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SITE PROFILE

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Catering to every taste

Epicurean condo appeals to resident's love of food

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The word epicurean connotes a devotion to good food and comfort, which is an appropriate theme for condo purchasers Ignacio and Socorro Uribe. They recently bought a one bedroom plus den at Epicurean by the Monarch Group.

Inspired by their cultures and their love of food, the couple maintains a busy social calendar and often entertain friends throughout the year. "The amenities are good for parties with friends, especially the barbecue space," says Ignacio. "Usually we invite

people home several times a year so it will be fantastic for entertaining."

Their new condo is located in the Kingsway community at the corner of Prince Edward Drive and Dundas Street in Etobicoke, an area they've lived in for over 37 years.

Over that period of time, they've developed quite an attached to their neighbourhood. "We like it. It's got everything here," says Ignacio. "Good shopping at Sherway Gardens is a 10-minute drive from here. We like to go to Vesuvio's pizzeria. And there is the Barcelona restaurant that's been there for 40 years. It's at Royal York and Bloor, five minutes

from here."

The Urbes are semi-retired and are looking to downsize. "Right now we're going to live a couple more years in our house, but in the future we'll sell it and live in the condominium so we'll have more time for travelling. With a house, you always have to clean the snow, take care of the garden, it's more work, so the condominium is better for us," says Ignacio. "We bought on the sixth floor. We bought a one-bedroom apartment with a den at 645 square feet. It's a good size for us."

As well as a connection to the neighbourhood, Socorro was enamoured by the intimacy of a smaller building of only eight storeys. Being

an avid culinary aficionado, the contemporary-designed kitchen with granite countertops and stainless-steel appliance package was a huge plus for her. "Because I love to cook, I like the kitchen; I like the stove and the fridge." Paella is one of her specialties and her husband's favourite dish, originating from his native country of Spain.

The couple enjoys the outdoors when they're not cooking or entertaining family and friends. "We spend a lot of time outside; we are outdoor people. We are walking distance from High Park and from the Humber River. It's a beautiful place for living," says Ignacio. He looks forward to summer bike rides

with his daughter, who attends school nearby. "I like to ride a bicycle too, so it's easy from here from this condominium to go to the bicycle path on the Humber."

The eight-storey, boutique-styled condo was designed by Graziani and Corazza and offers everything sophisticated urbanites are looking for. The Vintage Lounge is a chic, wine-tasting room conveniently located next to the party room and is ideal for hosting events. The building features a balcony or terrace with outdoor entertaining areas and unique, open-concept floor plans.

EsQape Design has created Epicurean amenity spaces with a palette of brown, grey

and natural elements which brilliantly marries the old with the new. The custom-designed special occasion party room opens onto a private area where residents may lounge, dine and entertain guests in a lushly-landscaped, outdoor space including an organic herb garden and barbecue area.

Epicurean offers a terrific mix of suites from 430 square feet to over 1,175 square feet with prices ranging from \$241,990 to \$669,990. The prices also include an incentive package with either a design studio upgrade credit, or one year of free maintenance fees. Occupancy is scheduled for February of 2015.