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WHAT’S IN A DEN?

Many floor plans at new construction or rehabbed buildings boast a den. But are dens still used at dens? Sometimes yes. But today many buyers opt to use this extra space to personalize their homes by using them for pursuing a passion, be it music listening, movie watching, reading, sewing, working, sipping wine or smoking a cigar. Builders and designers are happy to help buyers turn this extra space into the ultimate personal space.

Dens being used in a multitude of ways, according to Genna Hill, sales manager with @ Properties, the exclusive sales and marketing agent for Ten East Delaware.

“We’ve turned dens into cigar rooms with appropriate exhaust, humidors and ventilation,” she said. “We’ve also done wine storage, the wine cellar scenario, to house 200 bottles of wine. We’ve done a home theater but enlarged the den to accommodate the theater.”

Buyers at Ten East Delaware, a 35-story condominium building, also have used the den space as a yoga room for meditation and a library with dark paneling and bookshelves, she said. One buyer even used it to create “every woman’s dream dressing room,” Hill added.

Located at the northeast corner of State and Dearborn, Ten East Delaware includes formal dens in four of its designs, including one-, two- and three-bedroom residences.

Developed by the Prime Group Inc., the building will feature 121 residences ranging from 845 to 3,095 square feet. Homes include 1 ½ to 3 ½ baths, 9- to 10-foot ceilings and oversized balconies. Prices range from \$550,000 to \$2.6 million; climate-controlled, indoor parking is available starting at \$65,000.

The sales center, 33 W. Delaware, is open noon to 5pm daily except Monday. For more information, call (312) 397 – 1010 or visit www.teneastdelaware.com.