

Laneway reimaged in a promising condo year

Signs of spring.

Geomancer forecasts strong condo market, kitchen brand launches and a rare laneway project begins



CONDO TRENDS
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As the spring season approaches, Toronto's condo market begins to heat up again with a whole host of recently-announced developments. There's a lot going on in the city, what with the recent Interior Design Show, the National Home Show in March and many newsworthy condo events this time of year.

In recognition of the Chinese New Year, Minto30Roe hosted a celebration last week for the evolving Yonge and Eglinton condo community. Amid red banners and lanterns, attendees sampled dim sum and feasted on a whole roasted pig, catered by Michael Tong of Sublime catering.

Welcoming the year of the horse, Feng Shui master Paul Ng shared his predictions for the condo market in 2014. Ng told Metro that Toronto is doing very well financially.

"The condo market will do well because the money centre of Toronto this year is downtown. Surprisingly out of nowhere, it will continue to do well." Ng pays no attention to what analysts say, using his own calculations



A rendering of the Lanehouse development, one of the first residential laneway projects in Toronto. CONTRIBUTED

to predict the future. "Never wrong once in the past 20 years," he claims.

Creative curator Dror Benschrit was on hand at the recent 2014 Interior Design Show to unveil AyA Kitchens and Baths' radical new high-end kitchen brand, AVANI. Attendees got a first-hand look at the custom-made collection, featuring strictly modern clean lines, warm textures and fine hidden details.

As part of this collaboration, Benschrit, founder of New York-based Dror, debuted ARC, a system he developed for AVANI. Made of Canadian custom-made cabinetry, ARC features lacquered doors and white Corian countertops, juxtaposed against hand-rubbed, brown-

stained white oak cabinetry.

And in a new condo trend that takes its cue from European urban designs, the burgeoning Bloordale neighbourhood will soon be home to Lanehouse, one of the first residential laneway projects in Toronto.

Curated Properties brought together the design-heavy team of AUDAXarchitecture and Nivek Remas to re-imagine the building from its industrial past, formerly a yarn factory, with the goal of preserving the building's charm and character.

Laneway developments are rare and this project of 13 loft-houses and three flats at 50 Bartlett Ave. aims to diverge from the typical design of urban lofts. "With

Year of the Horse prediction

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Toronto philosopher and geomancer Paul Ng on his predictions for 2014.



Lanehouse, we're trying to convey what we anticipate to be the future of Toronto's development scene: something more conscious and eclectic," says Adam Ochshorn, principal with Curated Properties.



Inside Residence Palazzo—Treviso III. CONTRIBUTED

Meet the condo

• **What.** Residence Palazzo – Treviso III

• **Builder.** Lanterra Developments

• **Location.** Dufferin and Lawrence

• **Building.** 15 storeys with 390 units

• **Sizes.** From 469 to 936 sq. ft.

• **Pricing.** From \$241,900 to \$485,900

• **Suites.** One-bedroom, one-bedroom plus den, two-bedroom, two-bedroom plus den, three-bedroom, three-bedroom plus den

• **Web.** trevisocondos.com

The project overview

Inspired by the grand piazzas of Italy, Residence Palazzo is a new mid-rise development by Lanterra. The third and final phase of the successful Treviso complex, it's comprised of nearly 10 acres with 1,320,000 square feet of residential and commercial space.

Building amenities

The building will feature a rooftop outdoor pool and hot tub with lounge area and sun deck, a fitness room with saunas, a combination party room-dining room-meeting room, a pet spa, a barbecue area and games room as well as a theatre, bar and boardroom.

Location & transit

Treviso is situated on the edge of an established neighbourhood, located a block from the Lawrence West TTC subway station. Commuters are close to Highway 401 and the Allen Expressway. You can be in the downtown core within 45 minutes.

In the neighbourhood

This bustling neighbourhood offers a mixture of retail, restaurants and services. There's lots of shopping at the nearby Lawrence Square and Yorkdale shopping centres, and the building is located near Caledonia Park.

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