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Heading up in the world

Many Londoners are reaching dizzy new heights by increasingly moving skywards with their choice of home. By **Andrea Dean**

LONDON'S landscape is changing fast as growing numbers of high-rise towers puncture the skyline. When New London Architecture published its annual Tall Buildings Survey last April, it revealed that 587 towers of at least 20 storeys were in the pipeline. Ninety per cent of these are residential, potentially providing more than 91,000 new homes, and many more have received planning permission since.

New-build homes review website Homeviews (homeviews.com) reports that residents of tall buildings rate their homes more highly than those in lower-rise schemes, due to their design, facilities and of course, the views. Here, we take a look at some of London's rising stars.

Nearly half the new towers are in east London, with a huge concentration around Canary Wharf. At 239 metres (784ft) and 75 storeys high, **Landmark Pinnacle** is not only the tallest residential building in London but one of the highest in western Europe, featuring a 27th-floor play area, a 56th-floor gym and unparalleled views from the roof terrace at the top. The studio, one, two and three-bedroom apartments range from £559,000 to £1,621,750 via JLL (residential.jll.co.uk).

When complete, Far East Consortium's **Aspen** at Consort Place will extend to 65 storeys and include 495 studio, one, two and three-bedroom apartments, a wellness and fitness suite and an on-site hotel. From £554,500 (aspen-canarywharf.com). Staying in Canary Wharf,

56-storey **Harcourt Gardens** is the latest building to launch at Berkeley's South Quay Plaza, and its lifestyle amenities include a 20-metre swimming pool, a health spa with hot tubs on the terrace, co-working spaces, a bar, games and cinema rooms. One, two and three-bedroom homes are priced from £720,000



(berkeleygroup.co.uk). At nearby **Amory Tower**, soaring 53 storeys towards the sky, one and two-bedroom apartments are priced from £336,000 through JLL (as before), while **Wardian London**, comprising two towers of 55 and 50 storeys, has a 53rd-floor rooftop bar. From £585,000 for a studio (wardianlondon.com).

Vetro, by Rockwell, is a mixed-use scheme next to Westferry Docklands Light Railway station, with 68 homes over 30 floors. Eight one-bedroom flats, 33 two-bedroom flats and six duplex penthouses have just been released, from £499,950, through Johns & Co (johnsand.co).

Evergreen Point is the first phase of

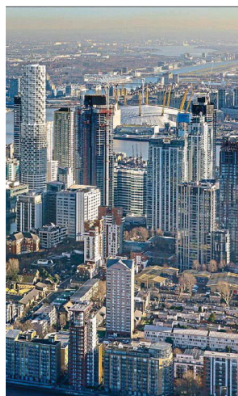
TwelveTrees Park in Newham, where Berkeley is transforming a disused brownfield site into a dynamic new neighbourhood of 3,838 homes. On completion, the 33-storey tower will be 109 metres (357ft) tall, and prices start at £542,500 for a studio, rising to £1,183,000 for a penthouse (berkeleygroup.co.uk).

At 135 metres (443ft) and 43 storeys, **One Bishopsgate Plaza**, the tallest residential tower in the Square Mile, comprises 160 one, two and three-bedroom flats - called Sky Residences - extending upwards from level 21, on top of Pan Pacific's first European hotel. Prices from £1.3 million (onebgp.com).

Berkeley's mixed-use **250 City Road** lies on the City fringes and includes two towers with an array of facilities. One-bedroom homes in 36-storey Valencia Tower are from £920,000 (250cityroad.co.uk).

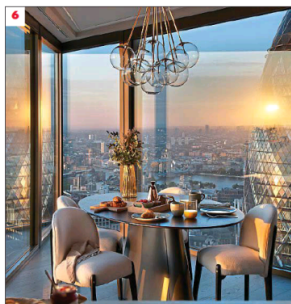
Across the river, 36-storey **One Casson Square** and 29-storey **Casson** are part of Southbank Place on the iconic Shell Centre site, at the apex of London's cultural quarter. Prices are from £880,000 for a studio and £4.55 million for a three-bedroom flat facing the Thames (southbank-place.com).

Between Marylebone and Little Venice, **West End Gate** is another development by prolific housebuilder Berkeley, which includes 29-storey The Westmark, looking out over Regent's Park and Hyde Park. One-bedroom flats are from £995,000 and two new penthouse



apartments launched recently (berkeleygroup.co.uk).

Thames City at Nine Elms (thamescity.com) will have 12 buildings offering more than 1,400 new homes plus shops, restaurants and commercial premises. The first building, 53-storey No 8, will be one of the city's tallest towers, while the second, 36-storey No 9, is newly unveiled. Prices from £799,999 (residential.jll.co.uk).



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7. Amory Tower
8. Thames City
9. Vetro
10. West End Gate

