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## TOTEM OFFERS A WALKER'S PARADISE WITH A DESIGN EDGE in condo living

**T**otem is exclusive and uncompromising with a definite edge in cosmopolitan condo living – in fact it has edges, angles, blocks --an architectural package that combines old and new creating a one-of-a-kind structure and a unique living experience in Toronto's competitive condo market.

With a heritage building forming its base, Totem easily nestles into the surrounding community at 17 Dundonald at Yonge/Wellesley. Its individuality is unmistakable with a list of features providing a definite advantage.

Worsley Urban Partners introduces Totem where it maintains sensitivity to the urban fabric of the community with a strong emphasis on architectural style, quality of workmanship and overall design. Describing the 18-storey project as a "boutique highrise," Worsley's Dino Longo says Totem offers

character and personality but within a size that keeps it definitive and distinct, and floor plans – dozens of them – with diverse layouts. "This isn't just four walls, and it's far from the cookie cutter condos we see. We've invested a lot of character in the materials and the design – inside and out."

A first in the Toronto marketplace, Totem provides residents with their own private subway entrance to Wellesley station, without a step outside. Totem also scored a perfect 100 in the city's walkability test on [walkscore.com](http://walkscore.com). That makes Totem



“a walker’s paradise.” And here’s why – only 10 to 200 metres to restaurants, coffee shop, pubs, grocery stores, parks, schools, shopping, entertainment. Nearby are Ryerson and U of T or stroll over to Yorkville, College Park and Yonge-Dundas Square. It’s also a “rider’s paradise” putting it within reach of world-class public transportation—bus, rail and subway, along with car-sharing and bike-sharing services.

Within, Totem offers stellar amenities including a rooftop oasis with killer views, sculpting gym/fitness space, beautiful bar and lounge, and private dining room.

These spaces offer the perfect place to host a party, gather with friends, or just curl up with a book on a quiet Saturday afternoon. Kick it with cardio or work on that sleek six-pack in Totem’s well-equipped fitness space. Larger than most condo gyms, it features free weights, stationary bikes, treadmills, elliptical trainers, yoga and Pilates equipment and more. The rooftop opens up onto a large outdoor terrace with sophisticated urban landscaping, more seating and heavy-duty gas barbecues ideal for summer entertaining. Concierge services with secured entry breathe privacy and security into this essay in urban living.

Totem brings mid-century modern face-to-face with the new millennium by incorporating the existing 1950s heritage property on site. Inspired by Manhattan’s award-winning New Museum, RAW Design Architects combines elegance and urbanism, movement and modern lines, creating a dynamic structure that brings a fresh presence to a quaint downtown street lined with Victorian homes. It reaches for the sky in a series of stacked boxes – contemporary cubist architecture executed to perfection. This isn’t just another generic glass tower, it’s a rich, thoughtful addition to the

architectural texture of the city with bold stone cladding contrasting the sleek glass and steel of the rest of the building.

“Totem was designed as a modest insertion into a dense urban environment. The stepping of each volume is planned as a subtle response to the context and to potential views into and out of the site,” explains Roland Rom Colthoff, director, RAW Design.

Joining Worsley and RAW on the project is Union31 Interior Design, known for discovering opportunity in the unexpected to create memorable, cosmopolitan spaces.

This is Totem. From the mid \$200’s with studio, one-, two- and three-bedroom suites with terraces from 70 to 585 sq. ft. This is living.

**The preview opening takes place this weekend. See the one-bedroom-plus-den model suite designed by Alex Chapman of Union31. The Totem presentation centre is located at 17 Dundonald St. at Yonge Street. Hours are Monday to Thursday noon to 6 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday noon to 5 p.m.; closed Fridays and holidays. For more information visit [totemcondos.com](http://totemcondos.com) or call 416.792.1877**