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Parc Huron Becomes Chicago's First LEED Gold High Rise Apartment Building

Luxury rental building first in Illinois, one of only a handful in the country

Chicago-based M&R Development and RMK Management Corp. have announced their newest luxury apartment community, Parc Huron, located at 469 W. Huron St. in Chicago's River North neighborhood, as the first of its kind in the city to earn LEED Gold certification from the U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC).

To earn this nationally respected accreditation, Parc Huron's design, construction and operation must meet the strict standards set forth by the USGBC, including a high level of energy and water efficiency; use of recycled and regional materials and recyclable construction materials; and an advanced degree of indoor air quality, which is attained through the use of low-VOC materials and a sophisticated air filtration system.

Additional credits were earned for the development of an adjacent park, a green roof, extensive use of natural light throughout the units and the common areas, and for the walkable location in the heart of River North.

"We are thrilled to be the first LEED Gold certified rental high rise in Illinois, and are even more excited to offer this type of residence to the people of Chicago," said Anthony Rossi, Sr., president of RMK Management Corp. "Chicago has long been known as a leader in terms of art, fashion and architecture, and we continue to be ahead of the trend for high-end green living, too."

Rossi noted that the apartment homes, in addition to being exceptionally eco-friendly, offer upscale features on par with for-sale condominiums. Each residence includes hardwood flooring, oversized windows, 9½-foot ceilings and high-end finishes, such as granite kitchen countertops, stainless steel backsplashes, stainless steel G.E. Energy Star kitchen appliances and solar-protecting window shades. All homes also feature in-unit laundry, a built-in workstation, and a private balcony. Additionally, some plans have walk-in closets; a utility room; and a deluxe master bath with dual-bowl vanities and separate shower and tub. Penthouse level residences feature 10½-foot ceilings.

"Our residents appreciate that they can have an incredibly stylish home that is also among the greenest in the city. They love that they can live more eco-friendly without sacrificing comfort," said Rossi. "And residents are even more pleased about the host of luxury amenities. Parc Huron defies the assumption that LEED can't be luxury."

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On-site amenities available to residents include a fitness center; spa with an oversized hot tub, steam room and meditation area; media lounge; cyber café with outdoor seating and an indoor/outdoor fireplace; conference rooms; a 12-seat theatre; a temperature-controlled wine storage room; 24-hour doorman; and a 14,000-square-foot park

Designed by Chicago-based Hartshorne Plunkard Architecture, Parc Huron includes 221 units with one to three bedrooms, plus parking. One-bedroom homes range in size from 614 to 729 square feet, while one-bedroom-plus-den floor plans range from 780 to 871 square feet. Two-bedroom apartments measure from 1,100 square feet to 1,350 square feet, and three-bedrooms range from 1,375 to 1,443 square feet. Parking for 233 cars will be located on floors two through four. Lease rates currently range from \$1,842 to \$4,057 a month.

To visit Parc Huron and tour the residences, take Chicago Avenue to Hudson Street and head south. Continue two blocks to West Huron Street and turn right. Parc Huron is on the south side of the street at 469 W. Huron. For more information, call (312) 854-8400 or visit www.parchuron.com.

For more information on RMK Management Corp. and its portfolio of properties, visit www.rmkk.com. To link to RMK's neighborhood blog portal, visit www.rmkkcommunities.com; for RMK's Flickr photostream, visit www.flickr.com/photos/rmkkcommunities; and to view RMK's YouTube channel, visit www.youtube.com/rmkkcommunities.

Chicago-based RMK Management Corp. manages more than 8,000 apartment homes in the Chicago, Minneapolis and **Merrillville, Indiana** 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 apartments, garden apartments and affordable housing. RMK also develops, builds and renovates communities. The 20 Chicagoland communities are located in Round Lake, Waukegan, Barrington, Palatine, Libertyville, Schaumburg, Oswego, Aurora, Naperville, Downers Grove, Oakbrook Terrace, Evanston and Chicago. Communities in Minnesota are located in Minneapolis and Edina.

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Editors: Prices are subject to change. To confirm current information, contact Emily Johnson at Taylor Johnson at (312) 267-4522.

Photo: Parc Huron, Chicago's first LEED Gold high rise apartment building, is located at 469 W. Huron Street in the city's River North neighborhood. Homes feature high-end finishes and the building offers a host of luxury amenities, including a wine room, media lounge and spa.