Champagne project uncorked

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An artist's rendering of the Champagne condo complex by Remington Development Corp. The project will include 179 upscale apartment condos in five buildings in Remington's Quarry Park development in southeast Calgary.

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The cork has been popped on Champagne.

"This is our first foray into residential development," says Randy Remington, chairman of Remington Development Corp. "We spent a lot of time in design to get it right."

Remington and Ald. Shane Keating recently snipped the red ribbon to officially open Champagne — a \$110-million enclave of five four- and five-storey buildings totalling 179 upscale apartment condos.

The project is along the riverbank of the Bow River in Remington's Quarry Park community in southeast Calgary.

The development of Champagne will be handled by the residential division of Remington, which is headed by residential director Glen Deibert.

Ground has just been broken on the first building, and already nearly a dozen deposits have been

taken on the 30 apartments.

The one- and two-bedroom suites in the first building will measure 800 to 1,650 square feet with eight floor plans to choose from.

Units will be priced from \$359,000 to \$900,000.

As well, there will be 288 underground parking stalls, with two-bedroom suites getting two each.

Residential sales manager Julie Sawyer says the people who have put down deposits are varied — ranging from professional couples to semi-retired people and empty nesters.

"We've had a lot of interest from people because of the location — and because many of them know Randy (Remington) and know the level of commitment he brings with his commercial projects," she says.

Remington will join Birchwood Properties and Cardel Homes as homebuilders in the high-profile community.

"With many head offices currently located in Calgary — some of which are making their way further south to areas like Quarry Park — having an option to live, work and play within walking or biking distance to work and amenities is very attractive to active and young families," says Keating.

When all is said and done, Remington says there will be about 1,000 multi-family units along the river.

As well, the company has started work on The Laurier, a 144-unit rental development on 18th Street S.E.

For more information, visit www.remingtoncorp.com/residential/projects.php

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The sales and presentation centre for the Champagne condo complex is at 350 Quarry Park Boulevard S.E.

The centre is open from noon to 8 p.m. Mondays through Thursdays, and noon to 5 p.m. weekends and holidays. It is closed Fridays.

The complex is within Quarry Park, which is a mixed-use community that includes both office and residential space. It aims to have about 3.5 million square feet of office space (about 1.5 million is already under construction) with an estimated 15,000 people working in the development.

Quarry Park is also expected to contain as many as 5,000 residents in the various residential neighbourhoods.

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