

# Green-friendly high-rise opens in River North

**APARTMENT WATCH |** Recycled building materials used; building topped by landscaped terraces

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River North's newest rental high-rise, EnV, recently opened. The 28-story building has 249 apartments plus 27,000 square feet of retail space as well as attached indoor parking with Zipcar access.

The developer, Texas-based Lynd Development, has applied for certification by the United States Green Building Council as a Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) project.

Some of the eco-friendly features include a green space on the roof with several landscaped terraces, energy-efficient windows, Energy-Star-rated kitchen appliances and bamboo flooring.

"The builders used predominately recycled building materials and low-VOC paint inside apartments," said Ann Gentile, director of marketing and leasing at EnV.

Rents for studios range from \$1,700 to \$2,150, 1-bedrooms from \$2,450 to \$3,128, and 2-bedrooms from \$3,122 to \$3,703. Utilities, cable TV and high-speed Internet are included.

"Most of the apartments have balconies with great views of the city and lake," Gentile said.

As expected, the new rental high-rise, 161 W.



## QUICK PEEK

**What:** EnV Chicago Luxury Apartments, 161 W. Kinzie

**Rents:** Studios, 1- and 2-bedrooms from \$1,700 to \$3,703

**Amenities:** Outdoor pool; clubhouse, media room, fitness center, dog run

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Kinzie, has plenty of luxury amenities to keep renters happy.

On the rooftop, amenities include: outdoor pool and terraces, 24-hour fitness center with floor-to-ceiling windows, cabanas and chaise lounges; fire pit; a club room with a gourmet kitchen, and oversized



Brandon Carone and Shabbir Helaly rent a huge penthouse at EnV Chicago, a new, 28-story rental high-rise in River North. "It was the most unique location we could find. We looked all over the city," said Carone. | JEAN LACHAT-SUN-TIMES

couches and other seating areas. The rooftop also offers renters private wine lockers to store their wine.

On the seventh floor, there's a dog run, media room, an area with sitting and complimentary Starbucks coffee and tea and Wi-Fi access, outdoor terrace with chaise lounges and beautiful landscaping and a barbecue grill area.

Gentile says EnV caters to the lives of the affluent and young professionals in Chicago. "It's a modern high-rise that provides an

elevated level of comfort, convenience and style," Gentile said.

"The location is great, just steps away from the most buzzworthy restaurants, galleries and nightlife," Gentile said. "It's right in the middle of downtown and you can easily walk to work, restaurants, hot bars and grocery stores."

To keep renters entertained without leaving the building, the management staff offers get-together such as Yappy Hour (a pet-friendly cocktail hour) wine

tastings, cooking classes and holiday-themed parties.

One of the first renters to move into EnV is 26-year-old Brandon Carone. He rents a penthouse with roommate Shabbir Helaly, 31, and Coco, a Teacup Yorkshire Terrier.

"It's a very large penthouse and has two large master bedroom suites, a huge office and a huge space for entertaining," said Carone, a director of business development for the LLC that owns the Enclave and Cuvee nightclubs. Helaly is vice president of sales for

an online marketing firm.

"The whole penthouse has floor-to-ceiling windows and we have a large balcony," Carone said.

Carone says he decided to rent at EnV because of its great location. "It was the most unique location we could find," Carone said. "We looked all over the city and at numerous units and buildings."

"We chose the EnV penthouse because of its unique views and the lifestyle building amenities and concierge services," Carone said.