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White furniture and light brown wood panelling is used throughout the show space for the condos in the Green on Queensbury planned community in North Vancouver.

## Urban lifestyle meets natural calm

condos and townhomes: North Vancouver's Green on Queensbury takes inspiration from nearby parkland



**Mary Frances Hill HOMES REPORTER** 

The vitality of urban life meets the calm of a verdant, lush landscape at Green on Queensbury, Qualex Landmark's planned community in North Vancouver.

The two worlds inspired Cristina Oberti, principal of Oberti Design, to create interiors with materials that at once reflect the surrounding nature and embrace the contemporary tastes of city dwellers.

"The interior suites are classic yet contemporary, they're where the urban and the natural meet," Oberti says. "It's a place for those who value the outdoors as much as they do city life. We tried to incorporate this fusion of lifestyles into the design, where you find a lot of natural materials and earthy tones mixed in with sleek, contemporary lines. The suites are designed to be both cosy and cosmopolitan, modern yet organic."

In the otherwise all-white kitchen in the display space, Ober-



The light brown wood panelling is extended throughout the Green on Queensbury showhome, even in the bedroom.

within the cabinetry, clad in a light brown wood panelling that is a signature look throughout the home. The narrow shelving lures the eye up to the ceiling, seeming to add height to the space.

Oberti Design gives that brown panelling its star turn. The shade can be seen in the living room millti placed wine storage vertically work, again in the large ensuite

bathroom and in the bedroom headboard.

The focal points of the display suite are the entertainment unit millwork and the master bedroom headboard design. They are the wow factors that grab the eye and that define and distinguish each space," Oberti says.

The commitment to pairing natu-

ral and sophisticated materials continues in the bathroom, where it's clear Oberti's a fan of Bianco Carrara marble.

"Versatility and intrinsic, effortless beauty make it timeless and forever 'now,' " she says. "Bianco Carrara can be used in so many ways. It provides both the perfect neutral backdrop and the sophisticated punch

## At A Glance

What: 164 one-, two- and threebedroom condominiums and townhomes in three four-storey buildings overlooking five acres of parkland

Where: 707 — 747 East 3rd St., North Vancouver

Residence sizes and prices: Remaining one-bedroom units, 775 — 795 sq. ft., from \$620,000s; two-bedroom homes between 823 — 1,084 sq. ft., from \$705,000s; two- and three-bedroom park-front townhomes from 1,008 — 1,546 sq. ft., from about \$1 million

**Developer and builder:** Qualex-Landmark Northern Limited Partnership

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that brings a space to life." Oberti points out her team's dedication to using height, angles, asymmetry in millwork and storage spaces to help homeowners combat clutter. In the living room wall unit, "we have a combination of open and closed storage spaces in varying heights. The cabinets are assorted asymmetrically, making it a playful yet simultaneously functional and sophisticated design, perfect for displaying or storing things away."