



Dolce

A Zest for Downtown Living

by Susan M Boyce

It's almost here. Just a few more days till a fresh new outlook on downtown Vancouver's vibrant lifestyle is unveiled. That's right, it's almost time for Solterra's Dolce at Symphony Place to commence sales!

Located opposite The Orpheum — one of the city's most beloved grand ladies of theatre — Dolce will rise a dramatic 32 storeys above Smithe and Richards, its sleek, gleaming architecture blending seamlessly with its sister tower, Vita. "Response to Vita was astonishing," says sales manager Kim Lloyd. "Symphony Place represents the foundation of Vancouver's revitalized arts and cultural district, and Dolce is the next opportunity to be part of this evolution."

A Sizzling New Look

Kim is quick to assure me that yes, Dolce has all the sophisticated, city-savvy design features I fell in love with at Vita — details like horizontal grain kitchen cabinetry, luxurious stone countertops, concealed Leibherr refrigerator, and oversized windows to savour the breathtaking cityscape views. But there's going to be a few dazzling additions and changes as well.



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“We’ve totally revamped the entire discovery centre to include two kitchen vignettes plus a fully furnished model suite just so people can really see the level of quality they will be buying,” she tells me. “And our four new colour palettes are going to be right there on the cutting edge of design trends.” Despite my best efforts, though, she’s not revealing anything more than their names — Tuxedo and Diamond for the lofts and luxurious upper floor Private Collection or Champagne and Moonlight for The Residences and townhomes. As to the new features, she simply gives me a conspiratorial grin and says, “you’ll just have to come visit — don’t you love a good mystery?”

Embracing Downtown Culture

We chat for a while about Symphony Place’s fully equipped gym with adjacent spa and steam rooms, the resident’s lounge, the portecochere 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.

Personally, I still can’t wait to see Cadenza, a specially commissioned 120-foot art glass that will be installed along one edge of the above ground parking. “The rippled glass emulates

waves of music, and at night, lights from cars moving through the parkade will make it seem like waves are dancing.” Kim says.

Of course, all Vancouver’s cultural riches are also there to be discovered — watching the sunrise while rollerblading along the Seawall, exploring the masterpieces of Monet and Dali after lunch, then perhaps a live hockey game or opera in the evening. And whatever your shopping style — from big box to boutique — you’ll find something to satisfy just minutes from your front door.

Dolce offers a total of 198 homes including

five live/work townhomes, 21 lofts, plus a broad selection of contemporary suites ranging from studios to two-bedrooms plus flex-space, as well as an exclusive collection of penthouses featuring approximately 1,800 square feet of luxurious downtown living space.

The Dolce discovery centre’s VIP Grand Opening Event will be celebrated on Saturday, July 28th at 897 Richards Street. Complimentary visitor parking on Richards in the adjacent lot to the north. To ensure you are one of the first to visit, call 604-677-8386 or visit www.liveatdolce.com. **nh**

