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WEEKEND REVIEW



The world according to nine

Meet the designers behind Millennium Water's Avenues of the World — and their spectacular living spaces

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BY CLAUDIA KWAN

As part of an extensive marketing push for the homes at the Millennium Water development — the former Olympic Athletes' Village in Southeast False Creek — members of the public are being invited to tour nine show suites decorated by top Vancouver interior designers.

Perhaps the word "enticed" is more accurate, since people are being advised

to pick up a "passport" at the sales office for the campaign, dubbed "Avenues of the World." By visiting at least eight of the nine show suites and collecting a stamp from each documenting the visit, they will become eligible to win a \$20,000 grand prize.

That prize is made up of four parts: a \$5,000 gift certificate to Inform Interiors in Gastown; \$5,000 for the Cross Décor and Design in Yaletown; \$5,000 for the services of William Switzer, a maker of reproduction antique

furniture; and \$5,000 in consultation services for any of the other interior designers involved in creating the show suites. Ten second-prize winners will each receive an Electra bicycle with an estimated value of \$700.

The nine show suites represent the diversity of what's on offer at the 1,108-unit Millennium Water community.

"We've got a very simple, sustainable design, right up to hyper-luxury on the water," noted marketer Bob Rennie.

"And then, in between, we're having fun with a suite that's done all in gold by Alda Pereira."

Avenues of the World is open noon to 5 p.m. every day but Friday. For information, call 603-733-2010.

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Principal Merike Lainevool of KODU Design puts a ton of thought into every aspect of her designs. Recent multi-family projects include Sage in UBC's Wesbrook Village area, and Spruce near VGH.

At Millennium Water, she's clearly having fun with the show suite at 709 — 1633 Ontario Street, which has the theme "Canadian Olympian."

The room is white with bright splashes of red. An overhead projector beams words of inspiration. A lucky Canadian dollar is tucked underneath the glass dining tabletop, bull's-eye targets are hung in the bathroom, and trophy cups line an entire wall in one bedroom. Go, Canada, Go. The Merrick Architecture group was responsible for the building design.



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Robert Ledingham of Ledingham Design has been on the Vancouver scene for decades. He demands both form and function in his design, and overlays a hefty sheen of luxury. He recently applied all of it to the Erickson, a building intended to honour architect Arthur Erickson and to serve as a punctuation point for Concord Pacific's development parcel in downtown south.

The Ledingham show suite, located at 304 — 151 Athletes Way, has a theme called "Asian Influence." The show suite is housed in a building designed by Arthur Erickson Architectural Corp., with Nick Milkovich Architect and Lawrence Doyle Architects.

Dark wood furniture has clean straight lines, with a nod to traditional Asian design in the circular handles. Hits of red and orange and burgundy pop against creams and tans, while the built in white fabric banquette in the dining room will no doubt be a popular lounging spot.



Robert Ledingham

