timeless architecture with contemporary vision. Sales manager Tammy Vogan soon spots

me gazing longingly at an outdoor hot tub tucked among lush shrubbery on the model's fifth-floor roof terrace and comes over to say hello.

We chat about the gym with virtual cycling theatre and yoga/stretch area, the resident's lounge, the porte-cochere between the two buildings - a distinctive touch of old world grandeur - as well as the way lower level boutique retail will enhance the feeling of strolling along an Italian piazza. "We are literally



at the gateway to Yaletown and the downtown entertainment district," Tammy says. "Vita is going to bring a real sparkle to the whole neighbourhood."

Even the parking, I learn, has a delightful surprise in store. Tammy points to the exterior wall facing the Orpheum Theatre. "In addition to the residents only parkade there will be public parking, but we wanted both to be hidden," Tammy explains. "So we commissioned a 120-foot art glass wall named 'Cadenza.' The rippled glass emulates waves of music, and at night, lights from cars moving through the parkade will make it appear as if the waves are dancing - it's another one of the details that's made Vita so popular with homebuyers."

Come Home to the Sweet Life

The display suite is a study in harmony. With a touch of artistic inspiration, the second bedroom features two sliding art glass doors with textured finish - a subtle echo of Cadenza brought right here into your home. "If you aren't using this as a bedroom, you can just open the doors and the whole space opens up

into a great room," Tammy says. "It's fantastic if you like to entertain a lot."

Distinctly European-inspired, horizontal grain kitchen cabinetry is offset by silky smooth Caesarstone countertops and a polished marble mosaic tile backsplash. There's a slim profile, slide out hood fan, concealed Leibherr refrigerator, and a Fisher Paykel single-drawer integrated dishwasher for the maximum in space saving convenience and great looks. The sink is enormous - ready to handle the most demanding gourmet adventures - and topped by a European faucet that's as sexy looking as it is functional. There's even a pantry wall - an entire wall of extra storage for those items you want tucked out of sight but close at hand.

In the master ensuite, Tammy shows me the frameless glass shower with three state-of-the-art Kohler shower tiles I've been just waiting to see in real life - very new, very urban-chic, very

"Cadenza is a specially commissioned, 120-foot art wall made of rippled glass that emulates waves of music."

beautiful. "Main bathrooms have a soaker tub with rainhead shower," Tammy says, adding the over-sized vanity mirror with hidden, recessed storage is standard in every Vita bathroom.

In fact, Tammy tells me as I take a last look around, everything is standard here at Vita - the top of the line appliances, wide-plank hard-

wood flooring in main living areas, the roller blinds are all part of what makes Vita part of the Sweet Life of downtown Vancouver.

Vita still offers a good selection of two-bedroom condominium residences with flex room starting at \$499,900 as well as six floors of exclusive, private collection homes and penthouse suites. But hurry, because prices will be increasing at the end of February.

The Vita presentation centre is open noon to 5:00 pm daily except Fridays at 897 Richards Street (visitor parking on Richards in the adjacent parking lot to the north). For more information call 604-676-8828, or you can visit on the web anytime at www.thesweetlife.ca or www.vitacollection.ca where you'll find everything you need to know about Vita.

