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Condominiums offer premium finishes, views

Savvy Seattle condominium buyers want all the right features — plus a twist of urban cool — in their home choice.

At The Pontedera, located in the Jackson Place neighborhood just south of downtown Seattle, a selection of 102 new flats, lofts and commercial live/work spaces was designed specifically for new-home seekers looking for a cosmopolitan community that fits their lifestyle.

Windermere Real Estate representative Jada Pettigrew says she is ready to showcase the premium finishes and views available at four newly furnished model homes.

“What is so refreshing to us is that our buyers are quite savvy,” she says. “They’ve already shopped around and they’ve come to us because The Pontedera meets their expectations for quality and design. People can instantly see that the quality, location and price at The Pontedera equals a good value. That’s what The Pontedera is all about.”

Pettigrew says her buyers want to be close to the excitement of downtown and the serenity of neighborhood parks. They want cultural connections to the local arts and music scenes. And they want an eco-friendly home with superior energy efficiency and the right pricing.

What’s catching some buyers by surprise, says Pettigrew,



Buyers can select from flats, lofts and commercial live/work spaces.

is The Pontedera’s location — a neighborhood many call South Downtown.

“For years, buyers have been looking at First Hill, Capitol Hill and the Central District area,” she says. “But the truth is, if they stretch that search just a bit south of Jackson Street, there is simply not a more cosmopolitan and vibrant community in which to live in Seattle. And on a clear day, the view of Mount Rainier is picture-perfect.

“This is quite new for the Jackson Place neighborhood,” she adds. “The Pontedera is part of the new development that has created a uniquely interesting neighborhood that’s unexpected but has everything buyers want.”

Credit for creating The Pontedera belongs to HomeSight, a nonprofit developer and statewide leader in pro-

moting vibrant communities by offering a mix of attractive and affordable homes, says Pettigrew. HomeSight, which is also a nonprofit mortgage lender, can provide loans that require as little as 1 percent down.

In addition, all buyers who close by June 30 are eligible for a \$4,500 bonus. Ask on-site sales representatives about property-tax exemptions that can save buyers thousands of dollars.

The Pontedera offers what Pettigrew calls “a gorgeous mix of one-, two- and three-bedroom homes, plus penthouse homes with expansive roof decks.”

Entryways and kitchens use durable and environmentally sustainable woven-strand bamboo flooring. Stainless steel GE appliances are surrounded by maple cabinets,

View these homes

Open noon–6 p.m. daily or by appointment at 823 Hiawatha Place S., in the Jackson Place neighborhood just south of downtown Seattle

Prices

One-bedroom homes from \$199,900; two-bedroom homes from \$259,900; lofts from \$298,900; penthouse and three-bedroom homes from \$354,900; and commercial live/work spaces from \$292,000

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under-cabinet lighting and designer-selected accent colors.

Select homes also offer granite-tile-framed gas fireplaces, air conditioners, floor-to-ceiling windows and soapstone or granite tile countertops. Nine one- and two-bedroom loft-style homes offer 13-foot ceilings, polished concrete floors, fireplaces and private outdoor decks.

Eight commercial ground-floor spaces with live/work options are also available along Hiawatha Place South. These condos range in size from 945 to 1,700 square feet and offer 13-foot ceilings, large storefront windows and roll-up garage doors, along with standard entry doors.

All Pontedera home-owners can enjoy the practicality of

oversized elevators for convenient move-ins; a controlled-access parking garage with bike storage rooms; electric-car recharging stations; and private storage spaces.

By using Built Smart energy-efficient construction, Energy Star appliances, low-E windows, water-conservation fixtures and a central gas-fired hot-water system, The Pontedera can potentially save home-owners money on their utility bills. The building has

some of the lowest homeowners association dues for new-construction condominiums in the city, says Pettigrew.

Views of the downtown skyline can be enjoyed from many homes. Spacious decks, patios and balconies — as large as 720 square feet for the penthouses — create personal outdoor oases set against an urban backdrop.

An entertainment-ready community room is on the second floor, and the building's

landscaped terrace takes center stage with its lounge-worthy decks and seating areas.

Such social features are a natural for The Pontedera, where Jackson Place weekends amp up at the local coffeehouse and salsa parties at My World Dance and Fitness Studio infuse energy into spring evenings.

In July, residents will be just steps away from the Northwest's largest Pan-Asian street fair, the Chinatown/

International District Summer Festival.

From The Pontedera, bicyclists can hop onto routes along Lake Washington Boulevard or to Leschi Park for restful waterfront scenes, and to nearby Judkins Park, which offers acres of ballfields, courts and water features for all ages.

The Pontedera is “a hub to Pioneer Square, the International District, First Hill and Capitol Hill, and North Rainier,” says Pettigrew.