

Tridel selects 3XN to design new phase of Bayside Toronto

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ON WEDNESDAY APRIL 13, international real estate firms Hines and Tridel announced that Danish firm 3XN will be the design architect of the third phase of their Bayside neighbourhood development. An interesting selection process to say the least, Hines and Tridel held an international competition to determine the best possible architect for the next phase, which will complete the transformation of the 13-acre mixed-use development site located south of Queens Quay, between Sherbourne Common and the Parliament Slip.

3XN's proposed condominium design will be the next residential phase developed by Hines and Tridel at Bayside Toronto. This follows the successful launch of Aqualina and Aquavista in 2013 and 2014 respectively, which were designed by Miami-based architecture firm Arquitectonica.

Kim Herforth Nielson, 3XN principal and senior partner, spoke alongside Michael Gross, Hines Bayside program director, and Andrew DeZotto, Tridel executive, to give some insight about their spacious, green-centric design proposal that sees the upcoming Bayside neighbourhood using mixed space like no other in the GTA.

Based on the three preliminary renderings, it's evident why Tridel and Hines selected the Danish design firm to steer this project to completion. Nielsen explains that "The design puts people first, paying particular attention to the quality of views, space and lifestyle. The development will command extraordinary views of the water, neighbouring parks, and the city skyline." One of the most appealing aspects of this upcoming project is Nielsen's influence that places a heavy emphasis on the importance of community.

When explaining the proposed shape of the building Nielsen noted that "While the stepped L-shape form provides a sculptural quality to the building, the large garden terraces are the hallmark of the design."

Michael Gross explains that 3XN's proposal containing the uniquely stacked units was "one that understood the site's importance to the City and the revitalization of the waterfront; the singular opportunities created by its location along the water's edge; and the market demands of Toronto's sophisticated condominium consumer."



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