

Stolz Partners tops out condo mid-rises near Memorial Park, Upper Kirby

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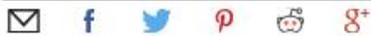


Photo: The Sophie At Bayou Bend



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A crane is used to place a 10-foot pine tree on the roof of The Sophie at Bayou Bend, a seven-story condo mid-rise at 6017 Memorial Drive. The ceremonial tree signifies the last beam being placed atop the building during its construction. [less](#)

Residential developer Stolz Partners has been busy putting up trees that would be look right at home in a decked-out holiday living room. Instead, the trees now decorate the tops of two separate condo projects that reached their final construction heights in December.

Stolz Partners on Monday hoisted a 10-foot pine tree to the roof of The Sophie at Bayou Bend, a seven-story development that will bring 39 condo units to 6017 Memorial Drive next year. The project, a few blocks east of Memorial Park overlooking Bayou Bend Collection and Gardens, is 60 percent presold.

Earlier this month in the Upper Kirby District, the developer celebrated the topping out of Giorgetti Houston near Kirby and Alabama. Both of the projects are set to open in winter 2019. Designed by Mirador Group and marketed by Sudhoff Cos., both midrises will offer private loggias with outdoor kitchens, an optional outdoor porch potty for pets, and private garages. Private terraces average more than 400 square-feet.

Condos in The Sophie range from 2,800 to 5,200 square feet and will have 10-foot ceilings. Prices start at \$1.6 million.

"The design inspiration for the project began by looking at art, architecture and fashion icons throughout history that have come to represent a 'classic contemporary' style that is timeless," Mirador Group principal Jerry Hooker said in an announcement. "Icons like the Chanel little black dress and classic New York apartment houses of Rosario Candela and Robert Stern gave way to the inspiration behind the architecture, interiors and landscape architecture. Even the name 'The Sophie' stems from the word 'sophistication.' "

Amenities will include a resistance pool; a fitness center with virtual yoga studio; a private lounge with a coffee bar; private garages; a dog park; and 24/7 concierge and porter services.

"The Sophie's presale success speaks to market preferences," Sudhoff Cos. CEO Jacob Sudhoff said. "Graciously sized residences with expansive outdoor terraces, pe