

CALGARY & AREA condos



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AREA: Eau Claire
DEVELOPER: Anthem Properties
PRICE: The flats start from the \$330,000s. Residences start from the \$400,000s. Sub-penthouses and penthouses start from \$1.7 million.
HOURS: 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily.
DIRECTIONS: Showsuite is located at 104 2 St. S.W.
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FAST FACTS

Balance by the Waterfront

It's the perfect balance of urban living and natural splendour.

Nestled at the river's edge in vibrant Eau Claire, Waterfront by Anthem Properties is at the heart of Calgary's core, while offering a tranquil and breathtaking location on the borders of the Bow River.

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Consisting of three towers, the development is on a prime piece of land, and sales manager Ashlee Samaska makes no bones about it: "We're the most expensive development downtown."

"There's a lot of prestige attached to Waterfront," she says. "You're paying a premium to live in Eau Claire."

And, she adds, purchasers are paying for top quality craftsmanship and an impressive array of amenities.

From a social lounge to fitness and yoga studios, outdoor gardens, a games room a spa and a concierge service, lifestyle is looked after at Waterfront.

And upon entering one's suite, lifestyle extends to refined spaces, elegant in design and comfortable in execution.

"It's high end," Samaska says. "Hardwood flooring throughout the entire unit with the exception of the bedrooms, Caesarstone countertops, European fixtures, Sub Zero fridges with stainless steel Electrolux Icon Series appliances and gas ranges."

These are items found in each suite, she says, while sweeping views of Calgary through floor-to-ceiling windows, streamlined living spaces with functional layouts and details say: "You've arrived."

"It will feel very high end, very boutique hotel," Samaska says.

Indeed, one of three showsuites, the T-E model, showcases two bedrooms and a 1,194-sq.-ft. flex room, and every square inch is chic and sumptuous.

Bone-hued rectangular tiles underfoot add con-

temporary elegance to the foyer, and lead ahead past a storage area and full bath — dramatic with chocolate-brown walls and a glassed in shower — to a private den.

Here, tile gives way to deep brown hardwood that complements two weighty, yet sleek built-in shelving units, one serving as a bar and storage spot, and one acting as an entertainment centre.

Beyond this cosy spot, the home's main living space stretches beyond its walls, as floor-to-ceiling low-E windows along the back and side of the home flood the space with light and invite the outdoors in, and a spacious balcony takes the living space outside.

A galley-style kitchen provides a gourmet spot to prepare, with polished stone countertops, chocolate-coloured flat panel cabinetry and luxurious extras, from a custom-panelled refrigerator to a lengthy eating bar on the generous island.

And past this prep spot awaits a central dining area, a secluded office den — hidden behind a contemporary, sliding frosted glass door — and a great room with a fireplace and wall of built-in cabinetry adding grandeur.

Finally, the airy home culminates with a master suite that's awash in natural light, thanks to a wall of windows, and a walkthrough closet leads to a plush, tile-detailed ensuite where dual sinks are undermounted in sleek, polished stone, a soaker tub is surrounded in tile detailing and a glassed-in shower glitters in the otherwise crisp space.

"It doesn't really feel like living in downtown," Samaska says.

In fact, it feels like living in one's own personal paradise, awash in light and surrounded by the most upscale specifications, while outside, the pulse of the city awaits.

"We have the best location in the city, we're right on the water — this is a development that's really unique."

