

# Select Homes - Living the Dream

Four alluring places to find your perfect home



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YOU KNOW YOU'VE FOUND the perfect property when staying at home is just as enjoyable as exploring the world outside your door. The following opportunities for dream living offer the richness of inspiring landscapes, local culture and varied recreation. Even better, they promise that you'll feel relaxed, welcomed, and as content to linger on a sun-dappled patio or in a soothing soaker tub as to discover regional treasures. While each offering has its signature amenities and unique panache, they have at least one thing in common: a combination of choice

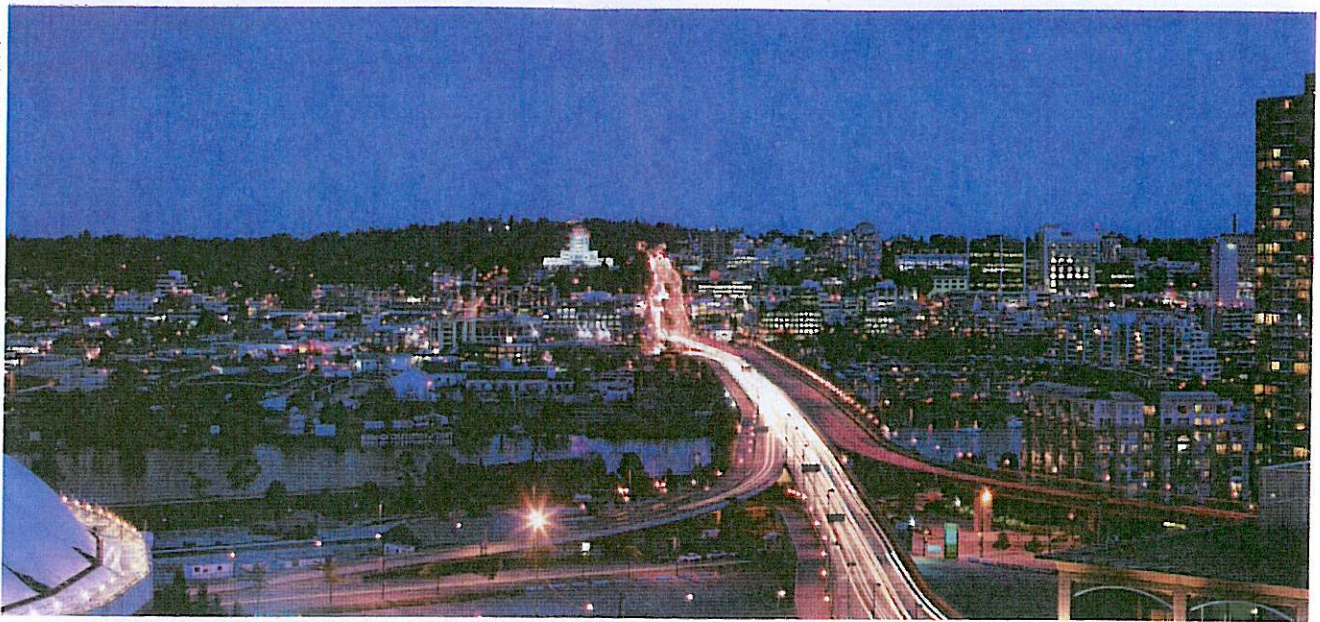
location, architectural beauty, and enticing interiors that bring that rare blend of satisfaction and inspiration.

The pulse of Vancouver sophistication lies in a very unique location. At the intersection of Robson and Cambie streets, where the city's shopping district du jour meets Yaletown's cultural edge, an extraordinary residence rises up: A collection of 150 designer residences—fully half of which will sell for under \$400,000—Raffles is surrounded by the best of Vancouver's restaurants, boutiques, lounges, theatres and galleries. Featuring gorgeous

city views and luxurious interiors, the 23-story residence occupies the nexus of upscale urban living. Head in one direction and you've got an afternoon spent browsing at stores like Zara and Banana Republic, followed by Thursday night jazz at O'Doul's or Japanese tapas at Hapa Izakaya; head the other and you've got gourmet organic groceries at Urban Fare and Choices, lingering sunset walks on the False Creek seawall, and cocktails at Blue Water Café. The best of everything is right outside your door.

The stylish rhythms of Vancouver's

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urban lifestyle are matched and contrasted by the warm experience of coming home to Raffles. Spacious suites run the gamut from live/work lofts and one-bedrooms to two-bedrooms with dens, ranging in size from 570 to 1,940 square feet. Inside, a marriage of lush traditional materials and modern elegance makes each home feel welcoming and comfortable while remaining distinctly contemporary. Living spaces feature floors of black teak or chestnut, while in the bathroom you're treated to such spa-like indulgences as creamy marble counters, Cascade rain showers, porcelain tile walls and a luxurious Maax Villa tub. Kitchens epitomize great taste with Shaker-style cabinetry in white oak or black mahogany, polished granite countertops, Miele appliances and Liebherr refrigerators. The breathless list of amenities goes on to include concierge service, whirlpool spa, barbecue area and deck, a multimedia theatre and a fitness centre. "Raffles is truly unique in location and lifestyle," says Bob Rennie of Rennie Marketing Systems. "On the edge of Vancouver's best shopping and near the heart of Yaletown, it's just steps away from your very own downtown playground. Offering amenities never before seen in this price range, Raffles is an irresistible blend of traditional substance and urban style."

Blending upscale residences with more than 50 acres of public parks and three kilometres of seawall walkway, Concord Pacific Place on False Creek is the ultimate urban waterfront neighbourhood. Until now, the only thing missing was a centrepiece, a crown jewel property at the heart of the site—but what does such a successful development do for an encore? Enter **The Erickson**, a sculpted architectural marvel designed by Canadian architectural legend Arthur Erickson. Consisting of 50 tower suites and 12 townhouses, all approximately 2,200 square feet each, it's not an overstatement to say that The Erickson's curving, sculptural form will immediately become a landmark of Vancouver architecture. The tower curves as it rises from the site, emulating the natural forms of a tree through floorplates that rotate at each level. The effect is subtle, sophisticated and magnetic. Owning one of the suites or townhomes—which start in the mid-\$2 million range—would mean no less than owning a great work of art. "With his elegant spiral design, Arthur Erickson has created an absolutely unique architectural monument," says

Tracie McTavish of Concord Pacific. "It's truly a groundbreaking event, and we've matched Mr. Erickson's outstanding architecture with unparalleled luxury throughout the property."

A point site projecting into False Creek, all residences at The Erickson enjoys 270° water, city and park views. Tower suites have direct elevator access to their private foyer, and townhomes have direct access to the secured private garages below their homes (tower suites also come with dedicated garages). As with other Concord properties, The Erickson offers a comprehensive amenities facility which includes a pool, gym and other features to be unveiled when the build-

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ing is released for sale in September. State-of-the-art security systems, site patrol and full-time concierges provide residents with peace of mind and resort-quality service. As Tracie des-

cribes, The Erickson represents an unequaled opportunity to own part of a modern masterpiece. "This is the most distinctive building in the city,

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situated in arguably the best neighbourhood in downtown Vancouver— itself one of the premier metropolitan areas in the world. What more could anyone ask for?"

As a British Pacific Properties development, **Taylor's Lookout** in West Vancouver boasts not only the city's most desirable real estate but also a 75-year heritage of elite craftsmanship. The original builders of the Lion's Gate Bridge, the Capilano Golf and Country Club, and hundreds of prestigious Upper Lands addresses, BPP offers buyers an unassailable reputation for quality. Now West Vancouver's most prominent developer is responding to the current downsizing trend with this exclusive community that accommodates younger families, empty-nesters, and seniors, as well as the larger estate homes for which BPP is famous. Designed according to innovative sustainability principles, **Taylor's Lookout** offers a mix of 16 cluster townhomes and 13 smaller single-family homes that will be built by the company on lots of 5,000-9,999 square feet. On the balance of the lots (medium to large, from 10,000-29,999 square feet) buyers can elect to choose their own builder or have BPP create a custom home. All of these exceptional properties overlook a spectacular tableau of the Vancouver skyline, English Bay and the surrounding islands.

Taylor's Lookout will exemplify the

same refined, careful degree of architectural management and quality control established in nearby Whitby Estates, where homes now routinely

sell for more than \$2 million. Diversity of home designs and siting patterns will create a varied neighbourhood that contributes to the inspiring mountainside landscape. Investment security and day-to-day

enjoyment are also ensured by BPP's state-of-the-art ecological principles. Roadways, paths and cycling trails will be integrated into the natural topography, with substantial green spaces for recreation and stormwater absorption. Other enhancements include rain gardens, native plant and creek preservation, and wildlife corridors. Nearby amenities include two private schools, Mulgrave and Collingwood, which offer families an outstanding educational option, as well as the Hollyburn Country Club and the Capilano Golf Course.

**Taylor's Lookout** is sited on some of the most beautiful and highly-valued real estate in Canada. As everyone familiar with West Vancouver knows, the chance to own spectacular view homes of this caliber is rare. In other words, act quickly: the Lion's Gate Bridge will always be around, but such sought-after properties won't be.

On a scenic island lapped by the waters of Ladner Reach, a prime riverside location is transforming into a distinctive townhome community. Designed for empty nesters and executive couples, **Woodward Landing** by Polygon offers 50 spacious townhomes in a remarkable natural setting between the Fraser River and the Cove Links Golf Course. "It's a once-in-a-lifetime location," says Polygon's Ralph Archibald. "The beautiful riverside setting and rural charm of the area make it

hard to believe it's only 25 minutes from Vancouver."

Exploring the fishing and farming community of Ladner brings several immediate surprises. Not only will Woodward Landing residents be near affordable moorage at Captain's Cove Marina and great golf at Cove Links, they're close to historic Ladner Village, the town's cultural heart. Here you can buy fresh salmon right off the boat, browse antique shops and explore a charming mix of boutiques, fresh produce markets, and restaurants like the renowned La Belle Auberge. Nature will also be your neighbour at Woodward Landing: the site borders over 2,300 acres of provincial wildlife sanctuary frequented by herons, eagles and over 240 other bird species (another reserve, the George C. Reifel Migratory Bird Sanctuary, is just down the river).

The community's architecture and design specifications are just as spectacular and charming as their surroundings. Designed in an interpretation of East Coast Shingle Style by acclaimed architects Rositch Hemphill and Associates, the homes complement the natural setting with cedar roof and wall shingles, wood brackets and dormered windows. Select residences will also feature cupolas and cultured stone chimneys. Inside the homes—which range from 2,250 to 2,500 square feet—owners are treated to three bedrooms with a main-level master suite, large open-style gourmet kitchens with breakfast nooks and attached double-car garages. The list of luxuries goes on: hardwood floors, dramatic vaulted ceilings, gas fireplaces, imported granite countertops, spacious patios and private yards. "Woodward Landing is the ideal opportunity for empty-nesters and executive couples looking for an inspiring, luxurious and low-maintenance lifestyle," Archibald explains. "Only minutes away from the bright lights and businesses of downtown Vancouver, Ladner is a peaceful haven waiting to welcome you." ■