



Fairmont Pacific Rim. The 48-storey tower to be built at the northwest corner of Burrard and Cordova Streets will house the five-star hotel on the bottom 22 floors, with luxury residences above. Its prime location and premium quality have already generated much interest. "When you look at our city ten years from now, this is what you're going to see," says Realtor Bob Rennie. "People are realizing that there aren't a lot of waterfront opportunities left in Vancouver."

The team behind the Fairmont is Westbank Projects, the Peterson Group, architect James Cheng and Rennie Marketing Systems. The group also collaborated on the Shangri-La, another condominium-over-hotel project that demonstrated the demand for high-end downtown living. The residential suites in the Fairmont range from 1,300 to 2,700 square feet and the majority are priced between \$1.25 and \$4.5 million.

The lifestyle appeals to a particular demographic that spends a lot of time enjoying life. These people want the security, luxury and convenience offered by 24-hour concierge, room service, valet parking and housekeeping services. Heading home from a hard day on the slopes or at the office, the Fairmont owner can call ahead and request a stocked fridge. A five-star spa,

exercise facilities, pool and therapeutic massage service are also part of living like a permanent guest.

The tower is designed to provide maximum ocean and mountain views, along with large balconies. Interiors meet penthouse expectations, with Boffi kitchens boasting Sub Zero and Miele appliances, built-in cappuccino machines and televisions, and herringbone hardwood floors.

Aimed at making the Fairmont a landmark for all of Vancouver to enjoy, a unique public art display that incorporates a light up the side of the building, reflecting on glass panels. The Fairmont hotel will be open for occupancy in the summer of 2009, ready to welcome Olympic spectators. Sales previews start at the end of April. For more information, call 604-781-4303.

It's Your Time

Another big area of the real estate market is empty nesters looking for a more suitable space. But downsizing from a large family home is no longer a compromise. People are now finding they can trade unnecessary space for better lifestyle opportunities. Take for example **St. Andrews**, a new offering of 219 spacious, single-level homes in a gated estate that backs onto the world-class Northview Golf and Country Club.

Residents of this exclusive, secure community will enjoy resort-like living in the Cloverdale countryside. The homes are surrounded by five acres of landscaped grounds, and built with large decks to take advantage of the lush views. Amenities include tennis courts, bocce yards and kilometres of well-maintained walking trails. Inside the private 8,000-square-foot clubhouse is a spa, lounges, fitness centre, pool and craft area.

It's Play Time

Just a short drive from Vancouver, Cloverdale abounds with options for entertainment and leisure activities. A summer day could present a stroll along the famous White Rock beaches, a visit to the award-winning Domaine de Chaberton winery and shopping at a farmer's market. The proximity of Harrison Hotsprings and Cultus Lake makes for spontaneous weekend trips. "This area has one third more sunny days compared to other areas of the Lower Mainland," says George Wong, St. Andrews project marketer. "This is the heart of the Cloverdale 'Playzone,' and truly unbeatable for people who enjoy active lifestyles."

It's High Time

The suites at St. Andrews are designed to exceed the expectations of a discerning clientele. "Here, residents will be able to enjoy an Upper Country lifestyle, with all the modern in-suite features and finishes found in downtown Vancouver condominiums," says Mr. Wong. "With over 30 years experience and having developed over 1,350 homes, Rempel Development has been inspired to design and develop high-end luxury residences that are dramatically different." Homes range from 1,250 to 1,475 square feet of luxurious space, and the finely crafted details of the interior include hardwood floors, stone countertops and professional-grade gourmet kitchens.

Coming this spring, priority registration is offered for the opportunity to join the St. Andrews community. Visit