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VERMEER OLD WORLD CHARM WITH A CONTEMPORARY FLAIR

It is rare to find property in one of Vancouver's most popular and historical neighbourhoods. Even more extraordinary is to find one that is world class and offers uncompromising and unparalleled elegance throughout.

Welcome to The Vermeer, an exquisite collection of 13 residences in the heart of one of the most vibrant neighbourhoods in Vancouver – Kitsilano.

In addition to its prime location, the masterful architecture of concrete and limestone of this four-storey mixed-use boutique low-rise is already garnering praise.

"This iconic building is unseen in Vancouver, let alone in Kitsilano," says Ken Chong, of Macdonald Realty Ltd. who adds the architect and interiors we recreated by the award-winning firm of Formweks Architectural & Interior Design. "It has old world charm with a contemporary flair."

He went on to say that the Thomas family has owned this property for many years and wanted to leave behind an iconic symbol for the community to enjoy for decades to come.

Of the 13 boutique opulent residences, four have already sold, including the two penthouse suites.

From seascapes to skylines, The Vermeer delivers sweeping vistas of English Bay, the cityscape,

the North Shore Mountains and downtown skyline to Howe Sound. With floor-to-ceiling windows and stunning outdoor patios, residents can enjoy their coffee while taking in the spectacular views from the north facing homes.

The Thomas daughters wanted to create a lasting legacy to the patriarch of the family, Andries Thomas. The visionary purchased the land back in seventies and the family believes the building truly represents his vision, says his son-in-law Richard Hall.

In order to accomplish that, Thomas Properties Limited hired world-class artisans to create a stunning architectural building that would become a landmark in the community for decades to come.

"Andries wanted to raise the bar by creating a European-style building with modern, timeless interiors," says Hall, adding the homes all come with air conditioning and a smart-wired home automation system that you can run from your Smart phone, iPad or iPhone.

With that thought in mind, Hall says they were able to salvage the 300-year-old reclaimed Douglas Fir beams from the old building, to be incorporated into the homes, "We preserved the old beams and incorporated them into each of the kitchens."

"This site was home to a number of retail busi-

nesses over the decades, including a Chocolate Arts, a Japanese porcelain store and Avalon Stationary," says Hall.

The attention to detail is unrivalled; the show stopper lobby alone has the look of a grand upscale hotel.

"John and Laura Gilroy have produced stained glass since 1985 and were trained in one of England's oldest and most respected studios," says Hall. "They designed the stain glass art in the lobby. We also paid homage to my father-in-law with the Thomas family crest to honour Andries's Dutch heritage.

"For my mother-in-law's Welsh heritage, there are three dragon symbols in the Thomas crest stone carvings on the outside stone." (Trained in England, artist Tony Rojac, a stonemason renowned for the iconic The Vermeer's "A Glass of Wine" at Mission Hill Winery, sculpted the exterior medallions.)

There is a decidedly ageless, yet modern look, with luxury detailing throughout the contemporary interiors at The Vermeer. You couldn't ask for finer finishes: hardwood flooring from Quebec, Miele stainless steel appliance package, Eggersman kitchen cabinetry with quartz counters, expansive top-of-the-line Innotech windows to bring lots of natural light in, gas fireplace, spa-inspired bathrooms with polished marble coun-

ters and hand laid oversized stone tiled floors with radiant heat mats, top-of-the-line hardware throughout and contemporary design palette to soothe you after a long day at work.

To entertain in lavish style on those balmy summer evenings or cool fall days, (most of the homes have) the patios are expansive and come complete with natural gas connections for heat lamps and barbecues.

Step out your front door and you are in the heart of a vibrant, energetic community filled with parks, trails, Granville Island and one of Canada's most legendary beaches. Stroll West 4th and meander in an eclectic collection of shopping and an amazing selection of fine and casual dining restaurants and cafes.

The Vermeer is arguably one of the finest masterpieces seen in this neighbourhood, with a level of luxury, quality, sophistication, architecture, design detail and craftsmanship that will excite even the most discerning buyer.

Considering the Old World meticulousness, refined gracious spaces and modern luxury, The Vermeer is very well priced. The lifestyle, the location and the stunning residences make this a rare opportunity to buy into a building that boasts old world elegance with all of the modern luxury you expect. For more information or to view, call 604-264-6701 or visit www.thevermeer.ca.

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