

URBAN SPACES

TRILBY

The selling point

Highly thoughtful apartments designed with respect for neighbourhood heritage on one of Melbourne's most vibrant shopping and eating streets.

The release of Trilby, at 466-482 Smith Street, has triggered an immediate response from buyers looking for savvy design in one of Melbourne's most appealing city-fringe precincts.

Nearly half of the project's 106 one, two and three-bedroom apartments sold or were reserved on the weekend following the opening of Trilby's display, with prices starting at \$370,000.

Drawing inspiration from the light industrial heritage of its Collingwood neighbourhood, the new nine-level residential development continues Smith Street's red brick retail tradition. It has three shops and a café within the extension of the site's original warehouse façade, with a backdrop of contemporary apartments rising in stepped levels above.

Typical of developer Spec Property's boutique approach, Trilby includes an eclectic selection of apartment forms. There are 19 one, two and three-bedroom double-storey lofts on levels one and two, terrace apartments on level three with large single-level floor plans of up to 72 square metres and terraces of up to 63 square metres. "Sky homes" on levels eight and nine have views of the city.

On levels four to seven, one and two-bedroom apartments offer a choice of

views east to the Dandenong ranges or down Smith Street to the city.

Architect Ariel Lopez of Inhabit Design, Spec Property's design arm, says the design pays tribute to the project's locality in form and materials, inside and out.

"It is a respectful answer for a higher density development to integrate the building within the heritage streetscape," Ariel says.

Exterior finishes include red brick, bronzed glass, exposed concrete and metal elements with the appearance of weathered copper.

Moody and stylish interiors feature light and dark schemes with wool carpets, wide oak floorboards, porcelain benchtops and custom-designed European birch ply joinery in kitchens, bathrooms and bedrooms with the choice of living area storage. Home automation is available to control audio, heating, cooling and blinds and includes a Sonos sound bar and iPad controller.

Bathrooms include Italian porcelain tiling, porcelain-topped birch-ply vanity with a recessed appliance bay; four sets of open shelving, mirrored shaving cabinet, and aged bronze tapware and accessories.

Two basement levels include storage, 55 on-ground car parks and 122 bicycle bays. ●

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Location, location

On the city's edge, Trilby is 2.5 kilometres north-east of the CBD. The route 86 tram passes the front door and Copenhagen-style bicycle lanes are under construction nearby along Wellington Street, creating a safer city cycling route. Fitzroy Pool is 650 metres away.

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THE BUILD

Address \ 466-482 Smith Street, Collingwood

Developer \ Spec Property

Building and interior design \ Inhabit Design

Sales \ Malinda Martin 0428 935 530 or James Brooksby 0499 041 377

Display \ 410 Smith Street, Collingwood

Open \ noon-4pm Thursday to Tuesday

» trilbysmithstreet.com.au

Living area \ 45-95 square metres

Outdoor space \ 7.6-63.4 square metres

Facilities \ Landscaped rooftop with kitchen and dining, outdoor lounge cinema, teppanyaki bar, table tennis and vegetable garden

Pricing guide \

One-bedroom \$370,000 – \$537,000

Two-bedroom \$680,000 – \$730,000

Three-bedroom \$859,000 – \$1,025,000



ROOFTOP

High above Collingwood, Trilby's landscaped rooftop garden will have expansive views to the city and surrounding suburbs.

The rooftop zone is packed with options for residents to relax and unwind, entertain and get to know their neighbours while soaking in the sights.

People can gather around an outdoor teppanyaki bar, watch movies under the stars at an outdoor cinema, play table tennis in the sun and grow their own vegetables and herbs.

With an indoor-to-outdoor kitchen and private dining area, entertaining can take on a new dimension. ●



LOFTS

Popular in previous Spec Property developments, including Helio in North Melbourne, double-storey lofts are attracting attention at Trilby too, with 11 of 19 sold or reserved on the first weekend.

Trilby's wide variety of loft plans range from one to three bedrooms and include seven one-bedroom and study, and eight two-bedroom, two-bathroom layouts.

All have a lower-level, open-plan kitchen, dining and living area connecting to a balcony, with powder room and laundry. Straight or circular stairs lead to upper-level bedrooms and bathrooms. ●



KITCHEN

Inhabit Design's creative intelligence comes to the fore in Trilby's kitchens, where European birch ply and grey and white perforated 2pac joinery express the project's semi-industrial aesthetic.

Durable, stain and scratch-resistant European porcelain tops the benches with white vertical subway tiled splashbacks and an island bench in powder-coated steel with birch ply joinery and porcelain top in larger apartments. Smeg appliances include a gas cooktop, underbench oven, concealed rangehood and integrated dishwasher. Storage is a priority with kickboards becoming ingenious kick drawers. ●