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As the trend to downsize living space and minimize chores and maintenance in a household continues to grow for those approaching retirement age, so do their options when purchasing a new home. Among the many style choices buyers have when considering a new home are new condominiums under construction in North Canton that are unlike any the city has ever seen.

Located on the last remnants of the old Hoover estate near the intersection of Everhard and Main Street, Zablo & Sons Building Corporation is constructing modern living spaces with a European flair known as Corazón. The builder gave every attention to detail to achieve an Old World look on the building's exterior.

The building's exterior is a combination of handmade brick and two different colors of cement stucco, giving the eclectic yet blended look of urban buildings in old European cities.



The interior boasts an urban edge and streamlined look that offers a functional, stress free, organized lifestyle.

Different sections of these older Mediterranean buildings were constructed by different families at different points in time. This look has been duplicated on the Corazón project, giving it a more natural feel.

This individualized look of different units in a single building is further enhanced by other exterior details. Because each unit has a different owner, a variation of shutters, windows, and even different colors of the window frames provides a subtle visual separation across each building's exterior. Even the balconies are individualized by shape, size and different selections of ornamental iron railings. Some balconies even have fabric awnings, another feature found on buildings in old European cities.

Because of the handmade look of the buildings, they seem to blend into their surroundings as if they had long been a part of the environment, rather than appearing as new construction. Completing the exterior charm of the building, the landscaping is no different. Rather than formally landscaping the property with upright evergreen trees defining the entrance and rows of straight cut hedges, multiple species of trees and bushes were randomly placed as if they grew naturally. The property also includes 1000 feet of frontage stream with a nearby wooden valley, giving a hint of a country setting even at this urban location.

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Simple, not fussy, is the design style of this unit. With its sophisticated design of clean lines and angles, the space brings a contemporary look and feel to every room.

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"This is a unique project," said Tony Luketic, President of A.A. Luketic & Associates Inc., lead architect on the project. "People not even interested in buying stop and look to see what is going on because there is nothing else like it in Canton, Ohio."

The buildings' construction is sturdy and solid, something many modern condominiums often lack. The concrete and steel structures are more commercial in nature, meeting fire and sound codes and providing a safe, quiet structure for residents, while the wood framing gives the buildings a comfortable, residential feel.

The first level of the three story buildings provide privacy and safety for the residents with an indoor parking garage, equipped with a car wash station. Elevator access conveniently lifts residents from the parking garage to their units. The parking garage has the added benefit of eliminating the clutter of parked cars outside of the building found at most condominiums. Corazón only has a few visitor parking spaces outside the garage, eliminating a hectic city scenario.

The unique design of the buildings continues from the exterior to the interior, starting with the access to each unit. Rather than stepping into what feels like a hotel hallway with a line of doors, the corridors outside each unit have open stairwells with a window at one end. This gives a more spacious and private feel to each unit.

Where these homes really stand apart from other condominiums is in their unique interior floor plans. Unlike the Old World look of the exterior, the architect created a sophisticated interior design with clean lines and angles. Not only does this give a more contemporary look and feel, it also provides for a more open floor plan.



With the unit's metropolitan design, the designer was able to choose a more eclectic furniture design incorporating contemporary pieces with transitional or traditional pieces.

This angled floor plan also creates unique spaces and vantage points. Upon entering a unit, visitors are exposed to an extended view of the entire interior.

"They live much larger than the square footage dictates," said George Zablo, President of Zablo & Sons.

The angled floor plans also make furniture selection and interior design simple according to Lynn Johns, the chosen interior designer with Group IV Interiors. Lynn chose furniture for the unit pictured here from Andreas Furniture in Sugar Creek, Ohio and she also helps new Corazón residents design their own individual spaces.

"The condos have a metropolitan design," said Lynn, "So I was able to choose a more eclectic furniture design, incorporating more contemporary pieces with transitional or traditional pieces."

This interior design method allowed the contemporary feel of the interior to work with the Mediterranean feel of the condominium's exterior, completing what is a truly one-of-a-kind environment for Corazón's residents.



The Corazón project will eventually consist of four buildings and 29 units, ranging from 1680 to 3500-square feet. Finally, Canton residents looking to shed themselves of large, high-maintenance homes now have a progressive option in housing to simplify their lives while maintaining a luxurious lifestyle of comfort and convenience. Z

