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Designers Showcase - The Avondale and Mandarin Models At Citigate by Julian LeCraw

The Models: “OMG” is the typical reaction to the striking, ultra-modern, “luxé to the max” interiors of the two designer-outfitted model homes at Citigate, the new Southside community that is re-defining urban living with bold, sensual environments and fresh amenities. Currently, the Avondale, a one bedroom, one bath home with 804 SF floorplan and the Mandarin, a two bedroom, two bath, 1,097 SF floorplan offer new home seekers a delicious preview into the Citigate life.

The look and idea: One recent visitor to Citigate remarked that after touring umpteen other communities in Jacksonville, she could attest to the fact that there was nothing like Citigate in the area — that the homes in this new community have the feel of contemporary, luxury residences in Chicago or Atlanta. This observation perfectly reflects the vision of Citigate’s developer, award winning Julian LeCraw of Atlanta and the design sensibility of Johnna Barrett, an international designer, also based in Atlanta. Barrett Design created the interior designs for Citigate’s two model homes, as well as for its stunning CitiClub. Barrett prides itself on creating truly spectacular environments and Citigate is no exception. Barrett believes that spaces should evoke emotions and a sense of curiosity, so she uses the psychology of interiors and color theory to fashion environments that resonate emotionally. Rather than apartment-blah oak or Formica cabinets, the kitchens & baths in Citigate’s Avondale and Mandarin feature Modern Shaker style Espresso-finished wood cabinets set off by the sheen of a Kenmore stainless steel appliance package (including built-in microwave, ceramic-top electric range, dishwasher, refrigerator with ice & water dispensers) and polished chrome and brushed nickel fixtures. This subtle play of dark and light gives each home a chic spa-like serenity that is further enhanced by 2-step crown molding in both the dining & living spaces, 12 by 12 Ceramic tile floors in kitchen, baths and foyers and ceramic tile shower surrounds. Details definitely matter at Citigate, and none have been overlooked. Both the one and two bedroom floorplans feature a full size washer & dryer and cyber-desks, 2" wood grain blinds throughout, large walk-in closets and ceiling fans in living rooms and private terrace or balcony.

The Community: No other new community in Jacksonville offers the kind of innovative amenities that make Citigate the ultimate in contemporary, wired urban living. All day coffee service. Free Wi-Fi in common areas. Swimming pool with Dive-in Theatre (and underwater speakers!) Poolside cabanas and fire lounge, Athletic Club with cardio theatre, Lakeside Pavilion with iPod docks. Elevators in every building. Indoor Theatre. Cyber Café, Controlled Access Gates and Dog Park. The list goes on and on. Citigate’s location on the Southside, close to Tinseltown and St. John’s Town Center, as well the Butler/Southside nexus, makes it

ideal for short commutes and a non-stop social scene.

Final word: Since February, Citigate has experienced tremendous success. This means that people considering a change should make their move now up to Citigate's cool, urban lifestyle. Or at the very least, stop by for a personal tour and cup of coffee. Citigate offers 1, 2 & 3 bedroom floorplans (804–1,411 SF) with attached garages and storage rooms available.

Directions: From J. Turner Butler Boulevard, head north on Southside Blvd. Turn left at Gate Parkway. Citigate will be on your right.

For more information: Visit Citigate at 8451 Gate Parkway West or on the Web at www.Citigatejax.com. Call (904) 332-0780.

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