



Digging is to begin in a matter of weeks on the Horizon triplex by KF Construction, part of Phase 1 of Habitat Veridis. The 24 triplexes sell for about \$695,000 each and half of them have already been sold. *ARTIST'S RENDERING COURTESY OF HABITAT VERIDIS*

## Habitat Veridis features a variety of homes, but the developers will maintain strict controls on architectural styles

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But the flurry of construction activity will be tightly controlled, Michel Benatar said. "It's very important for us to manage what the builders are doing. We only chose quality builders and we approve their models. They can't build (just) anything they want. That's our condition."

Styles will be a mix of traditional

and contemporary — lots of windows, clay bricks or concrete, and various stone finishes and colours. Strict controls on a variety of architectural styles is vital, Bouhadana said, so that the look and the neighbourhoods maintain their allure for many years to come.

"Nothing will look disjointed, and these properties will definitely retain and grow in value.

"We want to create a flavour here

— to control development, not just sell houses."

Condo buildings will line René-Laennec Blvd., which will be extended through the project between des Lacasse and des Perron Aves., with public bus routes right through the neighbourhood. Families will also be drawn to two established neighbourhood schools — the French École Sainte-Béatrice and the English Terry Fox School

— easily and safely accessible on foot or via bike path.

Phase 2 will rise on the northern sector, which will include more triplexes and townhouses.

"Phase 2 will also have a lot of green spaces," Alexandre Bouhadana said. "The land is big and the lots are large, averaging 7,500 square feet."

In fact, both phases put a premium on space.

"People are looking for space, they don't want to live in the city on top of their neighbours, and that's been the case in too many Laval and North Shore developments, so we built our homes further apart," Benatar explained.

"We made that choice, to offer breathing room."

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