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FIFTEEN TWENTY-ONE SECOND AVENUE | seattle

City condos provide a unique experience for families

Fifteen Twenty-One Second Avenue is the city's first residential tower with only two-bedroom condominiums, creating the effect of having a penthouse on every level.

Average home prices are more than \$1.75 million, and sales representatives expect to attract affluent professionals, second-home buyers from out of state, and move-down buyers.

Fifteen Twenty-One Second Avenue is 87 percent sold out. More than 40 children live there.

"It was a wonderful surprise to see how many families reside in our community — I just love to see the children," says Sandy Justen, a community sales associate at Realogics Sotheby's International Realty and a Fifteen Twenty-One Second Avenue homeowner. "Those are some lucky kids to grow up with a view like that and to experience the city life at such a young age."

During the past year, seven newborns were living in the community. "Our homeowners don't have to fight the commute in the morning or tend to the domestic duties of a single-family home," Justen says. "I think that makes for more family time, so I'm all for it."

Homeowners Daniel Shih and Ted MacGovern say the lifestyle available at Fifteen Twenty-One Second Avenue dispels any belief that the city is impractical for



View these homes

Open 11 a.m.-6 p.m. daily and by appointment at 1521 Second Ave., Seattle

Prices

From less than \$1 million

Information

206-443-1521 or fifteentwentyone.com

families with children.

"If anything, being in a condominium has enhanced our family experience by allowing us to spend more quality time together and to go regularly to nearby museums, parks, Seattle Center, festivals and parades," Shih says. "Everyone in the building knows our kids, so they

are growing up with a true village around them."

Asa and Jim Rottsoik agree. "We live here with our 15-year-old son, who just started high school," says Asa. "He loves it as well. He gained independence overnight, since he now easily can take the bus everywhere. His friends enjoy coming downtown and they visit the food vendors in the market and go to the movies. He uses the gym in the building but also frequently walks to the Seattle Athletic Club to play basketball."

Carol Stockton and Jeff Robinson say the home they chose at Fifteen Twenty-One Second Avenue meets their needs as parents of a college-age daughter.

"The floor plan we chose made it possible for us to create a space for our daughter when she comes to visit, but didn't require us to purchase a third bedroom — this was a major consideration," Stockton says.

Concierges at Fifteen Twenty-One Second Avenue have helped the youngest residents get acquainted by organizing toddler meet-and-greet events and day trips for parents and nannies.

"We have so much to offer families — there's always something entertaining going on in the city," says Kacie Hankins, a concierge at Fifteen Twenty-One Second Avenue. "And it's only going to get better with the new waterfront at our doorstep."