editor'schoice

CAMELOT II

Luxury living with a conscience



hen flipping through HOMES magazines like this one, do you sigh at the glossy pages of sprawling country mansions and think that they're out of reach and that you should be more realistic? Despite their curb appeal, there is a perception that sprawling new homes are just too much — unaffordable, inaccessible and environmentally insensitive.

Bruno Schickedanz, CEO of Master Builder BGS Homes, is passionate to prove just the opposite. He wants homebuyers to know they can have it all — lavish space, gorgeous views and proximity to all the amenities, while actually saving money and decreasing their carbon footprint.

The recently launched Camelot II is without a doubt the sparkling jewel in the BGS Homes crown. The development represents a combination of new technologies, deluxe finishes and expert workmanship. Set amidst rolling emerald-green hills reminiscent of Schickedanz' European homeland, the stately homes are built on sweeping one-acre estate lots. Living spaces range from a relatively modest 2,000 square feet to an opulent 32,000-square-foot model aptly named The Castle of Lords.

"We built these homes with a modern homeowner's wish list in mind," says Schickedanz. Expansive, state-ofthe-art kitchens, oversized baths, home theatres and many walk-in closets are standard features at Camelot II, but it's easy to further customize your new home. Add a custom lighted make-up vanity to the master ensuite, or open up a wall to enlarge the great room for parties. Prices start at \$699,000, which is competitive by prestige home standards. But what really makes the Camelot II unique is the builder's commitment to LEED certification, energy-efficiency and Smart features.



It's not easy or inexpensive to embrace the latest green technology; but the BGS team felt it was well worth it. The coveted LEED (Leadership in Environmental and Energy Design) status means its homes must meet 19 mandatory measures in human and environmental health. At Camelot II, high-tech ventilation produces lower toxic emissions and maintains superior fresh airflow; solar energy is harnessed; and geothermal heating/cooling, currently employed in only a fraction of Ontario buildings, is used. The added benefit is significant savings on your monthly energy bills.

Environmental considerations aside, homes at Camelot II promises the ultimate in comfort and convenience. Lighting, sound, temperature, security and more are controlled at the touch of a button. These features can be set and monitored via the Internet from anywhere in the world. Even the garages are clever, with dedicated docking stations for recharging the new electric vehicles soon to be released by major automobile manufacturers.

It's no wonder that the new community in picturesque Claremont (at Highway 407, mere minutes from Markham, Pickering and Unionville) is expected to be every bit as successful as the original Camelot in Ballantrae. BGS Homes has finally made owning a luxury residence a guilt-free experience.

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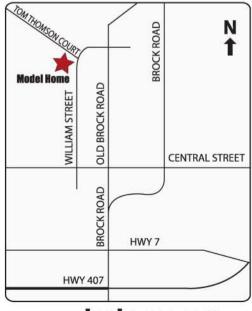
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