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The homes at Avra are full of luxurious finishes such as granite countertops and stainless-steel appliances, above. Residents will also be able to take advantage of the gorgeous seaside location and on-site amenities.

Affordable luxury in White Rock at Avra

By Kerry Vital

Amenities and amazing homes abound in White Rock, but the Avra Development Group is bringing something new to the area with Avra, its condominium development in uptown White Rock that combines curb appeal, location and high-end design in one gorgeous package.

"People have nothing but great things to say about Avra," says Vice-President and Director Chris Tsakumis. "The response has been overwhelmingly positive."

The homes are move-in-ready and available for a quick possession, Tsakumis says.

"We've responded to the market's request for larger suites," he says, noting the availability of custom homes that are actually two floorplans combined together to make a single suite. These range from about 1,300 to over 1,600 square feet, which Tsakumis says has been particularly attractive to downsizers.

"These allow our downsizing clients to find something they're comfortable with," he says. "It's been received really positively."

Tsakumis says that residents don't have to give up some of their possessions when they purchase one of the custom floorplans, simply due to how spacious they are. There are three different custom plans available in the building, along with a penthouse floorplan. It's obvious that the developer has gone above and beyond with Avra, and is catering to buyers who are looking for a gorgeous seaside lifestyle and plenty of space to live or relax.

"No other community can offer something

custom like this," Tsakumis says. "Avra is the only concrete high-rise community with brand-new extra-large two and three bedroom suites."

The high-end features at Avra are definitely one of the biggest draws for buyers. Gourmet kitchens with granite countertops, beech or oak wood veneer cabinetry and stainless-steel appliances will suit any chef. Some homes include an integrated workstation; a convenient touch for those who work at home or study.

The bathrooms are soothing and luxurious, with their own elegant cabinets, marble slab countertops and backsplash and a bathtub fit for a spa. The Kuzco chrome-finish wall sconce puts everyone in the best light, and is complemented by the framed silver vanity mirror and sleek ceramic tile tub and shower surround.

"There's a great architectural vision and design here," Tsakumis says. "We are very confident in the product we've built. It's



affordable luxury."

Avra is perfectly located to take advantage of the amenities on offer in White Rock. The building is moments away from shopping at Semiahmoo Shopping Centre and other local boutiques, as well as dining, services, leisure and recreation. You're also situated near excellent schools, including Semiahmoo Secondary with its International Baccalaureate program. That school has been a major draw for families looking for the best education for their children, Tsakumis says.

Perhaps best of all, you're just minutes from the White Rock waterfront. Because of this, the views from your new home and its floor-to-ceiling windows are simply incredible.

Inside Avra itself, you'll find a fully furnished entertainment lounge with a full kitchen, a fitness centre, barbecue patio and guest suite, as well as several outdoor courtyards. A live-in resident manager is available as well, providing hotel-style service to each resident.

Homes start at \$319,900, with the custom floorplans starting in the low \$700,000s. For more information, visit www.avraliving.com, call 604-531-9030 or visit the sales centre at 1455 George Street, open Saturday through Wednesday between noon and 5 p.m.