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Vancouver has topped the list of the world's most livable cities many times and has just done so again. A survey released by the Economist Intelligence Unit[®] cited Vancouver to be the most attractive destination based on a 40 individual indicators grouped in five categories: stability, healthcare, culture and environment, education, and infrastructure. Vancouver was the highest ranked among a total of 127 cities due in part to the widespread availability of goods and services, lower personal risk and an effective infrastructure. Other top-ranking Canadian cities included Toronto and Montreal, who placed in the top five and Calgary that also scored well. Most of the cities that ranked highly have a lower perceived threat of terrorism in the current political global climate.

The Vancouver lifestyle that has become the envy of the world is due to the City of Vancouver's plan to see the downtown core provide all the amenities of sustainable communities. The latest example of which can be seen going up on Robson Street. Luxury residences at L'Hermitage en Ville consist of penthouse living that offers overheight ceilings, floor-to-ceiling windows, air conditioning, Eggersmann kitchens, Bosch appliances and Sub-zero refrigerator, while bathrooms feature marble or limestone and ceiling mounted rainhead showers and luxury soaker tubs. Thoughtful development ensures fantastic city views and top floor penthouses also boast a 1,000-plus square foot rooftop terrace, over 10-foot ceilings and more than 2,000 square feet of living space. Luxury living such as that provided at L'Hermitage en Ville goes a long way to keeping Vancouver ahead of the pack in the "livable cities" category. 

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