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Uptown Dallas' Next Haute High-Rise Promises To Be A Mind-Blower

Real Estate VIPs and select members of the media recently gathered for a cocktail reception to get a sneak peek at Bleu Ciel, the Harwood District's next luxury high-rise. Bleu Ciel is set to break ground this fall, and it promises to be Dallas' next residential hot spot.

World-renowned architect Jean-Michel Wilmotte designed the Bleu Ciel tower, which will be located across the street from Azure condominiums. The gardens and retail-level plaza will be nestled within curated environments designed by equally renowned landscape architect Sadafumi Uchiyama of the Portland Japanese Garden.

Gabriel Barbier-Mueller, founder and CEO of Harwood International, was beaming with pride as he showed off the 3D models and rattled off the unprecedented list of amenities future Bleu Ciel dwellers will enjoy. The ground level will feature a gourmet grocery market, restaurant, juice bar and bike shop. Additional amenities include a wine tasting room; private boardroom; onsite dog run; social room with full catering kitchen; and an event space with private catering available from Marie Gabrielle, Mercat Bistro and Saint Ann.

Bleu Ciel also will boast two junior Olympic-size pools with cascading water features, cabanas, hot tub, and poolside kitchen and grills. A residents-only spa will be designed by the award-winning Be a Dragonfly Spa Group, recognized by Condé Nast as one of the top 25 spas in the world for its facility at Primland Resort.

And we haven't even talked about the living spaces. This 33-story tower will be a mind-blower, with floor-to-ceiling glass, airy open-plan interiors and sweeping terraces to fully enjoy the Dallas skyline. As one would expect, finishes and appliances will be top-of-the-line.

Residents can choose from two- and three-bedroom floor plans, ranging from 1,300 square feet to more than 7,000. Units are priced from the \$700,000s.

"Dallas continues to attract international and domestic newcomers who expect a world-class lifestyle," Barbier-Mueller said. "This international lifestyle also appeals to the growing number of Dallasites who wish to experience the billion-dollar cultural 'art-architecture' monuments within a short stroll of Bleu Ciel."

Although the sales center is now open, those who are ready to sign their names on the dotted line have to wait a little while to move in: The estimated date of completion is winter 2016.

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