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Don't even bring the brolly

488 University will have direct subway access

LISA VAN DE VEN Steps Away

ith a downtown location on one of Toronto's premier streets, no wonder Amexon Development kept the address of their condominium project front and centre. After all, the location of The Residences of 488 University - a walk away from much that the city has to offer is a big part of its appeal. "We think we're really in a sweet spot within the city," says Jason Shiff, executive sales manager for the site. That means whether you're going to a baseball game at the Rogers Centre, hope to see a concert at the Air Canada Centre, or want to do some shopping along Bloor Street West, it's all a quick subway ride away. You can walk to the Financial District in 15 minutes, or hoof it to the University of Toronto in even less time. And for residents, Shiff adds, downtown isn't just at their fingertips when they want to get outside - it's a great backdrop to their urban lifestyle as well. "It lets you have really nice views," he says.

25 Steps Rainy-day commutes won't be a problem here. "We're going to have a direct connection to the subway, to St. Patrick Station," Shiff says. The building will feature higherend retail on the ground level, as well as a yet-to-be-named five-star restaurant — giving residents reasons to stay in. "We don't know what it's going to be yet, but it's going to be very elegant," he adds.

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250 Steps Residents can get their culture on at their convenience with the Art Gallery of Ontario just a few minutes away. They can hit Grange Park next door on their way, giving the kids a chance to play, or, if it's more adult time they're looking for, can opt to walk a little farther south to Queen West. "We're very close to the Queen Street boutiques, to the Fashion District," says Shiff, which means it won't take long to make a dent in your credit card before you have to get home.

400 Steps A quick jaunt east on Dundas Street and you're at the Toronto Eaton Centre, for all the options there. Or spend a lazy day at Yonge-Dundas Square, see a movie at the Yonge & Dundas Cineplex, or catch a show at Massey Hall. Nathan Phillips Square is also close — perfect for hanging out in the summer, or skating once the cold hits again. "It's packed in the winter there," Shiff says.

Suites at The Residences of 488 University range from 617 to approximately 1,200 square feet and start at \$540,000. The sales office is at 393 University Ave., Toronto, and open daily 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Call 416-252-3000 or visit 488 university.com.

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