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NEW DEVELOPMENT

PATINA

BY SUZANNE WESTOVER

Patina, a new condo development by Concert Properties, is quite literally founded on the premise that a successful community is a healthy one. Located on Barclay Street, just west of Burrard, the landmark residential tower will straddle the leafy West End and the heart of downtown.

"The immediate surroundings offer the finest of downtown: neighbours include Le Crocodile, Sutton Place Hotel, Wedgewood and The Fairmont Hotel Vancouver. Rising 42 storeys, Patina is situated to take advantage of open views to the ocean and the mountains as well as dramatic cityscapes," says Rod Wilburn, VP of marketing for Concert Properties.

While the interiors will boast sophisticated finishing and panoramic views, the construction of the building itself will include the refurbishment of the Downtown YMCA, which first opened its doors in 1941. Over the last 65 years, the Y has offered a wide range of programs and services; however, in order to continue to meet the needs of a diverse and growing urban population, the facilities need a facelift. The project is the first of its kind in North

America, and could serve as a model for those YMCAs worldwide that are located on desired real estate, making them prime candidates for development and subsequent rejuvenation. The restoration and conservation of the brick, terra cotta and granite frontage of the heritage building are also an integral part of the development.

The \$200-million project includes more than 250 residential units, along with a fully-equipped, state-of-the-art YMCA, which will cover 95,000 square feet.

The new six-storey Y will boast health and fitness facilities, community meeting places, an adult education centre and a space designated specifically for rehabilitation programs for people of all ages and levels of ability. It will also include a new licensed 69-space, non-profit YMCA Child Care and Family Development Centre, a unique component of the redevelopment.

The new YMCA is slated to be operational in late 2009, while the residential tower is scheduled for occupancy in 2011.

B.C.'S MOST EXCLUSIVE GOLF SAGEBRUSH GOLF AND SPORTING CLUB

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Richard (Dick) Zokol, one of Canada's pre-eminent golfers, is building his very own field of dreams. While Sagebrush Golf and Sporting Club isn't a baseball stadium conjured from a cornfield, it's nonetheless a cutting-edge concept.

In order to realize his "minimalist" vision, Zokol required maximum investment. He engaged 40 equity members of Sagebrush, both individuals and corporations, each contributing \$200,000 for membership rights. Many of those members will shell out hundreds of thousands more in order to build luxury homes on their own personal piece of paradise.

The principle is one of total exclusivity. A maximum of 230 non-equity members will be able to join the club; the 40 charter members will be able to invite up to three guests to join, who will be required to renew on an annual basis. Otherwise, the invitation must be extended by Zokol himself.

Zokol has found himself a perfect piece of

land, on which he plans to unfold the ultimate Canadian golf course. In this instance, man isn't bending nature to his will; rather, nature has graciously provided all the elements required to create a modern, minimalist, eminently playable golf course.

The Nicola Valley, 250 kilometres northeast of Vancouver, is a land rich in both sunshine and history; it is here where Zokol is building his vision: an exclusive enclave of high-priced homes and a business retreat, centred on a world-class golf course.

In partnership with renowned architect Rod Whitman and agronomist Armen Suny, Zokol is creating a course that will be free of man-made obstacles and contrived difficulties. Instead, it will celebrate the region's stunningly rugged landscape of grasslands, rolling hills and bountiful lakes.

But the Sagebrush concept is more than simply a golfer's Shangri-La. Zokol was adamant that his high-end sanctuary feature incomparable

angling, riding and sporting opportunities. Truly a four-season destination, the property will offer a lake on-site, perfect for fishing in summer and ice hockey in winter. The region's landscape will also provide ideal conditions for first-class skiing, both downhill and cross-country. The club's amenities extend beyond the outdoors; the Sagebrush Lodge will reflect the landscape's ranching heritage, and will combine warm, rustic charm with luxurious contemporary amenities. Members will enjoy gourmet dining, an elaborate wine cellar — stocked with the best VQAs from B.C. wineries, as well as labels from around the world — and a state-of-the-art business and conference centre.

The course is scheduled to open in spring/summer 2008, with a soft opening on Oct. 13 and 14 for members, giving them the first opportunity to hit their ultra-exclusive links.



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