

550 St. Clair offers 26 stories of high-design condos

Bosch full-sized in-unit washers/dryers are standard in the homes.

The studio model is designed as a classic "in-town" residence, or pied-a-terre. The floor plan is well thought out and features a foyer that opens to the spacious 17.5-by-13.5-foot living room. The kitchen, bath and laundry center complete the residence.

The 3-bedroom model features a spacious 25 2/3-by-17 2/3-foot living room and approximately 1,500 square feet of living area. A large outdoor terrace is accessible from both the living room and master bedroom.

The model shows the kitchen, laundry center, full bath and a 15-by-11.5-foot master bedroom with a spacious walk-in closet and master bath. Other bedrooms are 14.5 feet by 11 feet and 14.5 feet by 10 1/3 feet.

"We expect buyers at 550 St. Clair to be a mix of singles and couples," said Ron Ruby, broker for First Chicago Realty, the exclusive sales and marketing agent. "These will not be your typical downtown condominium purchasers. We expect to attract people who appreciate design and architecture."

Construction on 550 St. Clair is projected to start in 2006, and first move-ins are planned for 2007, the developers said.

Kitchens feature Alno cabinets, a high-end German line, with granite countertops and backsplash. Premium appliances include Sub-Zero refrigerators with built-in icemakers and Bosch built-in ovens, Bosch or Gaggenau cooktops, microwaves with exhaust hoods and multi-cycle dishwashers.

Standard kitchen fixtures also include stainless-steel undermount sinks, Grohe single-lever chrome faucets with pullout sprayers and continuous feed under-sink garbage disposals.

Baths include European designer vanities with full-width mirrors, white mosaic ceramic tile, separate glass door enclosed showers, and Grohe shower, tub and chrome single-handle lavatory faucets.

Master baths also feature marble or slate flooring, tub surround and shower walls.

Residents and their guests will enter the 550 St. Clair building through a luminous glass arcade framing a welcoming lobby with a 24-hour doorman and security desk. Building amenities include two high-speed elevators, a lap pool, a fully equipped fitness room and men's and woman's saunas.

Storage lockers are included with each residence, along with bike storage.

The ground floor will offer 4,500 square feet of upscale retail space. Also, an urban garden terrace facing north, south and west will be located on the 8th-floor amenity level, providing views of Michigan Avenue.

A total of 129 heated, ventilated indoor parking spaces are planned for floors 2 through 7.

Residences at 550 St. Clair are designed to give purchasers the flexibility to plan

their own space as they envision it, noted the architects Brininstool + Lynch.

"For example, 2-bedroom and 3-bedroom residences can be configured in multiple ways, according to the needs of the buyer," said Brininstool, the design principal.

"Pocket doors slide into the wall to open the rooms up in some units, or close to provide privacy," he said.

"Another highlight of 550 St. Clair is its excellent Streeterville location," Sutherland said.

"You'll have access to the best restaurants, culture and entertainment on the Magnificent Mile, from a street that's a half block away from Michigan Avenue and three blocks from the lake. The Streeterville neighborhood is an extremely convenient place to live if you work in River North or the Loop," he noted.

"550 St. Clair residents will be at the epicenter of everything: cuisine, culture, shopping," he said.

"This location has always been an attractive residential area, especially for those who want to reduce their commutes," Sutherland said.

Whether it is Michigan Avenue's shops for fashion, Fox & Obel for groceries, or Holmes Place Fitness Center for a workout—these attractions among many others—are located within a few minutes walk. "Everything you could ask for is here," he said.

Founded in 1996 by Mark Sutherland and Alexander Pearsall, Sutherland Pearsall Development Corp. is a residential development firm that has focused on a wide range of building projects from townhomes to low-rise and high-rise condominiums.

Sutherland Pearsall Development dedicates itself to excellence in both design and construction. The company understands the importance of aesthetics and attention to detail and prides itself on its reputation and integrity.

It has built hundreds of housing units in developments with both contemporary and traditional exteriors.

Projects are on both the North Side and South Side of Chicago in such neighborhoods as River North, Old Town, Lakeview, Bucktown, Wicker Park, East Village, Hyde Park, Kenwood and Woodlawn.

Recent projects include The Grand on Grand, a 28-story high-rise condominium at Grand and Wells in River North, as well as a number of new developments in Woodlawn and historic North Kenwood-Oakland neighborhoods, including a 59-unit soft-loft conversion on historic Drexel Boulevard.

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