DEVELOPMENT SPOTLIGHT

Wiyo-e was a Japanese art movement that flourished from the 17th to 19th centuries. Its name, which means "pictures of the floating world", refers to the nation's city centres and reflects the genre's focus on urban landscapes and residents.

Now, the artistic tradition has inspired a new development in the heart of Prahran that likewise emphasises inner-city living and a cosmopolitan lifestyle.

Ukiyo, Chapter Group's latest project, occupies a corner site on Porter, Percy and High streets. Having three facades provides the building with plenty of natural light, and offers all levels views from the city to the bay.

"We understand how much value buyers place on connections to light and nature, and how views can transform the experience of the home," says Dean Lefkos, director at Chapter Group.



Urban living in focus

Designed by K2LD Architects, Ukiyo's apartments have been envisioned as individual floating worlds. The building has just 12 residences, all occupying either a half or full floor. Three penthouses sit on the top three levels. Bold contrasts between materials and texture are a nod to the Ukiyo-e art style.

Kitchens feature Wolf appliances, vertical fluted timbers, stone splashbacks and benches, with stone and ceramic featuring in bathrooms. All spaces have floor-to-ceiling windows for unobstructed views. "Just as art speaks to each of us differently, so too have we endeavoured to create interiors that bring composition of balance and detail, yet allow for individual personalisation and character," says Tisha Lee, director at K2LD.

Its inner-city locale is also key to Ukiyo's conceit. While the CBD is only a short tram ride away, Prahran itself offers a selection of bars, ranging from quiet haunts to cocktail lounges, restaurants and boutiques. Residents can stroll to Greville Street for an abundance of cafes perfect for a late breakfast, before venturing to the Prahran Market.

Additionally, Ukiyo is located close to beautifully landscaped reserves, such as Albert, Princess and Fawkner parks, providing inner-city dwellers with plenty of green, open spaces.

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configurations, Wolf appliances, expansive terraces, and bespoke locally designed joinery, Ukiyo transforms the ordinary into the extraordinary.

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