

KITS TAP INTO KIDS' CREATIVITY

Construction toys have long served a dual purpose of engaging children in creative play while developing their design skills. South Korean design studio G280 has taken a cue from those construction sets — specifically, Meccano — in the hope of one day selling its own kit of parts called Toniture (a combination of “toy” and “furniture”). Initially designed for DD238, a South Korean children’s activity centre, Toniture



A Toniture kit. G280 DESIGN

is composed of large pieces made of high-density fibreboard and steel, which can be easily assembled with knob bolts perfectly sized for little hands, reports Contemporis. No other tools are required. Sunghyeop Seo and Han Sujeong, the team behind G280, explain that with Toniture, young ones can construct abstract animals, furniture items, play structures or whatever their imaginations will allow. Postmedia News

SUITES OFFER A CHANGE OF PACE

Hyde Park View features award-winning age-in-place design to meet residents’ every need



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After maintaining a large family home for 30 or 40 years, the prospect of carefree condominium living appeals to many senior homeowners. For those who think their condo choices are limited to either buying or renting, here’s a third option to consider: a life lease. Life lease suites are proving very popular at Hyde Park View, an award-winning adult housing development located at 333 Slimmon Place in Rosewood, adjacent to the Lakewood Suburban Centre. The four-storey residence is the latest project from Elim Lodge Inc., a charitable organization with a mandate to provide Saskatonians with affordable housing. Greg Foley, executive director of Elim Lodge, explains the difference between purchasing a condominium unit and a life lease. “When you buy a condominium, you own a piece of that building. Your name is on the title and you’re responsible for the overall maintenance of the building. When you buy a life lease, you’re buying the right to occupy that suite as long as you wish — but we own the building. The maintenance and upkeep is our responsibility.” Life lease pricing at Hyde Park

View is based on the size of each suite. Only six of the 100 life lease suites are still available, ranging in price from \$289,000 to \$360,000. All remaining units are one-bedroom-plus den floor plans, sized from 820 to 1,020 square feet. With a life lease, residents never have to worry about recouping their investment, says Foley. “When people decide it’s time to move out, they conclude their lease and receive their money back within 90 days of vacating the suite.” Thanks to its innovative “age-in-place” design, Hyde Park View promises to satisfy both the present and future needs of its residents. “People can move in here with the idea that this is the last home they ever require,” says Foley. Age-in-place design features include ensuite bathrooms with custom-tiled barrier-free walk-in showers, comfort-height toilets, 35-inch doorways, spacious hallways and quality flooring with minimum transitions to reduce the risk of falls. The project earned Charles Olfert and aodbt architecture and interior design an honourable mention at the 2017 Premier’s Awards of Excellence in Design, in September of this year. SEE HYDE PARK VIEW ON E3

Hyde Park View is the newest adult housing development by Elim Lodge Inc. The building, located at 333 Slimmon Place in the Lakewood Suburban Centre, offers the ambience of a luxury hotel, featuring 100 life lease suites.



The life lease suites at Hyde Park View include luxuriously appointed bathrooms with barrier-free walk-in custom tiled showers and 35-inch doorways.

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