First published April 2007 Building Journal Hong Kong trend@building.com.hk

## The Beverly Hills, Tolo Harbourfront, Tai Po European architecture

Situated on the most exclusive stretch of Tai Po coastline, The Beverly Hills blends artistic elements of elegant architecture, delicate engravings and unique painting masterpieces, taking the architectural theme of French classical revivalism and Renaissance arts in a new direction.

ith a site area up to one million sq ft, the first phase of The Beverly Hills includes 372 luxury villas with floor areas ranging from some 2,700 to 6,000 sq ft. The second phase is a detached five-storey clubhouse, and the third phase will offer a further 163 luxury villas with floor areas ranging from 3,500 to 11,000 sq ft.

The Royal Piazza at the main entrance echoes the portal of an aristocratic castle. Embellished with an ornate gate in the imperial style, the impression is one of extraordinary noble status. The circular entry and Romanesque paving form a playful and joyful piazza centred around a magnificent Fountain of Wishes graced by sculpted cherubim. Statues stand sentinel among a parade of cypress, adding a romantic appeal to the development.

Each villa is designed and decorated by master designers. Doorways, window frames, architectural features, ornate enclosures, roof arches, pediments and rectangular lintels offer subtle variations in design, and are complemented by elegant soft colours from external walls finished in a variety of quality stone materials. The myriad combinations mark a new generation of European architecture.

The Beverly Hills also embraces green and recreational areas totaling 1,800,000 sq ft. The profusion of flowers and trees creates a fresh, green living environment for residents. Facing the luxurious clubhouse, the Queen's Cascade is a spectacle in itself. The ingenious design artfully blends a seamless water curtain with the lush green landscape. The contrast of rugged rocks and soothing green plants and a gurgling stream winding its way down create a harmony of natural wonder.

The grand King's Square is paved with mosaic patterns, lined with terraces of pine trees and shrubs, around which can be found cascading water features, ponds and classical lighting.





Besides the Starlit Fountain, the magic of the Wall of Plenteous Fortune unfolds. This 10metre high mural is embedded with marble and other natural stone materials, with Italian flowers depicted in relief. Its neo-classical ornamental engraving creates a new Romanesque mosaic wall.

## Clubhouse

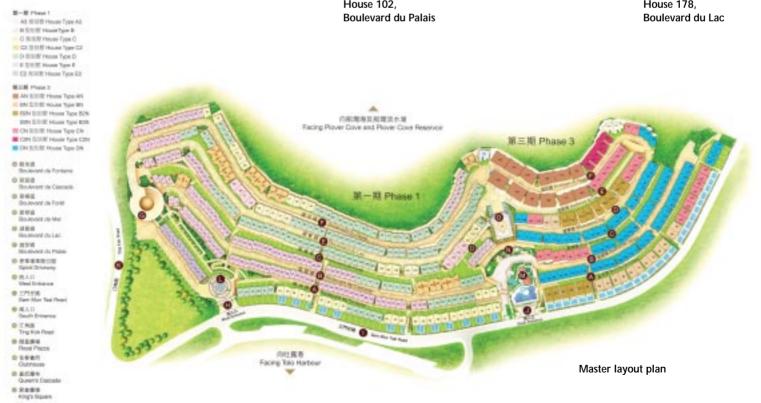
The five-storey grand clubhouse, the jogging path surrounding the whole premise, greenery and other exceptional amenities make up a gross relaxation space of 500,000 sq ft. The clubhouse boasts magnificent interior decor as well as a glass curtain wall, which brings the scenic beauty of Tolo Harbour fully into focus.

The clubhouse has an indoor mini-racecar track, namely Turbo Feel, with length reaching 350 metres, equipped with electric miniracecars, is an exclusive facility seen nowhere else in Hong Kong. The race track is designed





Maison de Rica House 178, Boulevard du Lac



House 102,



Armani House 73, Boulevard du Fontaine

along the lines of a Formula One racing circuit, and includes a garage, the pits, spectator stand, award podium and a rarely seen actual-size Formula One racing car. It is also equipped with a projection screen and an audio system to give children the feeling of being at a real Formula One racing circuit.

The Beverly Hills also boasts an approximately 3.6 km private jogging path, the longest in any Hong Kong residential development. Residents can jog in the comfort of the open air anytime without leaving the premise.

Other facilities include 'The Forest' – children's theme park, a hotel-style deluxe banquet hall, sidewalk café, bar, a resort-style outdoor swimming pool, a 360-degree spiral waterslide, an indoor heated pool, and the Queen's Spa Gallery which offers leading-edge facilities, aromatherapy and massage services.

## Fast Facts

| site area Approx 1 million sq ft                                |
|---|
| number of residential houses (Phase 1 and Phase 3) 535          |
| floor area of villas Phase 1 Approx 2,700 to 6,000 sq ft        |
| Phase 3 Approx 3,500 to 11,000 sq ft                            |
| typical floor-to-floor height 2.80 m to 3.75 m (floor to floor) |
| clubhouse facilities (Phase 2) banquet room, aroma lounge,      |
| steam/sauna room, karaoke room, six-star                        |
| gymnasium, aerobics floor, multi-function                       |
| sports court, outdoor swimming pool, etc.                       |
| commencement date of development 2002                           |
| expected completion date for the                                |
| A & A works in respect of Phase 1 and 2 June 2007               |
| completion date of clubhouse September 2007                     |

developer Wealth Team Development Ltd (a subsidiary of Henderson Land Development Co Ltd)

architects Phase 1, Phase 2 & Phase 3 — WCWP International Ltd Phase 1 & Phase 2-A & A works — LWK & Partners (HK) Ltd

main contractor (building) Heng Tat Construction Co Ltd