



Benchmark of elegance and fine living arrive in Markham

Luxury Town Manors to complement Downtown Markham's Urbantopia concept

Markham, Ontario, August 10, 2006 – Building on the success of Downtown Markham project, The Remington Group Inc. announces the launch of The Benchmark - a collection of luxurious, stately and dignified freehold Town Manors.

The Benchmark represents not just a lifestyle, but also a way of life. Situated on a quiet green, the stately and dignified The Benchmark Town Manors form the cornerstone of Downtown Markham and are located adjacent to the Rouge River Valley and acres of parkland, perfect for evening strolls to enjoy the natural beauty of the area. The Benchmark is a comfortable walking distance to bookstores, cafés, restaurants, shopping and the strolling attractions Downtown Markham's Simcoe Promenade.

“The Benchmark represents our commitment to creating neighborhoods in the truest sense of the word, we were inspired by the Georgian town manors of London, Bath and Edinburgh which encompasses crescents around squares and parks adjacent to residential areas and even London's Regent Park itself,” says Rudolph P. Bratty, president of The Remington Group. “Everything that you need is located within walking distance, we have created these residences to cater to modern and refined lifestyles, where people can work, shop and play all within their local communities.”

With seven styles to choose from, the Benchmark Town Manors is the perfect choice for those with discerning tastes ranging from a three-bedroom manor to a five-bedroom manor. Each town manor features stucco and stone exterior accents with black exterior coach-style lamps and friendly and inviting terraces. Each residence has superior architectural design accented with cornice mouldings and soaring ceiling heights of 10 feet in the living areas and 9 feet ceiling in kitchen and breakfast areas.

The Benchmark chef style kitchens represent the ultimate in luxury with their finely crafted custom cabinetry and ceramic style backsplash, six stainless steel appliances and granite countertops. The luxury continues throughout the elegantly appointed bathrooms with custom quality vanities and frameless showers with marble thresholds. The master ensuite includes luxurious Roman soaking six-jet tub. Special features include elegant two-sided electric marble fireplaces, central vacuum system, and central air conditioning.

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As the pinnacle of dignified living, The Benchmark options include elevators for your convenience. For those who would like to create a guest, in-law or nanny suite, optional lower level finished suites are also available with a separate entrance.

Each town manor feature oak stairs with upgraded oak pickets and handrail and granite flooring in the first floor front foyer and front foyer mid-landing, first floor powder rooms, and choice of ceramic flooring in the kitchen and breakfast areas, as well as bathroom and exterior entry areas. Living room areas are finished in strip hardwood flooring with a choice of 40 oz. broadloom in all bedrooms and sitting areas. All Benchmark manors include a double car garage.

Equipped with smart home wiring systems, The Benchmark Town Manors allow for a plethora of electronic equipment, from networked PC's to home theater systems. It allows residents to build a state-of-the-art office or entertainment room in their home, complete with high-speed data connections and integrated networks that let computers throughout the home share a single printer, hard drive, or even a DVD player.

With over 60 years of experience developing residential and commercial real estate, The Remington Group created The Benchmark as a measure for Downtown Markham's Urbantopia concept, The Benchmark is ideally located allowing residents to comfortably walk or cycle to work as well as easily access Markham's Viva public transit systems and the GO train, thus promoting car free travel and sustainable living.

The Benchmark properties begin in the mid \$500,000s and will be available for occupancy as early as Fall 2007. Square footage range from 2360 sq. ft. to 3,105 sq. ft. Intercity Realty Inc. is the exclusive broker for The Benchmark luxury Town Manors. For further information or to register, please visit www.downtownmarkham.ca or call 905-948-9900.

Downtown Markham is a 243-acre mixed used development, which will include luxury condominiums, retail, entertainment and commercial districts and 72 acres of parks in addition to the Rouge River Valley, which defines its northern border.

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