## MODERN HOMES

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# Dream a little dream

rench for "great dream", Grand Reve is becoming a reality in north-west Sydney. The eye-catching collection of nearly 200 high-end apartments in the Hills district is designed by acclaimed practice Turner Studio. Two towers, rising 12 and 16 storeys, are set above a podium with a brick facade softened by lush landscaping by Arcadia Landscape Architecture.

The impressive range of residences, from studios to spacious threebedroom sky-homes and split-level townhouse-style apartments, has drawn interest from first-home buyers, young professionals, families and downsizers.

Adam Sparkes, associate director at McGrath Projects, says the project by developer Kassis Homes has also attracted the attention of investors, who are starting to return to the offthe-plan apartment market in greater numbers.

"There's such a variety to choose from, with some really large studios priced at \$560,000 and \$575,000 as well as some residences with their own private garden entry that have



First-home buyers may be eligible for a \$10,000 government grant when buying a studio or one-bed apartment in the Grand Reve development in Castle Hill.

been appealing to first-home buyers," Sparkes says.

The largest one-bedroom apartment is 115 square metres in total, including a 51-square-metre private garden entrance.

"For first-home buyers, they can buy now with a 10 per cent deposit. It's almost 'set and forget', with a two-year time frame for completion." First-time buyers who buy a new

home for \$750,000 or less could be eligible for a \$10,000 government grant. Stamp duty exemptions and concessions are also available. Turner Studio took inspiration for the apartment interiors from the lightness of clouds and the building's curves. Renders reveal rounded accents in the joinery, glamorous spherical wall sconces and sheer curtains over black-framed windows. Strata levies are kept low by limiting communal areas to a selection of beautifully landscaped 8 and 18 Garthowen Crescent, Castle Hill Architect and interior designer: Turner Studio **Developer:** Kassis Homes Landscape designer: Arcadia Landscape Architecture Number of apartments: 196, with 86 in the initial launch, including a mix of studios, and one, two and three-bedroom apartments Internal size (sqm): Studio 40-42; one-bed 50-88; two-bed 74-114: three-bed 95-138 External size (sqm): Studio 38-47; one-bed 7-51; two-bed 13-46; three-bed 15-128 Prices: Studio \$560,000-\$575,000; one-bed \$655,000-\$725,000; two-bed \$835,000-\$1.295m; three-bed \$1.295m-\$1.825m Completion: Mid-2023 Agent: McGrath Projects 1300 085 888, Adam Sparkes 0413 064 319 Open for inspection: A display suite at Shop 233<sub>B</sub>. 279 Old Northern Road, Castle Mall in Castle Hill is open daily from 10am to 4pm

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About a quarter of the homes in the project's initial release have sold. Many of the early buyers already live in the Hills district.



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etween Bondi Junction's retail heartland and Centennial Park, a new apartment development delivers luxurious finishes with a nod to the past. Peter Campbell, managing director of Lindsay Bennelong, says Whitton Lane creates a new and engaging community focal point for the rapidly gentrifying precinct. "We wanted it to feel warm and

inviting, merging the luxury residential element with an urban sensibility and European laneway feel," Campbell says. "Integral to this vision was the fastidious selection of rich, beautiful materials such as facade bricks sourced from Italy." The architecture takes its cues from The Old Boot Factory, a heritagelisted building nearby. Highlights include engineered European oak floorboards, timber, aged metal, concrete and floor-to-ceiling glass. Whitton Lane also has electric vehicle charging and two car-share vehicles owned by the strata.



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#### At a glance

Whitton Lane

18 Spring Street. **Bondi Junction** Architect: DJRD Architects and Jackson Clements **Burrows Architects** Interior designer: JCT Architects Developer: Lindsay Bennelong Landscape designer: Place Design Group Number of apartments: 122: 31 one-bed; 63 twobed: 28 three-bed Prices: One-bed \$865,000-\$1.175m; two-bed \$1.535m-\$1.985m; threebed \$2 095m-\$3m Completion: November 2021 Agent: Tina Bone, 0452 238 070 Open for inspection: A display at 350 Oxford Street, Bondi Junction, is open from Wednesday to Sunday from noon to 3pm or by appointment.



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A display suite is open by appointment only, Covid safe practices, for a one on one meeting to view all the finishes, and for you to make your individualised selection.

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