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# Fairmont Pacific Rim Residences, Vancouver

With more than 200 movies filmed in Vancouver each year, this “Canadian Hollywood” has become a cosmopolitan nexus for visiting celebrities and residents alike. Whether dining at one of its much-lauded restaurants, strolling through Stanley Park or cold-water scuba diving, Vancouver’s urban bustle is tempered by nearby Grouse Mountain and the natural oasis that surrounds it.

Fairmont Hotels and Resorts is banking on the beauty of this patch of land to lure visitors to its new luxury development, the Pacific Rim Hotel and Residences, slated for occupancy in mid-2009—just in time for the 2010 Winter Olympic Games. “We’re now treating Vancouver as a resort,” says Bob Rennie, principal of Rennie Marketing Systems and head of residential sales for the development.

The residential component of the project (featuring 175 units in all) marks Fairmont’s first North American foray into the hotel-condo world. The contemporary 47-story building will be located on 800,000 square feet of land that will also envelop the Willow Springs Spa. Hotel amenities, such as use of a private yacht, a driver, and room and housekeeping services, will be on hand for owners.

At the Pacific Rim, a two-bedroom, 1,296-square-foot pied-à-terre starts at US \$1.1 million. The junior penthouses, ranging between 2,300 and 4,000 square feet, are priced between \$3.4 million and \$6 million, while the bilevel penthouse estates measure 6,600 square feet and are priced at \$9.3 million. Residences will go on the market starting in April.

All units have been outfitted with Boffi kitchens, Miele appliances and Sub-Zero refrigerators and wine coolers. Tall ceilings create expansive, airy spaces, and the use of natural stone, wood and glass throughout the building creates a tailored contemporary style without looking cold or dated.

The extensive use of terraces and balconies provides residents access to the breathtaking panorama of Coal Harbor and Stanley Park.

The urban building design, planned by architect James Cheng, incorporates a varied palette of materials that includes bianco quartzite, silver green slate, dark wood cladding and aluminum—to create a tapestry-like effect.

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## Fairmont Pacific Rim Residences

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Top: The Fairmont Pacific Rim Residences will be located in Vancouver’s core downtown area, close to Coal Harbor’s cruise ship terminal. Left: The structure will utilize a clutch of green building elements.

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