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Barclay Grayson redefines downtown living with

# The St. Clair



**T**hrough their work, a small but influential group of architects, designers and developers are redefining this city and how we think about downtown living. With a commitment to classic design principles, thoroughly-modern housing concepts and “out of the box” thinking, these innovators are ensuring that Toronto has the kind of upscale, urban addresses

befitting its world class city status.

One of these innovators is Barclay Grayson. Concentrating much of their efforts in the Yonge/St. Clair area (where their head office is located) this builder redefined condominium living for the whole city with One Avoca - a prestigious highrise condominium coupled with an exclusive townhome component, adjacent

to the Rosedale Valley.

Having set the standard for the neighbourhood, Barclay Grayson followed up with The Russell Hill - a landmark collection of elegant town residences at the corner of Russell Hill and St. Clair, in the heart of Forest Hill, with magnificent parkside views.

Barclay Grayson’s latest success story is The St. Clair - a project that promises to set a brand

new standard for the company's best-loved midtown neighbourhood, Yonge and St. Clair.

**A**t The St. Clair, Barclay Grayson has assembled a team that includes some of Canada's top residential designers. The project architect is Roy Vacalli of Burka Architects, an award-winning designer with a long-list of upscale residences to his credit.

One of Toronto's leading interior designers, Bryon Patton of Patton and Associates, is responsible for the design of the build-

ing's common areas, from its grand two-storey lobby to its recreational amenities. He was also given the challenge of conveying the sense of grandeur and the quality of the building's detailing in the relatively confined spaces of the sales office. And if sales are any indication, he had done this admirably.

The St. Clair is striking, 14-storey building, nestled between Delise Avenue and Heath Street, steps from Yonge and St. Clair. The location is unparalleled - a vibrant, uptown neighbourhood, set on two quiet and

tree-lined residential streets. Some of the building's exterior was inspired by an architectural research trip to New York, including the dramatic front entry. It includes an elegantly sophisticated canopy of filigreed iron and glass, reminiscent of those found at Saks Fifth Avenue, the Plaza Athenee Hotel, the Plaza Hotel and the historic Waldorf Astoria.

Protected by the canopy are the front doors which open up into a dramatic two-storey lobby with a grand staircase, accented by an intricate wrought iron railing. Here, one of the concierges





(there's always one on duty, 24-hours a day) will greet you and your guests, and will be available to receive your parcels or lend a helpful hand.

The lobby opens up onto the multi-purpose lounge and reception room, appointed with both a bar and a catering kitchen, and a card area on the opposite site. Both open in turn onto a large formally landscaped courtyard and patio featuring a Napa Valley-style outdoor fireplace, ideal for hosting a summer party with family and friends. The lounge and reception room also offers access to an exercise room overlooking the courtyard, outfitted with the latest equipment.

**T**here are a total of 228 suites and more than 20 layouts that range in size from one- and two-bedroom suites, some with dens and most with balconies overlooking the lushly landscaped interior courtyard, to penthouse suites with private rooftop terraces featuring some of the best views in the city.

Hardwood floors, plush broadloom, marble ensuite and European-style kitchens with choice of Corian or granite countertops and five luxury appliances are only a few of the superior features and finishes found in these homes. Prices range from about \$200,000 to over \$800,000.

**T**he St. Clair sales centre is located at 15 Delisle Avenue. Hours are Monday to Thursday from noon to 6 p.m., or by appointment. For more information, call the sales office at (416) 513-0029, or visit the web site at [www.baker-re.com/thestclair.htm](http://www.baker-re.com/thestclair.htm)