

Galliard launches “vertical village” in Canary

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Galliard Homes, in joint venture with Frogmore and Cain Hoy, have launched Harbour Central at 2 Millharbour Dock Basin, a £550m redevelopment of a 2.65-acre industrial site into a new Manhattan style “vertical village” for Canary Wharf.

The plans were [first revealed by CoStar News last January](#).

Harbour Central will provide 901 new homes, retail, commercial, leisure and parking facilities in five mixed-use towers, up to 41 storeys high, designed around two new London green squares.

Located off Lighterman’s Road close to Millharbour Dock Basin Harbour Central is designed by architects Rolfe Judd. Galliard Homes has used Nicola Fontanella of design house Argent Design, to create Manhattan and Art Deco themed interiors in the main foyers, the entertainment and leisure facility and an apartment interior scheme.

Argent Design specialises in luxury residential projects in London, New York and Miami with a client list which includes Madonna, Guy Ritchie, Richard Caring and Sally Burton.

Harbour Central will provide 624 homes for private sale, 277 intermediate and affordable rented homes, 10,538 sq ft of ground floor retail and commercial premises and an 11,292 sq ft six storey New York style entertainment and leisure facility providing a lounge/library, gymnasium/spa, private cinema, cocktail bar and club lounge.

The architectural centerpiece of Harbour Central will be two iconic high rise residential towers, 41 and 35 storeys high, providing homes for private sale comprising studio, one, two and three bedroom apartments and four/five bedroom premier and duplex penthouses. The towers have New York style Art Deco themed façades with expanses of glass, bronze effect panels and ceramics with brise-soleil feature screens and traditional and covered balconies.

The third tower will be 24 storeys high and feature apartments for private sale, whilst the final pair of towers, eight and 27 storeys high, will provide intermediate and affordable rented homes. At the base of some of the towers will be retail and commercial premises for shops, cafes, bars and restaurants.

The towers are designed around two new London green squares known as Millharbour Park, complete with tree lined pedestrian boulevards, green areas and landscaping. One of the green squares will have Italian-style stepped lawns shaded by pine trees and complete with seating and children’s play areas. The other square will have planted areas crossed by pedestrian pathways and bordered by long rill water features. There is also an underground parking complex with 210 parking bays and 1,163 bicycle/motorcycle bays.

The tallest 41 storey tower, known as Maine Tower, will be the first part of the project launched for sale. Maine Tower will provide 297 apartments and penthouses for private sale. Argent Design have designed the main entrance foyer for Maine Tower and the six storey entertainment and leisure facility that is located seven metres above the ground in a link-bridge structure that connects the main and eight storey towers.

Argent Design have taken the Art Deco styling of the tower’s exteriors and used this as the inspiration to create the Manhattan style interiors of the main foyer and the entertainment and leisure facility. On the ground floor of Maine Tower is a hotel-style entrance foyer with a three metre high ceiling; lifts with bronze effect door surrounds; textured stone flooring with inset decorative patterns; feature stone concierge desk; polished plaster and stone walls inset with bronze effect lines and seating areas with deep sculptural sofas and coffee tables.

The apartments and penthouses in Maine Tower will introduce a “London West End” specification and quality into the Canary Wharf housing market. All will have a spacious reception room with natural Oak strip engineered flooring, bespoke entertainment/shelving unit with LED smart TV, mood lighting and floor to ceiling glazing, with many opening onto private balconies. The designer fully fitted kitchens will have high gloss laminate units, stone worktops and integrated SMEG appliances.

The bedrooms will have subtle lighting, warm woven carpets and high gloss floor to ceiling fitted wardrobes, with ensuites to master bedrooms in the larger apartments. The stylish bathrooms with stone tiled flooring, feature glass walls, heated towel rails, bespoke vanity units and underfloor warming. Each home will have advanced communications, home entertaining and security systems and comfort cooling to principal rooms.

The uppermost floors of Maine Tower will feature four premier and four duplex penthouse residences. The large residences will provide an abundance of entertaining space, four or five bedroom suites, and the penthouses will open onto private roof gardens.

Argent Design have created a special dressing scheme for the apartments, designed to bring Miami glamour to London Docklands. The design scheme would create living/lounge areas with natural woods, bronze and turquoise blue colours and spa style bedroom suite with clean lines, cream colours, feature chairs and deluxe beds with feature headboards.

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