

A place to grow in Thornhill



Eight cranes are working hard to build the components of World on Yonge in Thornhill.

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In September 2009, World on Yonge was introduced to buyers — and they liked what they saw. In less than a month, 80 per cent of the 710 units in Phase I of the mixed-use development were sold out.

Sales for the commercial component also did extremely well, says Marco Filice, vice president of Liberty Development Corp.

This past July, registration opened for the 520 condo residences in Phase II, Parkside Towers. The entire World on Yonge project is more than 85 per cent sold out, says Filice, who attributes the development's success to "the multiple uses of live, work and play," planned for the site at 7171

Yonge St., just north of Steeles Ave. in Thornhill.

"It's a true mixed-use development on the fringes of Yonge St.," says Filice.

Phase II units range from \$267,000 to \$666,000. Layouts run from 530 square feet to 1,355 square feet and feature terraces and wraparound balconies (per plan). Units are available from one-bedroom suites up to three-bedroom-plus-den layouts. Maintenance fees are 49 cents per square foot and include Club Liberty access. Tentative occupancy is in 2015.

World on Yonge was the recipient of the 2011 BILD Pinnacle Award, Places to Grow, Community of the Year High-rise.

When completed, the development will comprise four

residential towers — Phase I will have two 31-storey towers, and an 18- and 27-storey tower are planned for Phase II.

Also part of the multi-use community will be Offices on Yonge, a 20-storey commercial building, slated to be the tallest non-residential tower in York Region, says Filice. The first 10 floors will occupy office space, while a boutique hotel will be housed on the above 10 floors.

A landscaped courtyard sits at the focal point of the project and a new park borders Meadowview Ave. Housed in the courtyard will be an indoor, three-level mall, Shops on Yonge.

World on Yonge will have a modern, urban feel to it, from the glass and precast mod-

ern facades to a piazza and play areas "where you can sit and relax on a bench or stroll around," says Filice.

Condo features include nine-foot ceilings, granite countertops, European-style cabinets and a stainless-steel appliance package. Bathroom features include cultured marble countertops, a white acrylic soaker tub and dual flush toilets. The site is close to Highways 407, 404, 400 and 7 as well as easy access to the TTC, Viva transit and the GO trains.

Amenities include a party/multi-function room, exercise room, indoor swimming pool, whirlpool, sauna and change rooms, cards room, billiards room and an green roof with barbecue area.

Two types of green roof technology, both intensive and extensive, will be part of World on Yonge. The intensive green roof technology will be used on about 32,000 square feet, mostly in accessible outdoor amenity areas. Extensive green roof technology will be employed on about 68,000 square feet and is designed to reduce the urban heat island effect and assist with rainwater storage. The extensive green roofs will be in non-accessible areas.

The World on Yonge presentation centre is at 1 Steelcase Rd. W. in Markham. Hours are Monday through Thursday from noon to 7 p.m. and weekends and holidays from noon to 6 p.m. Closed on Fridays. Phone 905-771-7010 or go to www.worldonyonge.ca