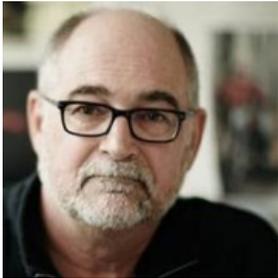


YONGE + RICH SPOTLIGHT: Q&A WITH JOHN HILLIER, LANDSCAPE ARCHITECT, PARTNER, DTAH

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Q. What inspired the landscape design for YONGE + RICH?

A. For me, this neighbourhood has a very sophisticated downtown vibe. The site is unapologetically urban and rubs shoulders with architectural legacies like the Hudson Bay and the Confederation Building on Richmond. The intimate lanes that access the lobbies have a muse-like quality and will be populated by restaurants and shops at street level. In contrast, the upper garden terraces will overlook heritage comices just above the street, and well above the city near the top. This unique fusion of towering metropolitan sophistication and gritty heritage context is a real winner.

Q. You have completed several high-profile projects in downtown Toronto. What is your overarching vision and how were you able to realize this vision at YONGE + RICH?

A. Toronto is maturing. Downtown Toronto living is no longer a stepping stone to the suburbs, it is a place where residents live their lives and call home. With greater density and little wasted space, the bar has been raised on the quality and character of the public realm. Design excellence is expected and now inspires everything from vest pocket parks to public art. When laneways and roof terraces are your "backyard", there simply is no back of house! We created this urban oasis using solid, lasting materials; opportunistic and resilient planting; well considered exterior appointments and careful attention to creating an urban landscape and roof terraces that are completely in tune with the building's architecture and interiors.

Q. YONGE + RICH was designed with the objective of creating a seamless connection between indoor and outdoor space so that residents experience more green spaces and blue views than we are used to seeing in downtown Toronto condos. How did you capture this connection?

A. Unlike many condo roof gardens, there are actually garden terraces on all sides of the building, accessed from the different lounges and gathering spaces on the amenity level. In some cases the glazed walls essentially fold back allowing the interiors to extend seamlessly to the roof gardens when the weather permits. Low green roofs are also located just beyond or even extending from the interior spaces which reinforces the seamless character of the transitions. There are areas that provide sheltered outdoor seating and dining overlooking the larger garden and pool terraces and cityscape beyond. We have also strategically located an exterior sculpture to be appreciated from the interior spaces which again "borrows" the exterior view for the interior spaces and vice versa.

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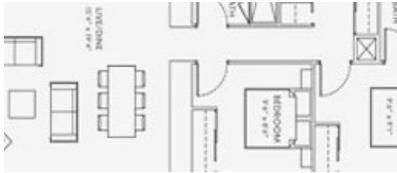
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