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RMK Unveils Decorated Model at Residences at the Grove

Chicago-based RMK Management Corp. has opened two decorated model apartments at the Residences at the Grove, a new 294-unit luxury rental community in Downers Grove, Ill.

Located at 2845 Easton St., the community includes three midrise buildings offering studio, one- and two-bedroom residences with one to two baths; and 24 rowhome floor plans, which feature two bedrooms and 2½ baths.

In the midrise buildings, studios offer 507 square feet and rent from \$853 to \$1,070 per month. One-bedroom floor plans range from 772 to 820 square feet, with rents ranging from \$1,230 to \$1,570 per month. Two-bedroom, two-bath plans offer 1,101 to 1,206 square feet, and rent from \$1,616 to \$2,225 per month.

According to Diana Pittro, vice president of RMK Management Corp., the decorated models showcase the community's high-end design and finishes.

"The homes at the Residences at the Grove include luxurious finishes that are normally only found in for-sale condominiums. When renters walk in, they immediately see a kitchen with a full suite of stainless steel appliances, granite countertops and 42-inch birch cabinets," said Pittro.

One of the models is the Bradford, an 812-square-foot floor plan with one bedroom and one bath which rents from \$1,273 to \$1,560 per month.

"The Bradford features a built-in computer niche adjacent to the kitchen, which has an outlet to provide Internet access. Whether they use it to look up recipes online, or just as a spot to pay their bills, renters appreciate the added convenience and organization the niche provides," Pittro said.

Like all homes at the Residences at the Grove, the Bradford also includes in-unit laundry, 9-foot ceilings, vertical blinds on all windows and an expansive private balcony with sliding glass doors.

Baths feature cultured marble countertops, ceramic flooring and linen closets.

A decorated Oxford floor plan is also available for viewing. The home features two bedrooms, two baths and 1,226 square feet.

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“If roommates are nervous about sharing space, walking into this model will quell any concerns,” said Pittro. “The bedrooms are on opposite sides of the apartment and both feature walk-in closets. However, there may be a fight as to who gets the master bathroom, since it features a glass-encased shower and separate soaking tub.”

The Residences at the Grove also features a two-bedroom, 2½ bath rowhome plan, measuring 1,735 square feet with three levels of living space. Rent starts at \$2,486 per month and includes a private two-car, attached garage. According to Pittro, though there is not a decorated model, residents are welcome to tour one of these floor plans with a leasing agent.

“The same caliber of luxury that went into each home at the Residences at the Grove was also put into the community’s amenities, which are centered around the 4,092 square-foot clubhouse. They make the community feel more like a resort than an apartment community,” Pittro added.

The clubhouse includes a business center with computer stations, conference area, and faxing and printing capabilities; cyber-café with kitchenette, coffee bar, and computer stations with Internet access; and a lounge area with couches and a flat-screen TV. The community’s management office is also located in the clubhouse, where residents can take advantage of the community’s concierge service and package receiving.

According to Mark Sandgren, property manager, many current residents visit the clubhouse each morning to enjoy complimentary fresh cookies and gourmet coffee.

The clubhouse also features a state-of-the-art fitness center with the latest in exercise equipment, including free weights, elliptical machines and treadmills – all with individual flat-panel TVs. Additionally, it includes restroom facilities, which provide direct access to the outdoor swimming pool and sundeck. All common areas, including the pool deck, offer free Wi-Fi access.

In the area between the midrise buildings, the developers are building a reflection pool and seating area adjacent to a BBQ area, with grilling stations and an outdoor fireplace.

All residents receive an electronic key fob that gives them 24-hour access to the shared amenities and direct access to their residence. In case the key is lost, it can be immediately disabled and replaced.

Additionally, each midrise building features an electronic entry system, where residents can buzz guests in using their telephone.

Surface level parking and guest parking is included, with climate-controlled covered parking available for the midrise homes.

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To help residents select a floor plan, a “Plan Your Space,” feature, where you can arrange furniture within a floor plan to see how things fit, is available on RMK’s Web site.

The Residences at the Grove is located off Butterfield Road and I-355, directly behind a retail shopping center featuring The Home Depot, Golfsmith, and Sam's Wine & Spirits. Carlucci's restaurant is directly across the street. The community is also within close proximity to downtown Downers Grove and Yorktown Mall and Oakbrook Shopping Center.

To visit the Residences at the Grove, exit I-355 at Butterfield Road and merge toward Wheaton. Turn right into Home Depot, followed by another immediate right, and then follow the signs to the leasing office. The leasing office is open Monday and Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Tuesday through Thursday from 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., Saturday from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., and Sunday from noon to 5:00 p.m.

For more information, call (630) 396-7500 or visit www.theresidencesatthegrove.com

Chicago-based RMK Management Corp. manages more than 8,000 apartment homes in the Chicago and Minneapolis areas. The company's portfolio spans a range of apartment types, from high-rise and mid-rise buildings to two- and three-story walk-up, garden apartments and affordable housing. RMK also develops, builds and renovates communities. The 17 Chicagoland communities are located in: Round Lake, Waukegan, Barrington, Palatine, Schaumburg, Oswego, Aurora, Naperville, Downers Grove, Oakbrook Terrace, Evanston and Chicago. Communities in Minnesota are located in Minneapolis and Edina.

Editors: Prices are subject to change. To confirm current information, contact Taylor Johnson & Olesker at (312) 245-0202.

Photo Captions: The kitchen in the Bradford model at the Residences at the Grove.

The master bath in the Oxford model at the Residences at the Grove.

The demonstration kitchen at the cyber-café at the Residences at the Grove.