

## **Everything nearby at a reasonable price**

## Davie and Nicola offers buyers the opportunity to be close to what the West End has to offer

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An artist's rendering of Davie and Nicola, which will comprise 128 one-to-three-bedroom homes in a 21-storey highrise in the heart of the West End, close to Vancouver's financial and entertainment districts.

The West End, with its proximity to English Bay, Stanley Park and the city's financial and entertainment district, has been viewed by many as a neighbourhood offering the best of all worlds. At the same time, the opportunities for buyers have been limited, especially in the last few years, notes Jonathan Cheung, senior project manager at Rennie Marketing Systems. That makes a new project being marketed by Rennie, a 128-unit tower called Davie and Nicola, especially attractive to both professionals and downsizers looking to locate themselves within reach of everything at a reasonable price.

"For the last year, there really has been nothing new for sale," he said. "The last project was at Alberni on Robson and it was selling at the \$3,000-a-squarefoot-plus range. "We have been hovering around the \$2,000-squarefoot range."

Cheung said the pull of those prices is readily evident with the number of people who have been registering. People are drawn to its excellent location and views of the water and mountains and the fact that the project is situated in a pocket that is a bit removed from the hustle and bustle of the rest of the West End.

About 30 per cent of the 128 homes will be in the one-bedroom and onebedroom-andden category, starting at 517 square feet, while two-bedroom and two-bedroom-andden homes account for 63 per cent of the total, with space starting at 683 square feet. The remainder are the three-bedroom homes and the three townhouses.

Inside, Vivagrand Developments has paid homage to the tradition of luxury and quality in the West End, Cheung said. The homes are equipped with topend appliances by Wolf and Sub-Zero that are complemented by cabinetry by Binova, a well-respected Italian manufacturer. The look is rounded out by quartz countertops with waterfall edges and marble backsplashes.

Kitchens will come with a Kohler stainless steel undermount single sink and Kallista single-control pull-down faucet, and recessed pot lights and LED under-cabinet accent strip lighting.

Buyers will have a choice of light or

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dark designs provided by Cristina Oberti Interior Design. There will be engineered hardwood flooring throughout with a ceiling height of eight-foot, six-inches in the main living area. Overheight

solid core doors are seven feet high for added sound proofing.

Bathrooms will be encased in marble with oversized tiles on the floor and walls and with an oversized shower in a frameless glass enclosure with marble mosaictiled base and linear drain. Plumbing fixtures, including the hand shower and ceiling mount head shower, are by Kohler in a chrome finish and the showers include a custom niche.

Building amenities include a gym with cardio equipment, and a social gathering area, landscaped and illuminated communal patio with barbecue, seating and dining areas and a hotel-inspired grand entry lobby and library lounge, and full concierge service.



Davie and Nicola is a project from Vivagrand Developments in Vancouver.

## Davie and Nicola

**What:** A total of 128 one-to-three-bedroom units in a 21-storey highrise in the West End; from \$789,900

Where: 1485 Davie St., Vancouver

Developer: Vivagrand Developments

Sales Centre: 1676 Robson St.

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