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Desirable Gold Coast within buyer's budget

After four years of renting an apartment in Jersey City, Fahd and Amal Agha decided that it was the right time to take the next step and purchase a home. The question for them, as for so many others, was where to begin? There were numerous things to consider, but what the couple struggled with most was the type of home — whether single-family or condo — and the location. Uncertain which path to follow, they started a search which would span nearly a year.

After some time, the couple finally decided that location would dictate their choice and the purchase of a condominium residence would be a better option, considering their respective commutes.

"I work in Manhattan and my husband works in Westchester, so purchasing a single-family home would likely force us to move west, tacking a lot of time onto both of our commutes," said Amal. "In the end, a condo seemed to make the most sense."

The Aghas narrowed their search to New Jersey's Gold Coast for a community that would meet all of their needs while staying within their budget. However, they quickly realized how difficult that could be.

Feeling defeated by their fruitless search, the Aghas took the recommendation of a friend to visit The Peninsula at City Place, a condominium community located along the waterfront in Edgewater. They immediately knew that they had found what they were looking for in a home and lifestyle, and

purchased a two-bedroom condominium with just over 1,400 square feet of space for a price that delivered desirable value.

"The layout of the residence gave us exactly what we wanted — two nice-size bedrooms and ample closet space," said Amal. "And when we opted to make renovations, we had no restrictions imposed by the developer. We hired a licensed contractor and completed the renovations with ease. Our condo now has two bedrooms with a den."

The couple was also impressed by the community's location.

"Moving from Jersey City to Edgewater has cut my husband's commute in half," she said. "And as for conveniences, everything I could ever need is right downstairs, whether it's a Hallmark card or something from Banana Republic."

The Peninsula at City Place is situated above a variety of nationally recognizable retailers, including GAP, Pier 1 Imports, Fleming's Steakhouse, Banana Republic, Anthropologie, Victoria's Secret, BoConcept, Ann Taylor, Can Do Gym, Koi Spa, Chipotle, Panera Bread, Haagen-Dazs, Bath and Body Works, Express and more.

The community's proximity to both the Lincoln Tunnel and George Washington Bridge makes it ideal for commuters interested in driving or taking the bus to and from Manhattan, while complimentary shuttle service provides a quick trip to the Port Imperial Ferry Terminal for service to midtown and downtown Manhattan.

"Homebuyers love the convenience and energy that comes with residing along New Jersey's Gold Coast, and for many first-time buyers, Peninsula makes tremendous sense with its low property taxes and phenomenal value," said Angela Ferrara, vice president of sales for The Marketing Directors, Inc., the community's exclusive sales and marketing agent.

The Peninsula at City Place boasts 201 one- and two-bedroom condominium residences, ranging from approximately 850 to 1,700 square feet of living space with prices starting in the mid \$300,000's.

Each exceptional residence features hardwood floors and cabinetry, kitchens with stainless-steel appliances and granite or marble countertops, master bedrooms with walk-in-closets, and marble bathrooms and shower enclosures.

Residents also enjoy the convenience of the community's on-site amenities that include a 24-hour attended lobby, fitness center, children's playroom, residents lounge with WiFi, full bar and catering kitchen, billiards table and Plasma television, as well as complimentary shuttle to the Port Imperial Ferry Terminal and free on-site covered parking.

For additional information on The Peninsula at City Place, which is located at 3211 City Place, Edgewater, call 201-313-9188 or visit www.peninsulanj.com.

The community's sales center, located on the second floor, is open daily from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

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In addition to waterfront views of Manhattan, residents at the Peninsula at City Place have immediate access to many high-end retail shops and eateries located just outside the entrance to the upscale condominium community located in Edgewater on New Jersey's Gold Coast.