

Arbutus Ridge 49 condos in an 4-storey building by Cressy

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The Arbutus Ridge project by the Cressy Development Group will rise at the former site of the Ridge Theatre.

The Arbutus Ridge condos will stand in a spot that has long been familiar to Vancouverites. It's here, at Arbutus and West 16 Avenue, where the Ridge theatre and bowling lanes made their home for many years. The neighbourhood, which serves area households with retail and other conveniences, is in the centre of a growing commercial hub, close to the more established Kitsilano to the west and Fairview to the east.

Some designers might be intimidated by the promise of such a high-profile spot, but to Scott Trepp, head of the Trepp Design team, the key to mastering the design of the display suites in such a popular locale is simple. Keep to the classics, he says. Embrace natural tones and maintain a visual balance in every room.

"No question that this is a high profile site," Trepp says. "As such, we wanted to create something timeless and clean that would resonate with the neighbourhood, as well as its legacy. As a result, we chose sumptuous, classic finishes."

Classic could be an understatement. Trepp says the superstars in the 1,210 square-foot display suite are the sumptuous dramatic master bathroom and its study in contrasts, the light, airy master bedroom.

The bathroom layers rich brown tone-on-tone hues, with one shade of brown on one wall meeting the next shade of brown tile on the next. The effect provides a backdrop for the drama. That moody bathroom look is punctuated by another rarely-seen feature: fixtures attached directly to the wall, rather than the sink itself.

"The soft, matte finish and brown paints act as a foil to play up the movement and luxury of the large scale honed white marble floor, shower and wall ledges. The darker paint colour also creates drama and allows the chrome fixtures to really shine."

In the bedroom, it's a different story, with walnut bed frame and side tables against wide-plank brushed oak floors. Light walls and fabric add warmth and texture.

The kitchen includes what could be described a "command central" wall panel on the wall, collecting a wall oven, microwave, refrigerator and wine fridge into one condensed space. It's a space-saver the hallmark of an ergonomically-designed "Cressy kitchen", also a space-saver, he says. "Placing the bulk of the appliances not only allows for great storage and counter space within the kitchen proper, it allows space that would otherwise be lost to circulation to become a functioning extension of the kitchen."

Leave it to the Trepp design team to add style to that functionality. On top of the kitchen's practicality, the cabinet's centre panels are slightly raised, "giving a modern twist to a classic cabinet style," Trepp says.



Light walls and fabric add warmth to the feel of this show suite bedroom



Spectacular views will be on offer from the rooftop spaces at Arbutus Ridge



The darker colours in the bathrooms add a touch of drama to the luxurious surroundings.