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Something special

DESIGN OF HOMES IN THE PRESERVE
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"It's an absolutely beautiful setting. It demanded something special," Frances Martin-DiGiuseppe says of Mattamy Homes' Oakville low-rise community, The Preserve. As the site's architect, it was her job to provide exactly that, designing houses that did the landscape justice. One of several model homes at the site, the 3,660-square-foot Orchid model is one example. The principal at Q4 Architects Inc. introduced an open upstairs loft into the four-bedroom home, with a second-floor laundry room, separate mudroom and large master retreat. Meanwhile, interior designer Carolyn Gardy created interiors she calls "elegant, but liveable," incorporating a transitional aesthetic with a largely neutral colour palette and seaside-inspired accent tones. "We were trying to create a family-friendly home," adds Gardy, of Gardy Interiors. Houses at the site range from 1,040- to 5,450-square-feet and from \$600,000 to \$1.8 million. To register for the project, call 905-469-6238 or visit mattamyhomes.com.

1 "It's been really well received," Martin-DiGiuseppe says of the kitchen's window seat, a versatile addition to the room — whether homebuyers expect to be entertaining guests while they cook, or just want a place to sit and read. Accent pillows and pot lights make the nook extra cozy.

2 Accentuating the home's 10-foot ceilings, the design team extended the kitchen cabinetry up to the mouldings, with a second row of glass-front cabinets adding extra storage. The charcoal-toned wood cabinets contrast with a light marble tile backsplash and quartz countertops, while washed wood floors help add character.

3 Never mind the tub-shower combo — homebuyers today want luxury in their master en suite. "The freestanding tub is very desirable," Martin-DiGiuseppe says. "In fact, I think we're almost exclusively using freestanding tubs now." Here, it's a statement square-edged tub, paired with a separate, oversized, frameless glass shower.

4 "I think what you want is something quite calming and tranquil," Martin-DiGiuseppe says of the en suite bathroom, which features a white porcelain tile floor and white cabinetry. Gardy then accented the entire space with subtly patterned taupe wallpaper, for an aesthetic the designer calls "a fresh spa look."

FOR SALE

Price range: Starting from the high \$200,000s
Location: Highway 400 and Highway 7, Vaughan



VAUGHAN
Icona Condominiums is a new two-tower condominium project close to the upcoming Vaughan Metropolitan Centre subway station. Designed by Page + Steele/IBI Group Architects, the site — currently in registration — will feature Vaughan's tallest buildings.
Builder/developer The Gupta Group
Type 51- and 53-storey condominium buildings
Suites One-bedroom, one-bedroom-plus-den, two-bedroom, two-bedroom-plus-den and three-bedroom layouts
Size 500- to 900-square-feet
Occupancy 2020

Features Laminate flooring, granite, or quartz kitchen and bathroom countertops, stainless steel appliances, ceramic tile bathroom floors, and individually controlled heating and cooling
Amenities Indoor pool, fitness and business centre, party room, 4,000-square-foot lounge at top of each building
Sales office Visit theicona.com.

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Price range: Starting from the low \$400,000s
Location: Yonge Street and Eglinton Avenue, Toronto



YONGE/EGLINTON
Plaza Midtown is a new condominium project, close to the Eglinton subway station, the Yonge Eglinton Centre and the Cineplex Cinemas Yonge-Eglinton movie theatre, and the boutique shops and restaurants of Yonge and Eglinton. The site — in pre-registration — will feature two condominium towers and eight townhouses.
Builder/developer Plaza
Type 34 and 27 storeys
Suites One-plus-den, two-bedroom and three-bedroom suites, and townhouse units
Size 600 to 1,700 square feet
Occupancy 2021

Features Nine-foot ceilings, laminate flooring, quartz kitchen countertops, stainless steel appliances and ceramic or porcelain bathroom tile floors.
Amenities 24-hour concierge, party room, outdoor swimming pool, a fitness centre and guest suites.
Sales office Visit pureplaza.com.

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Price range: \$199,900 to over \$700,000
Location: Burnhamthorpe Road and Confederation Parkway, Mississauga



MISSISSAUGA
Designed by CORE Architects, M City promises to become the tallest tower in Mississauga. Now in registration, it's the first of 10 towers planned and will feature interiors by Cecconi Simone.
Builder/developer Rogers Real Estate Developments, Urban Capital Property Group
Type 60-storey condominium
Suites One-bedroom, one-bedroom-plus-den and two-bedroom-plus-den layouts
Size 400 to 1,300 square feet
Occupancy Summer 2021

Features Integrated refrigerators and dishwashers, engineered stone kitchen countertops, and wide-plank wood laminate flooring
Amenities Barbecues, play zone and splash pad, outdoor pool, dining room with a chef's kitchen, and gym
Sales office Call 905-232-0552 or visit mcitycondos.com.

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