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The Darcy: 'The corner of Main and Main' in Bethesda

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The condo units are priced from \$704,900 to \$1.73 million.

While new condos in Bethesda and Washington seem to be sprouting on every corner like bamboo, few have a prime location equivalent to that of the Darcy, a new high-rise at Woodmont and Bethesda avenues in downtown Bethesda developed by PN Hoffman and StonebridgeCarras.

Monty Hoffman, chief executive of PN Hoffman, calls the location “the corner of Main and Main.” Shops, restaurants, movie theaters and entertainment venues surround the Darcy and its neighboring high-rise apartment building, the Flats, another new PN Hoffman/StonebridgeCarras development. Restaurants and shops are opening on the ground floor in each building, adding to the diversity of choices in an abundant retail scene.

“The Darcy is in the heart of everything great about Bethesda, but we’ve designed it to be a retreat, too, with a private clubroom,” Hoffman says. “We placed the lobby entrance away from the intersection so it’s more private and quiet, and we designed the building so that most of the homes have a terrace or a small balcony.”

The Darcy's design optimizes views for as many units as possible, some with views of downtown Washington in the distance and others overlooking downtown Bethesda.

Development of the Darcy and the Flats included reconfiguring part of Woodmont Avenue to make it curve slightly so it's more pedestrian friendly. Cars are forced to slow down because of the new traffic pattern at the intersection between the two buildings.



Each unit in the Darcy has an open floor plan with nine-foot-high ceilings, floor-to-ceiling windows and hardwood floors. (Benjamin C. Tankersley/For The Washington Post)

Hoffman says most of the buyers at the Darcy are local residents, typically empty-nesters ready to downsize from a large single-family home in Bethesda or Potomac and to embrace a new walkable lifestyle.

“People who are tired of cleaning gutters and mowing lawns are ready to reset their lifestyle to live where they can walk to 100 restaurants and fitness places, to Metro and the movies and yet still be close to their friends, their families and their doctors,” Hoffman says.

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Hoffman says they deliberately opted to build a variety of floor plans in the Darcy including one-, two- and three-bedroom units, some with a den, to sell at different price points. Living in an urban, walkable neighborhood often means space is at a premium.

The smallest residences in the Darcy start at 835 square feet for a one-bedroom unit, of which two are still available with prices starting at \$704,900. The last remaining two-bedroom units are priced from \$839,900 to \$1,709,900. One large penthouse remains available for sale with 2,935 square feet, but this residence costs more than double the smaller units at \$1.73 million.

Floor-to-ceiling windows: Each unit in the Darcy has an open floor plan with nine-foot-high ceilings, floor-to-ceiling windows, hardwood floors and a closet with a stacked or side-by-side washer and dryer. Each kitchen includes granite counters, upgraded stainless steel appliances and custom-designed cabinets. The bathrooms have stone floors and frameless glass shower doors.

The model home, the 1,140-square-foot Unit 407, has two bedrooms and two bathrooms. The unit, priced at \$984,900, has a condo fee of \$1,071 per month. This unit has a hallway leading from the foyer to the open living area with a coat closet and a closet with a stacked washer and dryer. The open kitchen has a breakfast bar as part of the center island and two walls of the living and dining area include floor-to-ceiling windows. The living area also has a Juliet balcony.



The second bedroom has a walk-in closet and an adjacent full bath with a combination tub and shower. (Benjamin C. Tankersley/For The Washington Post)

The adjacent master bedroom has a Juliet balcony and two closets, as well as a private bathroom with a double-sink vanity and a glass-enclosed shower with a seat. The second bedroom has a walk-in closet and an adjacent full bath with a combination tub and shower.

Dog walking and other amenities: The Darcy's lobby includes a 24-hour concierge desk, which provides a variety of a la carte services for residents such as dog walking, gift shopping, housekeeping, flower delivery, grocery shopping, plant care and event ticket services.

[This Va. community is near a nice golf course, but it's okay if you don't play]

The second level features a clubroom with a fireplace and a balcony as well as a catering kitchen with an espresso maker. Two guest suites in the building can be reserved for overnight guests. The building also has a fitness center, a business center and bicycle storage. Each unit comes with a parking space, and buyers can purchase storage space. Residents of the Darcy can access the rooftop terrace of the Flats across the street.



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What's nearby: The Walkscore of the Darcy is 95 on a scale of 100, indicating the ability of residents to walk to accomplish most of their daily needs and to access public transit for commuting or to visit other parts of the area. In addition to downtown Bethesda, the Darcy is adjacent to the Capitol Crescent Trail, popular with walkers, joggers and bikers.

Restaurants within walking distance include Mon Ami Gabi, Jaleo, Raku and Tandoori Nights; on the ground floor Passionfish will open soon. The Bethesda Row movie theater and a Barnes & Noble bookstore are across the street; nearby are a Regal Cinemas, the Bethesda Blues & Jazz Supper Club and the Roundhouse Theatre. Several art galleries are within walking distance.

Schools: Bethesda Elementary, Westland Middle, Bethesda-Chevy Chase High.

Transit : The Bethesda Metro station for Red Line service is in walking distance. Numerous Metrobus and Montgomery County Ride-On bus lines also serve this area.

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7171 Woodmont Ave., Bethesda

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Builder: PN Hoffman

Features: Each unit has an open floor plan with the living and dining area open to a center island kitchen, hardwood flooring, nine-foot ceilings, floor-to-ceiling windows, upgraded stainless-steel appliances, granite counters, custom-built cabinets, stone flooring in the bathrooms and frameless glass showers.

Bedrooms/bathrooms: 1 to 3 / 1 to 4

Square footage: approximately 835 to 2,935

Condo association fees: \$668 to \$2,935 per month

View models: Open Sundays 12 to 4 p.m. and by appointment

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