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Pro Con Inc. installing facade at \$6.8 million The Residences at Portwalk; Cathartes Private investments is the developer

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The installation of the brick facade and the Nichiha siding at the roofline is underway at The Residences at Portwalk, a \$6.8 million mixed-use apartment building in the historic district. Cathartes Private Investments is the developer of The Residences at Portwalk and Pro Con Inc is the architect and construction manager for the sustainable design build project. Upon completion, The Residences at Portwalk will apply to become LEED certified.

The 5-story, 52,000 s/f apartment building is located on Hanover St. and is part of Portwalk, a mixed use development that is situated between Deer St.'s retail district and Market Sq.

The Residences at Portwalk will offer natural light-filled open floor plans with various one and two bedroom design configurations, ranging in size from 720-s/f to 1169-s/f. The 36 upscale apartments will feature gourmet kitchens with wood cabinetry and granite counters, Energy Star stainless steel appliances, living/dining room or great room, and master bedroom suite with cultured marble vanity counter and shower surround, walk-in closet, laundry area and over-sized windows. Some floor plans include a raised ceiling and sliding terrace doors, offering views of the city. The Residences will have a private entrance with an elevator and a dedicated parking area.

"Work on the interiors of the apartment residences is also progressing on schedule," said Pro Con Inc's project manager. "Cabinetry, flooring, granite counter tops and plumbing fixtures are all being installed in the apartments starting with the top floor and working to the lower levels. The final paint and carpet finishes are scheduled to be completed by mid-September."

Cathartes and Pro Con have incorporated sustainable design into each phase of the construction process, as well as, the operation of the building. The environmentally beneficial strategies include using regional & recycled materials in construction, using low volatile organic compounds for the adhesives, paints, coatings and flooring materials, installing low-e windows with insulated glazing and placing high efficiency, energy saving heating units and appliances in each apartment. When fully built out, Portwalk be comprised of The Residence Inn by Marriott hotel and the Harbor Events and Conference Center, which were completed in 2010, and The Residences at Portwalk and the final phase which will include commercial and 9,400 s/f of ground level retail space. The buildings are connected by Portwalk Place, a two-lane, one-way, thoroughfare that is aligned with the Vaughan Mall walkway and creates a pedestrian loop connecting Congress St. with Deer St.

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