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PLAYING IT COOL

One of two Eau du Soleil models, the Atlantic features classic looks with shimmery notes, just right for its waterfront site. By Lisa Van de Ven

Interior designer Flora Di Menna took a turn for the transitional in the Atlantic model suite at Eau du Soleil. In contrast with a second, more contemporary, model, she opted to design this 754-square-foot unit with an eclectic furniture mix, a cool neutral palette and upgraded kitchen. "It's calm and classic," the principal from Flora Di Menna Designs says of the space, which layers muted patterns and metallic accents with nature-inspired accessories and art. The kitchen features upgraded two-toned biscuit-but and wood-grain cabinetry, and a waterfall granite countertop that extends down one side. "It was designed to appeal to an empty nester or an older, sophisticated buyer," the designer adds. Suites at the Empire Communities site range from 485 to 1,188 square feet and are priced from the mid-\$300,000s. The sales office is located at 2183 Lake Shore Blvd. W., Toronto, and open Monday to Friday from noon to 6 p.m. and weekends and holidays from noon to 5 p.m. Call 416-503-3328 or visit eaudusoleilcondos.com.

1 Reflective sheers are overlapped by custom patterned drapes to create a two-toned effect that backdrops the living room. While the sheers carry through the suite's metallic accents, the print of the drapes, with tree branches, "brings a little bit of the outside in," Ms. Di Menna says.

2 This end table almost feels like something from the future, with its polished chrome base. Black granite top and a chrome sphere at the base creating the final detail. "It's really architectural," Ms. Di Menna says, while a crystal and black lamp creates a similar look on top.

3 A white marble top is paired with stainless steel legs on the coffee table, continuing the color palette from the rest of the room. The curvy black iron detailing on the bottom, meanwhile, "picks up the pattern from the carpet." Ms. Di Menna adds — creating added interest.

4 While the floors are grey-hued wood laminate, Ms. Di Menna chose this area rug to anchor the living room and set the tone for its design, pulling in shades of grey and adding a punch of pattern. "I like to put my accents in the floor, drapery and artwork," she says.

5 Featuring a black frame and white upholstery, this modern version of a club chair "isn't just comfortable, Ms. Di Menna says, but "works well in a lot of places." The curved arms help soften the space, while an accent pillow brings in another punch of pattern.

6 This slim walnut console, with black lacquer legs and framing, adds a warm juxtaposition to the room's cool metallic elements. And that eclectic mix was part of its plan, Ms. Di Menna adds. "If a move-down buyer lived here, they'd bring in some of their existing pieces," she says.

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FOR SALE

Price range: Starting from the mid-\$200,000s
Location: York Mills Road and Don Valley Parkway, North York

YORK MILLS TOWERS
A multiphase master-planned North York condominium community, The Ravine will overlook the Don Valley and include seven buildings and more than 1,600 units. The first phase of the site, scheduled to open for sale in February, is currently in pre-registration.

Builder/developer Urban Capital and ALIT Developments
Building The first building will be 29 storeys.

Suites One-bedroom, one-bedroom-plus-den and two-bedroom layouts

Size 455 to 940 square feet

Occupancy 2019
Features Units will have nine-foot ceilings in the principal rooms, wide-plank laminate wood flooring, stone kitchen countertops and stainless



steel appliances. **Amenities** The building will feature a party room, a bar, a fitness centre, a golf simulator, a dog-wash bay, an outdoor barbeque and dining area, and a rooftop sundeck. A central club is also planned for the community, with an indoor pool, a terrace, a fitness centre and a lounge.

Standouts The site is located close to parks, the Don Valley Parkway and Highway 401.

Sales office To register call 416-850-2459 or visit theravine.ca.

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Price range: Starting from \$229,000
Location: Alliston

SMALL-TOWN LIFE

Located just over an hour's drive north of Toronto, Victoria Place is a small mid-rise condominium project in Alliston, part of the Town of New Tecumseth. The site is surrounded by the community's amenities, including restaurants, shops and services. Construction is already well underway, with occupancy scheduled later this year.

Builder/developer Aspen Ridge and Granite Condominiums
Building Four storeys

Suites One-bedroom-plus-den to two-bedroom-plus-den layouts are available.

Size Range from 826 to 1,223 square feet

Occupancy Scheduled for summer 2015

Features Suites will have nine-foot ceilings, ceramic backslashes, porcelain or ceramic bathroom floors,



deep soaker tubs and five-inch baseboards.

Amenities The project is close to the Milford Centre for the Arts, The Gibson Centre performance hall and gallery space, and Earl Rowe Provincial Park.

Standouts The site offers a small-town atmosphere within commuting distance of Toronto. Alliston also hosts town events such as its annual Santa Claus Parade and long-standing local Potato Festival.

Sales office Located at 536 Victoria St. E., Alliston. Open by appointment only.

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Price range: \$289,000 to \$1,685,000
Location: Yonge Street and Eglinton Avenue, Toronto

CONDO CONVENIENCE

Designed by C&SP Architects, with interiors by Union31, 101 Erskine is a North Toronto condominium project, featuring 410 units and 10 townhouses.

The site is surrounded by the shops, dining and services of Yonge and Eglinton.

Builder/developer Triebel and Beaux Properties

Features The developers recently broke ground on the project, with construction now underway.

Building 32-storeys

Suites Studio, one-bedroom, one-bedroom-plus-den, two-bedroom, two-bedroom-plus-den, penthouse and grand penthouse units, as well as three-bedroom townhouses

Size 435 to 2,354 square feet

Occupancy Summer 2017

Features Suites will have (depending on the plan) granite



or quartz kitchen countertops and backslashes, integrated and stainless steel appliances, nine-foot ceilings and plank laminate flooring.

Amenities The site will feature a fitness centre, a sauna, a rooftop terrace with an infinity pool, a theatre, a party room and a billiards room.

Standouts Close to both the Eglinton and Lawrence subway stations on the Yonge line.

Sales office Located at 2611 Yonge St., Toronto. Open Monday to Thursday from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m., and weekends and holidays from noon to 6 p.m. Call 416-480-0700 or visit tribel.com.

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MORTGAGE RATES 14.01.15

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Variable rate	months					Variable rate	months								
	6mths	1yr	2yr	3yr	5yr		6mths	1yr	2yr	3yr	5yr				
BANKS															
RBC	2.70	4.00-6.30p	2.94-6.30p	2.85-6.50p	2.99	1.84	3.24	Concentra Financial	n/a	5.00-6.70p	2.88-6.30p	2.59	3.44	3.94	4.79
Alterra Synchron Bank	2.60	4.00-6.30p	2.98-6.30p	2.98	2.98	2.94	3.19	Effort Trust	n/a	4.45-6.30p	3.45-6.30p	3.00	3.10	4.60	4.85
Bank of Montreal	3.00	4.00-6.30p	3.14-6.30p	3.04	3.85	4.39	3.29	Home Trust Company	2.50	3.95	2.89	2.89	2.79	2.94	2.95
Bank of Nova Scotia	2.60	4.00-6.45p	3.29-6.50p	3.14	3.44	3.94	3.19	Investors Group Trust	n/a	4.20-6.50p	3.14-6.30p	3.14	3.75	4.64	4.89
Canadian Western Bank	-	4.00-6.45p	3.14-6.30p	3.04	3.65	4.20	4.99	MTCO	2.60	4.55-6.45p	3.29-6.50p	3.14	3.44	3.94	3.19
CIBC	-	-	3.69	3.75	2.69	3.79	2.89	OTHER							
Equitable Bank	3.00	6.70p	2.99-6.35p	2.79	3.65	3.14	4.99	Airline Financial C.U.	4.00	-	3.01-6.25p	3.10	3.33	3.65	3.13
ICICI Bank Canada	3.05	-	3.14	3.14	3.95	4.54	4.84	Comtech Credit Union	2.95	6.20-6.40p	2.99-6.30p	3.25	3.29	2.99	2.99
Manulife Bank	2.70	4.45	3.00-3.50p	3.04	3.64	3.69	3.89	DUCA Credit Union	2.55	-	3.09-5.70p	3.00	2.99	3.60	2.99
National Bank	n/a	4.40-6.70p	3.14-6.70p	3.04	3.75	3.69	3.29	First National Fin. LP	-	3.95	2.99	2.99	2.60	2.89	3.00
President's Choice Finan	2.65	-	-	2.94	3.59	2.99	4.44	Fanstrom C.U.	2.75	6.30p	3.09-6.30p	3.10	3.10	3.10	3.10
Royal Bank	3.00	6.30p	3.14-6.30p	3.14	3.95	4.54	4.84	Industrial Alliance/IMP	-	-	3.24	3.04	3.14	3.29	3.94
TD Canada Trust	3.00	-	2.99-6.30p	2.94	3.44	3.14	3.29	Luminis Financial	2.60	-	2.95-6.30p	2.75	3.45	2.95	3.15
Tangerine	3.00	-	3.19	3.24	3.49	3.69	3.79	MCAP	2.50	-	3.60	3.95	4.35	4.84	5.14
TRUST LOAN								Meridian Credit Union	2.75	4.00	3.09-6.30p	2.65	3.65	3.29	3.19
Community Trust	n/a	6.50	3.14	3.25	3.95	4.74	4.99	PACE Savings & C.U.	-	5.00-6.70p	2.88-6.30p	2.59	2.79	2.94	3.89
								Parama Credit Union	2.85	-	2.85-3.00p	3.05	3.15	3.25	3.40

*Also offer 7- to 10-year mortgages; open mortgages; n.a. = not available from company; †interests only dashes (-) mean companies not quoting at present.