



■ Limed oak floors feature in the apartments.



■ All the apartments open to balconies.

Claremont's million-dollar lifestyle

Come and take an exclusive peek inside Claremont's newest mega-expensive apartments.

There are 62 pads in Saint Quentins, ranging from one-bedroom apartments to a five-bed, split-level penthouse.

Nearly all have been snapped up: the main job now is handover and moving half-a-dozen pianos into various pads.

The development is above 21 shops between Stirling Highway, Stirling Road and St Quentin Avenue.

Buyers have to start settling from next month.

Claremont resident Graeme Powell had his eye on the site two years before building started.

"My son goes to Christ Church and I'd stand across the road wondering what was going to happen," he said. "When I found out, I was one of the first to sign up."

Mr Powell bought a one-bedroom pad for \$792,000.

"There's 77sq.m inside with a 31sq.m balcony," he said.

"The kitchen has an in-built coffee machine, U-shaped marble benchtops and the cafe-style windows open on to the balcony."

Mr Powell, an experienced property investor, said Saint Quentins had the best-quality fitouts he'd seen in a Perth development.

"It's a blue-chip development in a blue-chip suburb," he said.

Mr Powell hopes to rent his apartment for \$600 a week.

Burgess Rawson agent

Paul Durkin said the apartments were "absolute crackers".

"Ninety per cent were sold to western suburbs people," he said.

A prominent Perth property identity bought the top-floor penthouse for \$3 million but asked to remain anonymous.

"He wanted to lie low," Mr Durkin said. "A lot of prominent people have bought in Saint Quentins: a lot will be owner-occupiers."

Mr Durkin said Mr

Powell's rent expectations were realistic.

"I think the building will set a rental benchmark for the area," he said.

The costliest apartment was the two-level penthouse: its 246sq.m and 83sq.m over two north-facing balconies went for \$3,217,500.

Most one-bedroom apartments sold in the \$800,000s.

The two and three-bed pads cost \$1.5 million on average.

The handover at most apartments involved keys in

an envelope, but Saint Quentins had its own facilitator.

"She'll meet people on site and show them the operations and communal facilities," Mr Durkin said.

Judith Barrett Lennard was the interior designer for the apartments and John Colliere was the architect.

The apartments have a lap pool and private gym across two levels, club lounge and four separate lobby entrances.