

Altitude at 9060 University High Street by Hungerford Properties

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THE FACTS

Project: Altitude

What: Two towers, one 12-storeys with 95 units, and one 14-storeys with 115 units (one-, two- and three-bedroom homes, plus town houses)

Where: Burnaby

Developer: Hungerford Properties

Residence size: 500 - 1,600 sq. ft.

Price: \$268,900 - \$950,000

Sales centre address: 8955 University High St., Burnaby

Hours: noon - 6 p.m., Sat. - Thurs.

Soaring above Burnaby Mountain, UniverCity is an award-winning sustainable urban community that's within walking distance of Simon Fraser University.

A new development, Altitude, will have the distinction of being the Lower Mainland's highest residential tower - after combining base elevation on the mountain with the height of the towers - and as such, will offer stunning views of Burrard Inlet and Indian Arm, the North Shore mountains and the towers of down-town Vancouver.

In keeping with the location, the show home at Altitude captures the outdoorsy earthy feel of its surroundings.

Interior designer Lisa Perry says the finishes for the whole building, as well as the furniture and decor for the display suite, were selected as a nod to its locale.

"We used many natural elements such as wood, metal, stone and glass," she adds. "In the fabrics for the display suite we selected many natural fibres - wool, linen and cotton. All the finish selections were made to align with LEED design standards and we tried to remain mindful of that when selecting the fabrics."

Then the design team mixed those with the sophisticated finishes and features of the building interior, says the director of interior design at i3 design.

According to Jason Dolker, director of sales, marketing and service for Altitude, UniverCity is attracting a lot of interest, especially from owner-occupiers who are part of the Simon Fraser family. The community has a new elementary school and a pedestrian-friendly shopping plaza with a diverse range of stores and services, and the pace of sellouts has been steady.

"Hungerford Properties was attracted to the fundamentals of supply and demand economics when it came to developing at UniverCity," Dolker says.

Meanwhile, Perry says a classic neutral colour scheme creates a soothing back-drop for the home, and is also quite the trend here on the West Coast.

"A neutral colour palate with punches of colour continues to be on trend - investment pieces are neutral and timeless and the fun comes into the pieces that are easy to change when you want an update," she adds. "Warm greys are always an influence here on the West Coast and the small punches of colour [in this case yellow] energize the decor."

Then, add a few signature pieces to showcase your individuality.

"The low-profile sofa and the armless chairs in the living area and the bed in the master bedroom were chosen to show-case the high ceilings and the amazing views out the floor-to-ceiling windows and enhance the open feeling of the space," Perry says.

The overall effect is one, Perry dubs con-temporary West Coast minimalist.

"It is a sophisticated look with a casual vibe that is inviting to all walks of life," she says.



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Big windows and high ceilings will enhance the open feeling at Altitude, which will have a minimalist design and neutral palette. Photograph by: Submitted, For The Province

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