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The market remains resilient as new site openings continue and a greater number of new openings are planned for the coming fall months.

Trimart's Top 5 Builders are as follows (ranked based on the number of low-rise up to four-storey sales year-to-date 2018): 1. Mattamy Homes 2. Tribute Communities 3. Paradise Homes 4. Pratt Homes 5. Kaitlin Group.

Many communities north of the GTA such as Alliston continue to experience positive housing growth as affordability and community lifestyles are influencing new home purchasing decisions.

Examples of notable sites are Kingscrest Estate in Oakville by Fernbrook Homes; Hawthorne South Village in Milton by Mattamy Homes; Kings Gate Alliston by Oxnard Homes; Orchard West in Bowmanville by Picture Homes; and, Pavilia Park Towns in Markham by Times Group Corporation.



Alliston

Kings Gate Alliston Oxnard Homes

Prices range from \$459,990 to \$584,990/1,068 to 2,197 sq. ft. Freehold townhomes and semi-detached homes
www.oxnarddevelopments.com



Bowmanville

Orchard West Picture Homes

Prices range from \$622,900 to 674,900/1,530 to 2,119 sq. ft. Detached homes on 33' lots
www.picturehomesonline.com



Markham

Pavilia Park Towns Times Group Corporation

Prices Range from \$1,350,000 to \$1,512,000/2,039 to 3,110 sq. ft. Freehold townhomes
www.paviliapark.com



Oakville

Kingscrest Estates Fernbrook Homes

Prices Range from \$3,350,000 to \$3,900,000/5,336 to 6,581 sq. ft. Detached homes on 100' lots
www.kingscrestestates.com



Milton

Hawthorne South Village Mattamy Homes

Prices range from \$530,990 to \$1,105,990/1,443 to 3,517 sq. ft. Freehold townhomes, detached homes on 30', 36' and 43' lots
www.mattamyhomes.com



At the capping off ceremony of Eau Du Soleil's two tower condo (50 storeys and 67 storeys each). The condo is quite likely the biggest construction site in Toronto right now.

Empire caps off milestone project at Etobicoke waterfront

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Empire Communities celebrated a milestone occasion at one of its signature projects on Sept. 14 — Eau Du Soleil along the Etobicoke Waterfront.

Empire recently completed the roof of the Water Tower, with the topping off of the Sky tower to come late this year.

The development at the foot of Park Lawn and Lakeshore boasts two towers — the Water Tower, at 50 storeys, and the Sky Tower at 67 — with a total of 1,285 residential units, from 400 to 2,000 sq. ft., one-bedroom plus den to three-bedroom units.

Add 55,000 sq. ft. of commercial space — retailers, restaurants and more — over three floors, and you have the makings of a new self-contained, lakefront community.

For Empire, and for this part of the Etobicoke area of Toronto, it's a significant event.

"This is the biggest project in the history of Empire," Tim Royds, chief operating officer, told the Toronto Sun. "And quite likely the biggest construction site in the city

right now."

The project is about 99 per cent sold, Royds says, with only a handful of large terrace suites and penthouses available.

Eau Du Soleil residents are expected to begin moving in February 2019, and will likely continue for about a year.

Located in the Humber Bay Shores neighbourhood, Eau Du Soleil's lakeside address boasts views of downtown Toronto and Lake Ontario, and west to Mississauga and beyond.

Building amenities will include a fitness centre, 24-hour concierge, indoor saltwater pool and hot tub, terrace with outdoor barbecues, party and theatre rooms, and a public park space.

Driving along the Gardiner Expressway or Lake Shore Boulevard, or cycling along the Martin Goodman Trail by the lake, the two towers with sloped rooftops create a striking impression.

"For this community here by the lake, it helps bookend the area's development," says Royds. "It's really the last piece to go on the waterfront, and it's the biggest."

"From an architectural design, in my estimation it's the nicest design of all the

buildings down here, so it really is a way to finish off this community."

"We're firm believers in this area — the Humber Shores neighbourhood in South Etobicoke is a hidden gem," adds Sue MacKay, vice-president of marketing for Empire.

"The proximity to the city and the downtown core... you're close but you're not right in it. And the ability to access Yonge and Front in 15 minutes on your bike, or the Mimico GO Station or other transit... You have the ability to move around easily, and that's attractive."

Empire is celebrating its 25th anniversary this year, and nearing completion at Eau Du Soleil is an important step for the company, one of the largest real estate developers in Canada.

"It's funny, you have your head down and you're doing your day-to-day work, and you sometimes forget the magnitude of what we've undertaken with this site," says MacKay. "It's days like this and we all celebrate together and you see the massive volume of people that are on the site and are part of it to actually make it happen. It's a pretty proud moment for us."

Information provided by Trimart Research Corporation. Prices and features subject to change. For more information or to list a new site opening, contact Trimart Corporation at admin@trimart.ca.

