

Chicago No. 1 city for men, boasts guy-friendly digs

Chicago took top honors in AskMen.com's 2009 "Best City for Men to Live In" rankings, beating out London, Paris and New York with a rating of 98 out of 100.

The rankings were determined based on eight lifestyle categories, including cost of living, economic stability, sports and entertainment, culture, fashion, health, power and money, dating and sex, and the good life.

Contributing to "the good life" are three local developers that are selling or leasing properties perfect for guys in need of some bachelor-friendly space. From built-in bars and on-demand room service to private rooftop clubs, these projects will help keep Chicago at the top of the list for years to come.

Ten East Delaware

According to AskMen, Chicago strikes the perfect balance between cosmopolitan and comfortable. Complementing this balance is Ten East Delaware, a European-inspired 35-story boutique condo high-rise in the Gold Coast that blends modern features and finishes with floor plans that live as comfortably as large single-family homes.

"Ten East Delaware offers sophisticated buyers a level of re-

efined elegance that they would expect to see in Paris or London, but luckily, they get to enjoy this lifestyle right here in Chicago," said Mike Reschke, chairman and CEO of the Prime Group Inc., developer of the building.

According to Reschke, the building has proven popular with young, entrepreneurial male buyers.

"These buyers appreciate being in the center of it all. They're within walking distance of the Loop and the lakefront, as well as the Gold Coast's world-class dining and shopping scene," he added.

Also playing to the tastes of male buyers is the Ten Club, a

private rooftop-level clubhouse that will feature one of the Gold Coast's only outdoor rooftop pools, sundeck and garden, fitness center and private dining room. Combine the Ten Club's exclusive atmosphere with on-site catering services provided by Bice Mare, which will be located on the building's first floor, and male buyers have the ultimate cocktail party-spot at their disposal.

Ten East Delaware's a la carte hotel services also are attracting male buyers. "With the promise of housekeeping and 24/7 room service, including poolside meals, men can't resist the conveniences this building offers," Reschke said.

Located on the northeast corner of State and Delaware and designed by renowned architect Lucien Lagrange, remaining residences include two- and three-bedroom floor plans ranging from 2,045 to 3,095 square feet. The building is currently under construction with more than 75 percent of its units sold. Prices range from \$1,284,900 to \$2.6 million and climate-controlled, indoor parking is available starting at \$65,000.

For more information, call 312-397-1010 or visit www.ten-eastdelaware.com.

Echelon at K Station

For guys whose lifestyle is more conducive to renting rather than owning, Echelon at K Station offers the ideal bachelor apartment pad. Located at 353 N. Desplaines St. between the Fulton River District and the Chicago River, men appreciate Echelon's convenient location within walking distance of a new 65,000-square-foot Jewel-Osco, a park and the Loop.

"The men who live here love the fact that they can walk home from work, make a quick trip to the grocery store, and walk the dog at the park all within an hour," said Linda Jasinski, business manager at Echelon. "This convenience factor saves them

time, which they can spend taking advantage of the building's amenities."

"We have a great pool which definitely attracts the men in the summer," said Jasinski. "Plus, there are two areas to barbecue — one off the party room and one off the pool — so you can grill while watching a game on the 60-inch plasma TV in the Lounge or while playing pool in the Game Room. It's a great set-up for hosting parties, too. In fact, there was a party here recently to celebrate the Cubs' opening day."

Echelon, developed by Chicago-based Fifield Cos., is the second apartment tower to be completed within K Station, a \$750 million, 2,400-unit master-planned community that includes a total of 350 studios, one- and two-bedroom residences with one to two baths. Floor plans

Turn to GUYS, 6 range in size from 572 to 1,111 square feet with rents ranging from \$1,475 to \$2,845 per month. Garage parking is available for \$215 to \$315 per month.

For information, call 1-888-393-3196 or visit www.echelonatkstation.com.

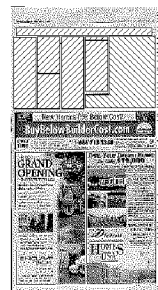
McClurg Court Center

McClurg Court Center is appropriately named since it's at the center of everything Chicago has to offer, including what AskMen deems the city's best characteristics: the lakefront, shopping, restaurants and culture.

"Everything is at your doorstep at McClurg Court Center," said John Egan, general manager at McClurg Court Center. "You can walk to the beach, run along the lakefront, shop on

Michigan Avenue, eat deep dish pizza, hang out at a club, and catch a show, all right outside the building. Guys love the endless entertainment options. There's so much to do."

McClurg Court Center, 333 E. Ontario, is composed of twin 45-



story towers with 1,058 apartments, including studios, one-bedrooms, and two-bedrooms. Apartments range in size from 496 to 1,243 square feet with monthly rents ranging from \$1,075 to \$2,450.

Within the community is an enclosed shopping concourse which includes a 24-hour convenience store, full-service hotel with a restaurant and two bars, a dry cleaners, bank, dental office, and heated parking garage. The Lakeshore Athletic Club provides three floors of state-of-the-art exercise equipment, along with swimming pools, tennis courts, sauna and steam rooms, fitness classes, and spa services.

For information, call 1-888-792-0119 or visit www.mcclurg-court.com.

Residents at **Echelon at K Station** can take advantage of the community's full suite of luxury amenities, including the Terrace with outdoor swimming pool, landscaped sundeck and grilling area.

