

Condo has an Aura of 'big'

Canada's tallest condo will glow at Yonge and Gerrard

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Canada's tallest condo is expected to start rising Friday over Yonge and Gerrard Sts., with the official ground-breaking for Aura.

Launched hot on the heels of the first incarnation of the 1 Bloor condo back in 2007, Aura has weathered the recession and is 97%

sold. Meanwhile, 1 Bloor has gone on to a new owner, now called One Bloor, and buyers are expected to have a chance to buy back into the building in April.

The 75-storey Aura building, which at 243 metres claims to be the city's tallest purely residential condo, still has a penthouse available for a cool \$17.5 million.

"These guys went through

the recession," spokesman Danny Roth said Tuesday.

Roth was tight-lipped about any other details ahead of Friday's ground-breaking.

Back in 2007, when the plans for the condo were unveiled at College Park, the developer said Aura would be significantly larger than any other condo in the country.

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The tallest condo in Canada is set to rise on the northwest corner of Yonge St. at Gerrard St. The residential building will boast 75 storeys and a \$17.5-million penthouse.

New map app beats the PATH



Roxana Vasquez holds her iPhone with the Map the Path app she designed for the device. It allows users to find their way around the 28 km of the PATH system.

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A Toronto woman has developed an application to turn your iPhone into an iPATH-finder through Toronto's underground labyrinth of shops.

Roxana Vasquez, founder of BonceWorks, said she got the idea for Map the Path after noticing a common trend among people wandering through the city's PATH system.

"A lot of people walking around the PATH area seemed to be lost," she said Tuesday.

The app gives users an overview of the 28 km of walkways connecting the 50 buildings within the PATH system and helps people find the businesses they are looking for underground.

Originally from Lima, Peru, Vasquez, 33, said she has worked in online marketing and she knows "mobile is the future."

The free application launched Monday has been downloaded by about 150 people so far but could be used by a huge audience considering the PATH system accommodates about 100,000 commuters a day along with thousands of tourists and residents. She hopes that as Torontonians download it and use it, they'll be able to give her feedback on how to improve the program.

To get your copy of Map the Path, go to mapthepath.com.

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