

DAZZLING VIEWS FROM CASCADE AT THE PIER

Final units of master-planned community overlook downtown
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Cascade at The Pier units have hardwood floors and Italian Scavolini kitchens equipped with Bosch appliances, as shown in this conceptual illustration.



All bathrooms at the two Cascade at The Pier buildings are generous and offer a separate shower and tub



Cascade at The Pier, a project from Pinnacle International in North Vancouver, is now offering its final two residential buildings right on the water.

partnered with the owners of the recently closed Wallace Shipyards and dry dock site at the bottom of Lonsdale to undertake a land use study.

The idea was to hatch a comprehensive plan to transform what had been a key industrial area since 1906 into a thriving new community. They completed the study in 1997 and, by 2001, a community plan. Pinnacle International purchased the development rights to the site later that same year.

Since then the area has been completely revitalized, thanks to 1.25 million square feet of commercial, public amenity and residential development. There is extensive public waterfront access with a performance stage, a thriving summer night market, and plenty of shops, restaurants and services. Pinnacle International built the 105-room Pinnacle Hotel and eight apartment buildings.

The company's last two residential buildings in this masterplanned community, collectively called Cascade at The Pier, will be right on the water, with views of downtown Vancouver, Stanley Park and the Lions Gate Bridge. Sales of the units have been brisk.

"You're not going to find waterfront property anywhere in the city with views like this," said Jo-Anne Duchscher, Cascade at The Pier's sales manager. "It's an extremely rare thing. The buildings are front and centre to the best part of downtown — the cruise ship dock ... At night it's obviously all lit up, so you'll always have an exceptional view at any time of day."

Gabrielle Loren and her husband bought the three-bedroom, three-bathroom penthouse on the west side of the Cascade West building. She and her husband have two children, one in Grade 12 and the other at university. Loren explained they were looking for somewhere that would give them peace and quiet, but also enough space for their kids as

well as some community life around them to enjoy.

"We're going from a big house in West Vancouver with a big lot, and all the upkeep that involves, to an 1,800-square-foot condo," Loren said. "But it's got about 2,400 square feet of outdoor living space so we're pretty happy. We've got the rooftop deck from the penthouse as well as the patio right off the apartment."



Cascade at The Pier's two final residential buildings in North Vancouver —with luxury amenities and stunning views of the downtown cruise ship dock— are the work of Pinnacle International.