

2013 is heating up with condo events

Roundup. It has been a busy few weeks with groundbreakings, awards, and a design centre cocktail party



CONDO TRENDS
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The new year is heating up with a slew of recent condo events in and around town.

The official onset of construction has begun at The Mercer condominiums by Graywood Developments and Beaverhall Homes.

The 33-storey tower is located at 8 Mercer St. in the entertainment district and will have 412 units set for completion in 2015. To make way for construction, the presentation centre has moved to 24 Mercer Street.

South Beach Condos and Lofts, a residential development by Amexon Development Corporation was honoured with two major awards at the recent International Property Awards for the Americas Region at a recent gala in London, England. The development was awarded "best high-rise architecture" and "best mixed-use architecture" for Canada. South Beach Condos and Lofts is a mixed-use project located at 88 Park Lawn Rd., that embodies the architecture, colours and vibe of South Beach in Miami.

The who's who of Canadian designers and industry professionals came together for the annual Canadian Home Furnishings Market at the International Centre to show off the latest trends and fresh new home design collections.

Over 300 manufacturers and distributors were celebrating the recent rise in demand



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for high-quality, Canadian-made furniture. SOFA, the Source of Furniture and Accessories hosted their exclusive annual cocktail party, presenting What's New + What's Next in home furnishings.

Canada's largest one-stop design centre with 200,000 sq. ft. of interior design showrooms, SOFA opened its doors to over 500 attendees in a lead-up to Toronto's International Design Show 2013 that begins this week.

In other news, Menkes Developments Ltd. and Healthcare of Ontario Pension Plan broke ground on a new landmark office tower in downtown Toronto called One York Street.

Set to occupy a prominent location at the northeast corner of York and Harbour Streets in the Southcore financial district, the mixed-use complex will be comprised of a 35-storey office tower, a three-level podium with retail space and two resi-

dential condominium towers. The project will eventually provide a pedestrian link from Union Station, underneath the Gardiner Expressway, to Queen's Quay.

Commercial division president, Peter Menkes tells Metro "That's a big win for everybody. All the residents down in Queen's Quay have always wanted that type of better connectivity to the downtown."

Earlier this month, Empire Communities announced the appointment of Andrew Guido to the position of executive vice president of corporate development.

Mr. Guido is a seasoned senior business consultant with more than 25 years experience working with CEOs, senior management and entrepreneurs. Vaughan-based Empire Communities is a residential builder and developer involved in all sectors of the new home building industry, including both low-rise and high-rise.