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Get inspired with Spire

Sustainable high-rise community unveiled

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The Nichols Partnership on Wednesday introduced Denver to its first sustainably built and attainably priced high-rise community and opened the doors to the 7,900-square-foot Spire Experience Center at 890 14th St.

The Experience Center is a showcase of technology and contains two fully furnished model units.

Spire, the much anticipated 42-story building, will begin taking reservations for residences on April 4.

Access to unique transportation options provides another first for downtown — the opportunity for a “car-optional” lifestyle.

Spire is a LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) registered project, and The Nichols Partnership is pursuing LEED Certification from the U.S. Green Building Council. When completed, it is expected that SPIRE will be the largest LEED Certified residential tower in the country.

More than \$2 billion of public and

private investments have contributed to 14th Street’s emergence as Denver’s “Ambassador Street” and the anchor of Denver’s cultural assets. SPIRE also benefits from the recently formed Denver Theater District and the \$20 million 14th Street Initiative, a streetscape and place making project.

RNL Design and JE Dunn Construction teamed with Nichols to design and build a model of sustainable and attainable condominium living, keeping the environment in mind with every decision.

Proximity to downtown shops, restaurants, theaters, stadiums and light rail stops will give Spire homeowner’s an additional environmental benefit.

In addition to walking and transit options, Spire will host a B-cycle station for Denver’s innovative bike-sharing program, set to launch this summer. Plans also include a Connect by Hertz retail location at Spire, providing residents with an hourly

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SPIRE — Tetyana Hinkson, manager of investor relations for Level 3 Communications, and Christopher Crosby, executive vice president of the Nichols Partnership, had their own display of the new Spire Development Wednesday. Denver Daily News photo by Kristie Hannon.

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car-sharing service and enhancing Spire's car-optional community. Connect by Hertz will offer pay-as-you-go rental of energy efficient vehicles such as a Prius, hybrid Camry or Mini Cooper for as little as \$8.50 per hour.

Spire residents will enjoy more than 35,000 square feet of private amenity space, including an expansive fitness center, screening room and multiple clubrooms adjacent to an outdoor terrace with pools, spas, grilling areas and a fire pit. The pet-friendly project will include a dog park dubbed the "Puppy Penthouse," complete with a puppy splash pool.

The community's ground floor will include about 9,000 square feet of retail and restaurant space. Twenty-four hour front desk and security service, a 9th floor grocery and dry cleaning drop-off and pick-up area, and furnished Spire suites for homeowner guests are just a few of the additional amenities.

Spire's 496 residences will boast views of the Denver skyline and the Rocky Mountains, through windows that stretch 10 feet from floor to ceiling. Residences range from \$212,000 to more than \$1 million, with approximately 60 percent of the units priced at \$400,000. Units range from 758 square foot, one-bedroom condos to 2,143 square foot, three-bedroom residences.

Spire will be completed in November 2009. Sales information and virtual tours of the property are available at www.spiredenver.com.