

Community debuts new models

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House-hunting is no longer a chore; it's a recreational outing. At least that's the way many prospective buyers characterize their tours of The Residences at Hotel Palomar.

The pampering begins with valet parking beside the residence tower. A peek inside the glass doors of Exhale mind-body spa on the way to the tower entrance holds out the promise of facials, massages and Core Fusion workouts to come.

From the first floor of the residence tower, prospective buyers get a view of the library with its cozy fireplace. A wall of windows overlooks the residents' expansive open-air pavilion, outdoor hearth and a picturesque waterfall.

A few floors up, prospective buyers are invited to tour the new two-bedroom model. Until recently, there were a total of three models, however two sold almost immediately (furnishings in all). Two more additional models are being readied with all three ranging in size from 1,250 to 3,500 square feet of living space.

While each floor plan has its own character, all residences have a number of features in common: solid-core red oak entry doors, wide-plank hardwood flooring, stainless-steel kitchen appliances, granite countertops, large bathtubs and separate glass showers, spacious closets and terraces with picturesque views. Ease of living and entertaining were clearly priorities in the architect's design.

In addition to the model homes on display, The Residences at Hotel Palomar includes custom penthouses and first-floor villas with private gated courtyards designed by landscape artist Linda Tycher. Penthouses and villas are priced from \$1.1 million to \$2.2 million. Condo prices vary, with two-bedroom homes starting at \$695,000.

Touring the residence tower is just the beginning of the exploration. Prospective buyers are encouraged to visit the adjoining hotel and restaurants, since the amenities play such an important role in the residential experience. Room service from the acclaimed Central 214 restaurant and Trader Vic's is a phone call away. So are concierge and housekeeping services.

The tour isn't complete without a visit to the 5-acre landscaped grounds to the site where a footbridge will soon link residents with the Katy Trail. Some prospective buyers plan their tours to culminate in lunch, drinks or dinner at Trader Vic's or Central 214. Others end their outing by crossing the street to visit the shops and restaurants of Mockingbird Station or watching a movie at the Angelika Theater.

Model tours are available from 1 to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday and 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday. The Residence Tower is at 5656 N. Central Expressway, on the corner of North Central and Mockingbird Lane. For more information, call 214-520-0444 or visit www.palomardallas.com.

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