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New Ravine condo is all about nature

New condominium at York Mills harmonizes urban living with ravine setting

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An ambitious project by Urban Capital and ALIT Developments is transforming the York Mills and Don Valley area into a master-planned community of ravine-side condominiums.

The multi-phased development, called The Ravine,

acres of protected ravine.

"This is a beautiful site surrounded by parklands," says Steven Barr, Urban Capital's development manager of the project. "Our task was to create a place where people want to live and to mitigate any impact on the ravine. The new philosophy in urban planning is to integrate new developments with

typography of the area.

The use of wood and stone at The Ravine's York Mills Road entrance continues into the lobby for a seamless transition and extension of nature into the interior of the building.

Even the suites' interior design, by Cecconi Simone, reinforces the building's connection to its natural sur-



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is set to open to the public May 2 and 3, with occupancy for the first residential tower planned for November 2018.

Situated on more than 13 acres overlooking the Don Valley, the Ravine is comprised of a north quadrant of five condominium buildings and another three buildings to the south.

The community is set alongside Brookbanks Park and Deerlick Creek, with connections to a network of hundreds of acres of hiking trails and parklands.

Within the development there will be two new public parks, as well as over two

the natural environment and to encourage people to enjoy the greenspace in their neighbourhoods."

Given the ravine system that dominates the area and the natural panoramic setting, the design of The Ravine's phase one tower takes its inspiration from Frank Lloyd Wright and his philosophy of organic architecture, which harmonizes a building's design with humanity and its environment.

Designed by Rafael & Bigauskas Architects, the 29 storey building features roughhewn stone and cascading canopies — shapes and textures that mimic the

roundings, with high ceilings, laminate flooring, a balcony or terrace, and a palette of natural tones.

Amenity space at The Ravine encourages residents to get outdoors and enjoy the greenspace that is right in their backyard.

A main floor patio with a fireplace gives people the opportunity to sit outdoors and relax with a drink following a walk through the trails and parklands.

An eighth floor terrace offers views of the forested ravine and downtown Toronto. This outdoor space has a lounge and fire pit area, an outdoor TV, BBQ stations

and a Yoga Studio.

Even the building's Dog Washing Bay anticipates the outdoor lifestyle of residents and the daily exercise routines of their pets.

"We want people to be outside enjoying the location, and the amenity spaces encourage socializing amongst the residents," Barr says. "One of the parks has a splash pad for kids and there is a ground floor patio with a street level view."

Inside, amenities include a party room lounge with a fireplace, a private dining room and service kitchen, a fitness centre and a golf simulator room.

While each condominium building will have its own onsite amenities, the phase two Ravine Club will offer more elaborate facilities, including an indoor pool, outdoor terrace, fitness centre and lounge.

The Ravine's first tower will offer a total of 336 residential suites that are priced from the mid-\$200s. Floor plans range from 455 sq. ft. to 1,509 sq. ft. and are available from one-bedroom to three-bedroom plus den designs.

Complementing The Ravine's lush natural surroundings is the opportunity to enjoy an urban lifestyle with modern conveniences close by.

The community has the advantage of being situated south of the bottleneck at the DVP/401 interchange, for a quick commute and an express bus that stops right outside the building provides transportation to downtown Toronto in less

than 30 minutes.

The area offers both public and private schools, local shops and restaurants and

easy access to Bayview Village Shopping Centre, the Shops at Don Mills and Fairview Mall.

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