

# Toronto's cultural corridor



► Toronto's newest address in the Theatre District features a rooftop patio.



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## The project overview

Urban professionals and creative entrepreneurs will be drawn to The Mercer's style and prime downtown location. With 33 floors and 415 units, Toronto's newest address in the Theatre District is located at 8 Mercer St., between King and John Streets.

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### Meet the condo

- **WHAT:** The Mercer Condos
- **BUILDER:** Beaverhall Homes and Graywood Developments
- **LOCATION:** 8 Mercer St.
- **WEBSITE:** themercer-condos.ca
- **PHONE:** 416-597-6940
- **SIZES:** Suites from 363 to 1,133 sq. ft
- **PRICING:** Prices start from the mid-\$200,000s

## Building amenities

The complex boasts a fitness centre, a party room and a screening room as well as a Scandinavian-inspired sauna and spa area. Clad in a marble mosaic tile with a wood ceiling, The Mercer Spa will have all the features you'd expect in a high-end gym, including top-of-the-line fitness equipment and even a hot tub.

## Location and transit

Located right downtown just west of the city's financial district, The Mercer is unique for its connection to the city's underground PATH system located right across the street. It's a short walk to the King streetcar and University subway line, and drivers are close to the Gardiner expressway.

## In the neighbourhood

The Mercer is located in the heart of the city's entertainment district, near the Princess of Wales Theatre, Roy Thomson Hall, the Four Seasons Centre, the Royal Alexandra Theatre, the Air Canada Centre and the Rogers Centre. It's close to shopping at the Eaton Centre and to stores and restaurants along King St. West.

## Five-year mortgage rates

FIXED		VARIABLE
5.44%	BMO	2.85%
5.44%	CIBC	2.85%
5.44%	HSBC	2.80%
5.19%	ICICI	2.75%
4.24%	ING	2.30%
5.44%	RBC	2.80%
5.39%	SCOTIA	2.85%
5.44%	TD	2.85%
3.85%	BROKER	2.15%

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**Emerald City Phase II, coming soon.** Presentation Centre on Sheppard Ave. East. Visit [emeraldcity2.com](http://emeraldcity2.com)

**Open House, Condos at 8 Lee Centre, Suite 907, Scarborough, 2.5 p.m.** Call 416-656-3500.

**Open House, Electra Lofts, 1029 King St. West, Suite 1028.** Feb. 26, 2-4 p.m. Call 416-205-0355.

**The National Home Show continues at Direct Energy Centre, Exhibition Place, Feb. 18-27.** Visit [nationalhome-show.com](http://nationalhome-show.com).

**Open House, Condos at 33 Charles St. East, Suite 4001.** Feb. 26-27, 2-4 p.m. Call 416-489-2121.

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## LIVING IN A GLASS HOUSE

### Rooftop Surfing

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Last Friday, before the ribbon was cut on opening day of The National Home Show, I got a sneak peek at the futuristic Glass House, built by Concept PolyHome and designed by Debbie Travis.

I quickly found out there was a lot to learn about this innovative green construction concept, which features bioclimatic architecture. The structure is made with wood beams that are

covery of engineered wood. This one happens to be assembled into a semi-circle, but it can be assembled in a variety of ways.

The Glass House has floor-to-ceiling energy-efficient windows that capture as much sunlight as possible, which can be swapped out for solar panels. There's a rainwater recycling mechanism and even the insulation is soya-based polyurethane foam. I'm sure I'm forgetting a few details, so if you get the chance to get down to the show before Feb. 27, it's worth the trip — if only for the inspiration.

Incorporating green ideas in your home might seem overwhelming, but talking to a professional renovator can help. One option is to visit BILD's RenoMark website, where a database of certified contractors is at your fingertips. There's also a section that explains government incentives that can help

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