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North Bank Condos

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Chances are, if you've been anywhere near the downtown area within the last year, you're already familiar with the Condominiums at North Bank Park. After all, it's not everyday that a 20-story tower of glass and steel sprouts up to become the newest (and not to mention, shiniest) landmark in Columbus' highly sought-after Arena District. The project, which is the work of Nationwide Realty Investors, consists of 109 total units split among two attached buildings: the aforementioned Tower and the Lofts, which are housed in the renovated A&P Warehouse building.

Any discussion of the Condos at North Bank Park begins and ends with the views it provides of our fine city. Now, you might expect that based on sheer height and location (the corner of Neil Avenue and Spring Street) that the views would be pretty great. Well, "pretty great" is one heck of an understatement, because the views you'll find there are nothing short of spectacular. In fact, it's best not to leave it to the imagination... go see it

in person and expect panoramic views of downtown Columbus, the Scioto riverfront and the future site of the Columbus Clippers ballpark. Every unit in the Tower comes with its own balcony, each of which ranges from 100 to 300 square feet of outdoor living space. To complement the balconies, units come with floor-to-ceiling windows and glass balcony railings for a truly unobstructed view of the surrounding areas.

Interiors at the Tower include elevator service, secured telephone entry system, access controlled parking garage, trash chute access on each residential level, reinforced concrete floors, wall sound insulation, Time Warner digital cable access, and Road Runner high-speed Internet access. Potential buyers can also expect generous living area ceiling heights, individual washer/dryer hook-ups, ceramic floor tile in laundry space, carpet flooring in all living and bedrooms, and some of the most enormous closets the city has to offer. Kitchens come standard with large islands that contain both a sink



Depending on which way you face, the model balcony provides a panoramic view of downtown.



Oversized windows and generous ceiling heights give the lofts an open, airy feeling



Luxurious cabinets, high-end appliances and industrial lighting fixtures combine to make kitchens a true focal point

and a dishwasher, Masterpiece maple cabinets in various styles and stains, General Electric appliances, granite countertops and ceramic tile flooring. Baths have Kohler faucets and single-handle shower faucets in addition to under-mount porcelain sinks with marble countertops, full-size mirrors and ceramic tile shower floors and wall enclosures.

Many of the standard features in the Lofts building are identical to the amenities in the Tower units. One main difference is that maple hardwood flooring is standard throughout each loft unit. And although only the 5th floor lofts come with private balconies, each comes with plenty of windows and an abundance of natural light. Luxuries such as oversized showers, huge closets, master bathrooms with double vanities and flexible floor-plans are the norm in the Lofts building.

Concerning space, the Lofts range in size from 1,500 to 2,500 square feet whereas the Tower units range from 1,300 to 3,000 square feet. Pricing for the Lofts ranges from \$376,000 to \$655,000 (before upgrades) while the Tower ranges from \$373,000 to over one million dollars. Because each unit remains a virtual shell until it goes into contract, every new buyer also receives a two hour custom design consultation with the Arena District Living professional staff. For this particular project, the time period

from contract-to-close is generally about four months.

The Condos at North Bank Park also have a grand foyer decorated with dark wood-tones, travertine flooring with marble inset and comfortable modern décor. The concierge is staffed 24 hours a day to greet guests and to monitor entry into the building. The foyer is also home to a 27-seat state-of-the-art multimedia screening room, a fitness center, and a guest suite for overnight visitors. Parking for the complex is completely covered, and is located on the first four floors of the Lofts building. Each unit is assigned one space, with the option to purchase additional space. Residents may also take advantage of on-site storage unit opportunities as well.

Because interest from sidewalk traffic has been so high, all potential buyers are encouraged to contact the sales center at 614.221.9900 and schedule an appointment. Due to the demand for personal tours, weekly Open House hours will be Wednesdays from 3 to 7PM starting January 9th. There is also an Open House scheduled for Sunday, January 27th from 12 – 2PM.

Additional information about the project can be found on the web at www.northbankcondos.com