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Luxury condos a good fit for Durham

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The Brannan luxury condos have sold so fast since last spring that there are only a few still available. The big draw is its location — corner of Hunt and Roney streets — in downtown Durham and the planning that went into the glass, concrete and steel structure.

Brannan residents will live in a beautifully designed building and walk half-a-block to the “all local” farmers market and other events at Durham Central Park. It’s also a short walk to baseball at the Durham Bulls Athletic Park; music, comedy and theater at the Durham Performing Arts Center and shopping and dining in the American Tobacco Campus.

The care and planning that went into The Brannan by developer Henry Lambert and his team is the reason that 28 of the 35 condos in this seven-story building have already been reserved, according to Tracy Goetz, a long-time Durham resident and managing broker of the Morreene Road, Durham office of Berkshire Hathaway Home Services York Simpson Underwood.

“We’ve been working on this project for more than three years, and it is exciting to see it on the road to completion” Goetz said.

Designed by Roger Ferris + Partners in collaboration with North Carolina architect JDavis, The Brannan has clean lines and a modern exterior — a good fit with the mix of historic and modern buildings sharing downtown Durham’s skyline today.



A private parking garage with assigned spaces will be located under the condos, with two elevators to the upper floors. There is secure bike storage plus

separate locked storage rooms for each condo. There are six condos per floor on the second through sixth floors and five condos on the seventh floor, including the

The Brannan will have six floors of luxury condos, each with a terrace, in a seven-story building with ground-level parking. Everyone enjoys outdoor fun at Durham Central Park, less than a half-block from The Brannan.

three-bedroom penthouse. Another plus to the fully-sprinklered, durable concrete structure will be reduced sound transmission between condos.

Secure access to the building will be through an elegant entry lobby. A sculptural wall design inspired by Mexican architect and engineer Luis Barragán (1902-1988) will be in the lobby. Barragán, winner of the 1980 Pritzker Architecture Prize, collaborated and inspired many architects throughout his lifetime. With the use of light — natural, artificial and often hidden — Barragán brought emotional serenity to his interiors that were always built

of stone, wood and other raw materials.

The seven-story structure is being built by Resolute Building Company, and projections are that condos will be ready for occupancy by fall of 2017. Until then, potential buyers can see The Brannan sales agent Molly Barnes, a real estate agent with Berkshire Hathaway Home Services York Simpson Underwood, at the model sales office adjacent the Brannan.

The sales office includes a model kitchen and retractable glass doors that open onto the terrace of each of the two floor plans still available. Kitchens have quartz counters and stainless steel appliances. Baths have top-of-the-line fixtures. Both have a light and dark finish from which to choose. Each condo has high-efficiency (14 SEER) heating and cooling and is fully wired for cable and internet access.

Seven condos still available are Plan B4 and Plan B5 and face Hunt Street. Prices for these plans start in the mid-\$400,000s. Plan B4 is 1,221 square feet of heated living space including 2 bedrooms, 2.5 baths and a 114-square-foot terrace (7.6 x 14.6). Plan B5 is 1,239 square feet of heated living space including 2 bedrooms, 2 baths, a den and a 109-square-foot terrace (8.2 x 12.11).

To see floor plans, go online to thebrannannc.com.



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