

SUBMISSIONS | MID-RISE BUILDINGS IN CONTEXT

Project Title

Domain

Address

319 Merton Street

Project Team

Architecture/Urban Design: E.I.

Richmond Architects

Landscape Architecture: PMA

Landscape Design

Developer/Owner/Client

Monarch Corporation



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Domain's 13- and 14-storey buildings are anchored by a two-storey podium and share an extensively landscaped garden. These striking condominiums created from red brick, aqua-tinged windows and pre-cast trim complete the frontage along tree-lined Merton Street and wrap around to Mt. Pleasant, fitting in seamlessly with their midtown surroundings and providing a pedestrian feel to the corner. Each Domain suite features a patio, terrace or balcony with views of the city and green spaces. Curved, pre-cast balconies with architectural spindles that look as though they've been turned on a lathe run vertically down the centre of each tower's northwest elevation. Clear, stepped-back balconies add a modern component to the traditional building aspects, and occasional wrought-iron railings punctuate with contrast. Expansive windows give the buildings' exteriors a lightness that balances their extensive masonry work. Both buildings culminate in stunning articulated rooflines with decorative caps that distinguish Domain without dominating the area.

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