

## Classic appeal with comfort

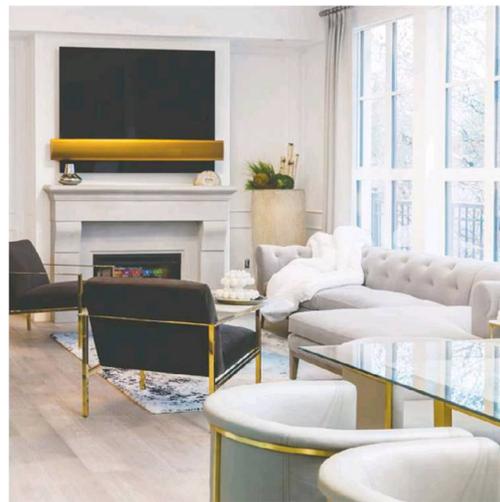
Traditional local architecture inspires design of Shaughnessy's Chateau Laurier

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A rendering of Chateau Laurier shows its classic features, including the stone cladding and elegant columns.



Homes at Chateau Laurier, at Laurier and Oak streets, are fitted with wide-plank engineered hardwood flooring.



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posh neighbourhood, has its roots in the development of the Canadian Pacific Railway, Canada's first transcontinental railway. In fact, it was named after Thomas Shaughnessy, one of the railway's presidents. Just two decades after the last of 30 million iron spikes was hammered into place, the CPR was developing a new expensive enclave for the aristocracy of Vancouver's business community.

So it's no surprise that the design style of the just-completed Chateau Laurier, a four-storey collection of 11 homes at Laurier and Oak streets, would take its cue from the enormous and stately European-inspired homes of Shaughnessy. The Laurier's classic features — from the stone cladding and elegant columns to the graceful arches of its large windows — were also seen by the building's architects as perhaps one way to entice current Shaughnessy residents to stay on where they had raised their families.

Architect Bryce Rositch said one of the first questions the firm asked itself was: "What is the best way of encouraging people who currently live in Shaughnessy, who have a \$7 million to \$12 million house and kids who have left, to stay in the neighbourhood?" That is why we went with the very classic approach to the architecture."

The homes also have another major drawing card— ample living space to

match the roominess of larger single family houses. It's something that potential buyers are quick to comment on when they tour the homes, says Looby Qian, marketing manager for the developer, Landa Global Properties. The smallest home, a two-bedroom unit on the ground floor, measures 1,450 square feet, while the average size of the remaining five is about 2,000 square feet. The penthouses' wraparound balconies, with views of the North Shore mountains and Queen Elizabeth Park, measure 2,000 square feet each, including covered space with provision for a hot tub, outdoor fireplace and a barbecue.

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For instance, the islands in the larger kitchens are huge by most condo standards, measuring 10 feet long by four feet wide. There is enough room for each of the three-bedroom homes to have separate ensuite bathrooms plus a powder room.

The kitchens come equipped with premium appliances: a Wolf six-burner gas range, a 24-inch Wolf microwave, a 36-inch integrated Sub-Zero refrigerator, and a 24-inch Asko integrated dishwasher. Also included is a 24-inch Marvel wine fridge. The cabinetry is white lacquer with a piano finish while countertops are in matching Wonder Grey quartzite, offset by a glass backsplash.

Throughout the homes is wide-plank engineered hardwood

flooring. Featured in the living room is a chateau-inspired fireplace with a sculpted mantle and an electric flame. The main entry and all bedrooms have built-in, custom closet systems.

Master ensuites have dual-vanity cabinetry with Caesarstone countertops, free-standing shower tub with Brizo tub filler, Toto smart toilet with integrated washlet and marble flooring and wall tiles.

Shaughnessy, Vancouver's original



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## Chateau Laurier, Vancouver

**Project address:** 1009 Laurier, Vancouver

**Project Scope:** The release of the final six of 11 homes in a four-storey concrete condominium in the historic Shaughnessy neighbourhood: one two-bedroom home on the ground floor and five three-bedroom and den homes, ranging in size from 1,450-2,050 sq. ft. Rendered in classic architecture, including extensive use of limestone and marble on the exterior and interiors. Close to the Vancouver Lawn Tennis & Badminton Club, two of Vancouver’s exclusive private schools, restaurants and designer boutiques.

**Price:** From \$2.48 million

**Developer:** Landa Global Properties

**Architect:** Rositch Hemphill & Associates Architects

**Interior Design:** Sublime Interior Design

**Sales Centre:** 1009 Laurier Ave., Vancouver

**Centre Hours:** By appointment

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**Completed:** December 2019