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Architectural vision comes to life as sculptural façade element added to The Lanes Residences

The addition of a stunning sculptural façade has begun to transform the first stage of Sunland Group's The Lanes Residences at Mermaid Waters into the Gold Coast's latest architectural work-of-art.

With the two mid-rise residential buildings under construction, early next month heralds the completion of the Glass Reinforced Concrete (GRC) installation to the façade as part of a unique design that will enhance the already impressive project.

Soaring vertically on each side of the fully glazed buildings, the contoured sculptural columns will not only be an eye-catching visual element but heighten the design through shading and articulation.

Rafael Contreras of Contreras Earl Architecture, whose highly respected firm designed the buildings in collaboration with Sunland Group, said one of the main intents of the GRC is to express the vertical structure of the Buildings in order to give a distinct character to the mid-rise towers.

"We are passionate about architecture and we believe architecture should evolve with technology and challenge conventional outcomes. Every building has the power to enhance or detract from its setting and one thing we will never do is simply create another tower" said Mr Contreras, who crafted his vision for The Lanes Residences alongside business partner and wife Monica Earl.

Ms Earl said that technology has been a great design enabler, helping us radically rethink our cities, not simply rebuild them.

"Designing the sculptural façade elements has allowed us to express the scale and faceted volume of the towers and also to articulate the buildings both beside and between each other," she said

"The scale of the concrete elements is quite a large with a 2m depth at the base of the towers which starts to fade away as they rise towards the sun - thus creating an interesting and engaging design that will be synonymous with the community."

The Lanes Residences is the first apartment development to be built within The Lakes, a \$1.3 billion master planned community on the corner of Hooker Boulevard and Bermuda Street.

Stage one will feature one, two, and three-bedroom luxury apartments and penthouses within a 42ha lakefront precinct, along with ground level retail and dining, parklands, bikeways and a waterfront promenade.

Sunland Group Managing Director Sahba Abedian said The Lanes Residences had delivered on its promise of designing an architectural vision for the Gold Coast.

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Each elegantly appointed apartment within The Lanes Residences will feature spacious balconies and refined interiors complete with floor-to-ceiling windows, large format porcelain tiles, generous open plan kitchens with premium European appliances and bespoke bathroom designs.

Private amenities include a gym, resort-style pool, sauna, barbeques, outdoor terrace area and residents' lounge overlooking Lake Unity, while residents will also have access to an abundance of landscaped green spaces and an expansive 3,500sqm lakefront Green.

Apartments in the first stage of The Lanes Residences, known as the 'East Village', are scheduled for completion in mid-2021.

The Lanes retail village, adjoining The Lanes Residences, is set to deliver a vibrant destination incorporating cafés and restaurants, a fresh food market hall, wellbeing services, a leading early learning centre and an expansive Green for community events. Construction on the retail village is scheduled for the second half of this year.

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