

# COOL POOLS

*Dive into some of the hottest luxury condos and the coolest pools.*

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**Breathtaking, inspiring** and luxurious – these words describe the Thompson Residences, soon to be nestled in the heart of King West. Developed by Freed Developments and designed by Saucier + Perrotte Architects, the stunning 413-suite condominium will boast one of North America’s longest rooftop infinity pools on its stunning 16th-floor rooftop lounge and terrace.

Featuring spectacular 360-degree views of the Toronto skyline, the Thompson rooftop will be an exclusive and chic retreat for residents to enjoy. Designed by Burdifik International Interior Design, the rooftop’s infinity pool will be approximately 150 ft. in length, accompanied by private cabanas, beautifully landscaped gardens and a stunning skybar and lounge. The Thompson infinity pool will be a show-stopping centrepiece, offering residents the ultimate experience of living in luxury.

**Luxury Condo & Hotel Residences What’s your process for designing beautiful, usable amenity spaces for condo and hotel environments? Gilles Saucier & Andre Perrotte** To take into account not just functionality but the environment, and its surroundings. By organizing the space into different dimensional views and controlling each of these implied façades, the space becomes extraordinary. What is also important to this notion is the clear and thoughtful choice of materials to highlight the view.

**LC&HR Describe the condo project in three words. GS&AP** Individuality, geometry, mineral.

**LC&HR No pool party is complete without... GS&AP ...an incredible view of downtown Toronto!**

**THOMPSON RESIDENCES**  
Freed Developments  
thompsonresidences.com

**GILLES SAUCIER  
& ANDRE PERROTTE**  
SAUCIER + PERROTTE ARCHITECTS



**Great Gulf** has certainly thought of everything when creating the One Bloor condominium – from its lively Yonge-Bloor location at the crossroads of Toronto’s retail, business and social scenes, to the swanky suites and amenity spaces, right down to the weather. That’s right, while Torontonians have begrudgingly come to terms with autumn’s plummeting temperatures, the seventh floor of this elegant address features a year-round, indoor-outdoor pool that lets residents enjoy the finer things in life without a care about the rain and, dare we say, snow.

The 19,000-sq.-ft. outdoor amenity space designed by Janet Rosenberg + Associates features two pools; beautifully landscaped outdoor terraces – one with a fireplace; a spa and hot tub; foot baths; two state-of-the-art fully equipped fitness cardio rooms; a kinesis/Pilates room; a yoga/spinning room; his and her steam and change rooms; plus thoughtfully designed relaxation areas to soothe the body and soul. The pool’s fluid aesthetic is an extension of the building itself, designed by Hariri Pontarini Architects with an “organic” edge.

Rising 75 storeys at the gateway to the prestigious Bloor-Yorkville neighbourhood, this \$650-million project will provide 100,000 sq. ft. of prime retail on three levels and 788 new residential suites towering above the likes of Holt Renfrew, Cartier, Prada, Hermes, Gucci, Chanel, Louis Vuitton and the Royal Ontario Museum. Occupancy is slated for December 2014.

**Luxury Condo & Hotel Residences What’s your process for designing beautiful, usable amenity spaces for condo and hotel environments? Janet Rosenberg** The world is changing. This new, younger generation is well travelled and has sophisticated taste. Designs for beautiful, usable amenity areas have to respond to contemporary lifestyle requirements. People are choosing

to live in condos in the heart of the city and want to be able to relax and entertain outside.

**LC&HR Describe the condo project in three words. JR** Emphasis on “amenities,” “common spaces” and “usability.”

**LC&HR No pool party is complete without... JR ...an outside fireplace to lounge by afterwards.**



**ONE BLOOR**  
Great Gulf  
onebloor.com

**JANET ROSENBERG**  
JANET ROSENBERG + ASSOCIATES



**BISHA HOTEL & RESIDENCES**  
Lifetime Developments & Ink Entertainment  
bisha.com

**ALESSANDRO MUNGE**  
MUNGE LEUNG



**Located in the heart** of the Entertainment District, at the corner of Blue Jays Way and King Street, Bisha Hotel & Residences is a 41-storey tower designed by architect Rudy Wallman, with interiors and amenities by the internationally recognized firm of Munge Leung.

Residents and guests of Bisha will enjoy exclusive access to the rooftop restaurant, lounge and infinity pool on the 41st floor. Raising the bar in pool-side style, the Bisha pool will feature cabana-style seating and a pool-side service bar.

**Luxury Condo & Hotel Residences** *What's your process for designing beautiful, usable amenity spaces for condo and hotel environments?* **Alessandro Munge** We typically like to first establish an understanding of who the user will be, and how they will use the space. Once we solidify that, the rest is easy!

Flow is fundamental in the design of any great amenity space; moving people organically is key. Creating a landscape also helps to soften the experience, and can lend the amenities a sense of "sex appeal" if executed well.

**LC&HR Describe the condo project in three words.**  
**AM** Sophisticated, exclusive, timeless.

**LC&HR. No pool party is complete without...**  
**AM** ...music, cabanas, bikinis and vodka.

**Downtown Markham**, located at Warden and Hwy. 7, will soon be home to The Signature Condominium Collection – the 905 region's first exclusive condominium hotel development. Attached to a sophisticated Marriott Hotel, The Signature will offer residents exclusive access to luxurious hotel amenities and à-la-carte hotel services.

Condo residents will enjoy hotel-inspired amenities, including the light-filled, third-floor swimming pool and lounge area, which features a European-esque whirlpool and floating chaises beneath a dramatic and luminous art installation.



**THE SIGNATURE CONDOMINIUM**  
Remington Group  
signaturecondominiums.com

**KEITH RUSHBROOK & DAN MENCHIONS**  
II BY IV DESIGN

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II BY IV Design approaches every project from a personal standpoint. We want to be surrounded by beautiful, warm environments and so do the guests who use these spaces. For The Signature pool, our team has selected durable, relatively inexpensive materials and displayed them in a graphic way.

We love to work with local artists to create a sense of curiosity and fun within the

amenity spaces. With this particular pool, we will feature a large iridescent sculpture over the pool that can be seen from the street.

Unlike most hotel pools, The Marriott has selected to locate theirs on the third floor of the hotel. This provides guests with breathtaking views of the city and a pool room that is filled with natural sunlight.

**LC&HR Describe the condo project in three words.** **KR & DM** Upbeat, sophisticated, urban.

**LC&HR. No pool party is complete...** **KR & DM** ...until someone is thrown in!



**155 REDPATH**  
Freed Developments & CD Capital  
redpathcondos.com

**JOHNSON CHOU**  
JOHNSON CHOU INC.



**Standing 36 storeys tall**, 155 Redpath – by Freed Developments and CD Capital – will be situated in the heart of the vibrant Yonge-Eglinton neighbourhood. Despite the outstanding surrounding area's offerings, residents will not have to leave the property for some of Toronto's best lifestyle options with 155 Redpath's exclusive indoor and outdoor amenities.

Residents will lounge in luxurious style with 155 Redpath's spectacular ninth-floor amenity space, complete with a stunning oversized pool and hot tub, outdoor shower, chic pool-side cabanas, sunbathing area, relaxing lounge with gas fire pit, and barbecues with outdoor dining space. Residents can also enjoy 155 Redpath's main-floor amenities, which include a fully equipped fitness centre, dedicated indoor and outdoor yoga facility with beautifully landscaped grounds, a reflecting pool complete with fountain and fire feature, as well as viewing gardens and lounge areas.

**Luxury Condo & Hotel Residences** *What's your process for designing beautiful, usable amenity spaces for condo and hotel environments?* **Johnson Chou** Start with function, add equal measures of narrative and metaphor, and finish with a flourish of the theatrical.

**LC&HR Describe the condo project in three words.** **JC** Simplicity, enchantment, timelessness.

**LC&HR. No pool party is complete without...** **JC** ...laughter, champagne and cannonballs.



**While not a pool** for swimming laps, it's easy to dive into the tranquility of the outdoor reflecting pool at Exhibit, by builders Bazis, Metropia and Plaza. Designed by international interior design firm Burdifilek, this sweet spot opens off the ninth floor – also known as the Entertainment Floor, featuring a curved bar and lounge area, a configurable party room with linear fireplace, and a private dining room with its own lounge area and kitchen. Just on the other side of the glass, the oversized reflecting pool and landscaped rooftop garden offer alfresco lounging high above the city centre.

Exhibit is located at 200 Bloor St. W. at Toronto's cultural crossroads, across from the Royal Ontario Museum, and steps to the Gardiner Museum and the Royal Conservatory of Music. With an address in the heart of the Yorkville area, Exhibit is a glance away from the city's finest restaurants, luxury boutiques and specialty shops, while being nestled within a quieter, more residential part of Bloor surrounded by the city's cultural influence.

Whether you're looking for peace or party time, this al fresco retreat is sweet indeed.



## EXHIBIT

Bazis Inc., Metropia & Plaza  
exhibitresidences.com

**DIEGO BURDI**  
BURDIFILEK

**Luxury Condo & Hotel Residences**  
*What's your process for designing beautiful, usable amenity spaces for condo and hotel environments?* **Diego Burdi** By envisioning the perfect getaway, the amenity spaces become the catalyst for a social retreat. A beautiful environment must create an emotional connection with the user, so the concept of designing for beauty in the unexpected results in a truly

unforgettable space that leaves them wanting more.

**LC&HR Describe the condo project in three words.** **DB** Cultured, timeless, artful.

**LC&HR, No pool party is complete without...** **DB** ...endless summer drinks, a great sound track, and even better company!



**THE BOND**  
Lifetime Developments  
thebond.ca

**MELANDRO QUILATAN**  
TOMAS PEARCE INTERIOR  
DESIGN CONSULTING



**Rising 40-stor** in Toronto's Entertainment District, The Bond Condominiums is the epitome of style and luxury in the heart of the downtown core. Located at 290 Adelaide St. W., The Bond will boast an incredible array of amenities designed by Tomas Pearce Interior Design Consultants.

Among the highly anticipated amenities is the lounge and pool area, which will provide residents and their guests a stylish, hip and elegant place to sit back and relax. Complete with a hot tub and chic lounge chairs, living pool side at The Bond will be the ultimate in urban relaxation.

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*What's your process for designing beautiful, usable amenity spaces for condo and hotel environments?*

**Melandro Quilatan** Great spaces always begin with creative planning. Fortunately for The Bond, Lifetime Developments had reserved ample square footage that allowed us to lay out and design extensive amenities for the building. We took nuances from the exterior architectural elements and applied them into our interiors. The lobby has a dramatic, modern and sleek aesthetic, while the amenity spaces offer residents a destination to entertain or relax, revitalize and restore.

Once we've established a program, we ensure that the continuity of colours, materials, textures and finishes are cleverly applied into the design elevations, including sculptural pieces of furnishings that create a signature aesthetic for The Bond. Establishing a common design language between interior comforts with outdoor amenities is of significant importance as well. Modern conveniences (appliances, audio/

video, security) are specified to provide not just beautiful but usable amenity spaces flexible for all types of functions.

**LC&HR Describe the condo project in three words.** **MQ** Urban, modern, sexy.

**LC&HR, No pool party is complete without...** **MQ** ...water. But in all seriousness, a pool is not just a pool, but it is a well-designed wet environment that makes any festive event memorable and amenity well worth coming back to. The Bond pool caters to all users, featuring both open spaces and private pockets, and appeals to all five senses: sight (incredible views of the city skyline); smell (landscaping and florals); touch (hard and soft material textures in and around the pool); sound (surround-sound background music); and taste (the sun lounge kitchenette accommodates residents' own snacks and juices). At the end of the day, it is an overall positive emotional reaction that is instantly triggered from the viewer upon seeing the beautiful space.



**THE MADISON**  
Madison Homes  
madisoncondos.ca

**ALESSANDRO MUNGE**  
MUNGE LEUNG



**Luxury Condo & Hotel Residences**  
*What's your process for designing beautiful, usable amenity spaces for condo and hotel environments?* **Alessandro Munge**  
Whenever we design amenity spaces for our condominiums and hotels, it's important that we position ourselves as being the end-user of the space, and examine their lifestyle. Who will be using these spaces? What will they need in order to enjoy the amenities to their fullest? Some important things to keep in mind when designing a functional, holistic amenity space are:

- › Great amenities should behave as an extension to one's indoor living space.
- › Great lighting: While an abundance of natural light is always preferred (and we consistently work to maximize this when designing an amenity space), great lighting is essential to creating a welcoming and relaxing atmosphere. And at night, it can contribute a sense of drama to a space.
- › Showers and change rooms that are spacious and clean, and offer adequate privacy for users.
- › Storage for personal items helps to enhance a user's sense of security while enjoying the amenities.
- › Features that take inspiration from the best spas around the world. In The Madison, for example, we've included an amazing salt-water lap pool and hot tub for residents to enjoy, while taking in the breathtaking views that are offered by the pool area's full-height windows.
- › Great views of the skyline and the surrounding neighborhood!
- › Rich finishes to enhance the guest experience.
- › Plenty of deck space complete with comfortable lounge furniture so residents have plenty of space to navigate around the pool area and relax after taking a dip.
- › Comfortable seating, lounge chairs, and cabanas wherever possible.

**LC&HR Describe the condo project in three words.** **AM** Luxurious, stylish, modern.

**LC&HR. No pool party is complete without...**  
**AM** ...music, drinks, sun tan lotion!

**Rising at the hub of** midtown's hustle and bustle, The Madison will be a stand-out address for all the right reasons. The Madison's multi-award winning program includes an extensive collection of amenities – indoor and outdoor – that bring luxury to the everyday: a 24-hour concierge, an eighth-floor Zen garden, and the fourth-floor amenity area which includes a private theatre, indoor/outdoor bar, a demonstration kitchen, the two-storey fitness gallery, yoga/Pilates studio, and last but not least, a luxurious salt-water lap pool that lures residents and their lucky guests to dive in.

**Fashion House**, located at 560 King St. W., will create a bold design statement that will mirror the Fashion District's eclectic style and character. Developed by Freed Developments, the modern and stylish 12-storey condominium will allow residents to enjoy a lavish lifestyle with exceptional amenities.

One of the outstanding amenities that Fashion House boasts is the lush ninth-floor skypark, featuring a striking infinity pool surrounded by beautifully landscaped gardens and stylish lounge seating. The elevated infinity pool features translucent glass walls with luminous side lighting, creating a serene atmosphere for complete relaxation. Residents can lounge in the private ninth-floor oasis overlooking a beautiful view of Toronto's skyline, before heading out for a night of food and fun along Toronto's hip King Street West.

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**Charles Gane** We always try to imagine what would be the coolest space to be in, or what would be the best rooftop terrace to be on, from the perspective of a condo owner who wants to entertain their friends.

**LC&HR Describe the condo project in three words.** **CG** Stacking of gift boxes (four words).

**LC&HR. No pool party is complete without...**  
**CG** ...an awesome infinity-edge pool that reflects the city skyline.



**FASHION HOUSE**  
Freed Developments  
fashionhousecondos.com

**CHARLES GANE**  
CORE ARCHITECTS