

Structures Awards: Savoy is the first residential project in Lawrence Station Area Plan



The five-story Savoy has 520 units.

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Savoy

1120 Kifer Road, Sunnyvale

When developer Greystar and architects from Studio T-Square took on the task of creating the first residential project in Sunnyvale's Lawrence Station Area Plan in 2017, designers looked to technology and nature for inspiration. Located in the heart of Silicon Valley in Sunnyvale, Savoy is a living destination offering 520 premier residential units and onsite amenities with the most convenient access to the Lawrence Caltrain Station.

Focusing on naturally occurring patterns found in nature, Savoy's aesthetic is clean, minimal and welcoming. The luxury residential project is a fusion of the area's history as a pastoral landscape and its current state as a booming tech hub.

The 1120 Kifer Road development will help decrease traffic in the area by providing attractive housing near some of the area's top employers. The project, which broke ground in December 2017, welcomed its first move-ins in July.

Carefully curated amenities for young professionals include co-working areas and bookable meeting rooms, Savoy Green central park, two indoor/outdoor fitness studios, bike parking, pet spa and relief area, two rooftop decks with social spaces and TV, electric car chargers, two clubroom lounges, two courtyards with grills, dining areas and 75-foot lap pools, and a bike repair shop and storage room. Savoy also features a multilevel parking garage, retail and restaurant spaces situated along Kifer Road.

Savoy offers minimal-aesthetic, one- and two-bedroom floor plans outfitted with gas ranges, Nest` thermostats and keyless entry, hardwood-style plank flooring, stainless steel GE appliances, quartz countertops, and in select units, a balcony/patio and walk-in closets.

The project's center street down the site will connect to Caltrain in the future and a large park on the site will be accessible to the public, enhancing the walkability and public amenities.

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*[*Full-size images included at end of article]*

Cost: Not disclosed

Size: 520 units

Unit sizes: Floor plans range from 594 square feet to 1,345 square feet

Status: Construction started December 2017; first units opened July 2020; full project completion May 2021

Features: Co-working areas and bookable meeting rooms, Savoy Green central park, two indoor/outdoor fitness studios, bike parking, pet spa and relief area, two rooftop decks with social spaces and TV, electric car chargers, two clubroom lounges, two courtyards with barbecue grills, dining areas and 75-foot lap pools, and a bike repair shop and bike storage room

Challenge: Greystar worked with the city of Sunnyvale during the rezoning of the area around Lawrence Station, which has historically been a warehouse and industrial district that lacked residential housing nearby; the site posed great opportunity for rezoning to introduce transit-oriented living.

Tidbit: Nodding to the area's history, the design infuses the area's past as a pastoral landscape with its current status as a booming tech hub.

Key Players

Owner: Greystar

General contractor: Greystar

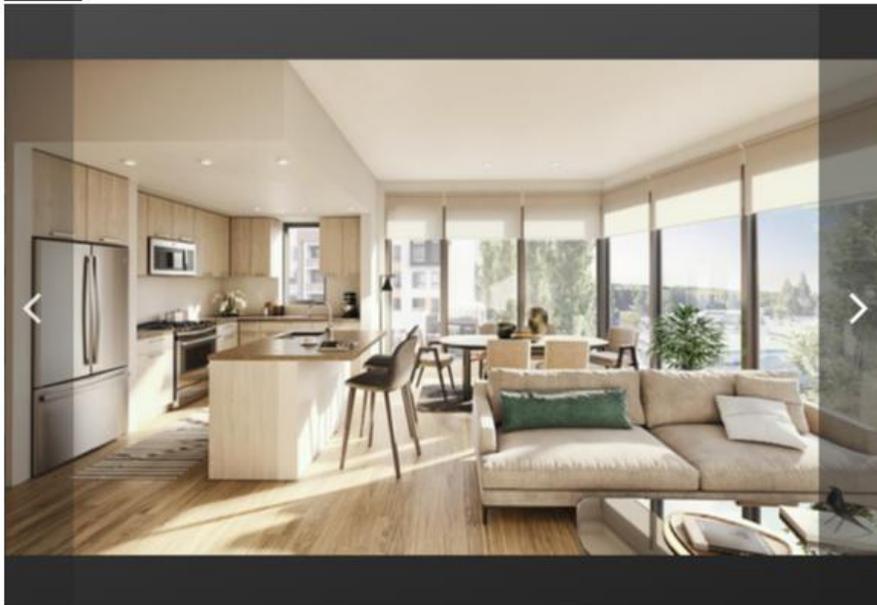
Architects: Studio T-Square, and BDE Architecture

Interior design: Parisi Portfolio



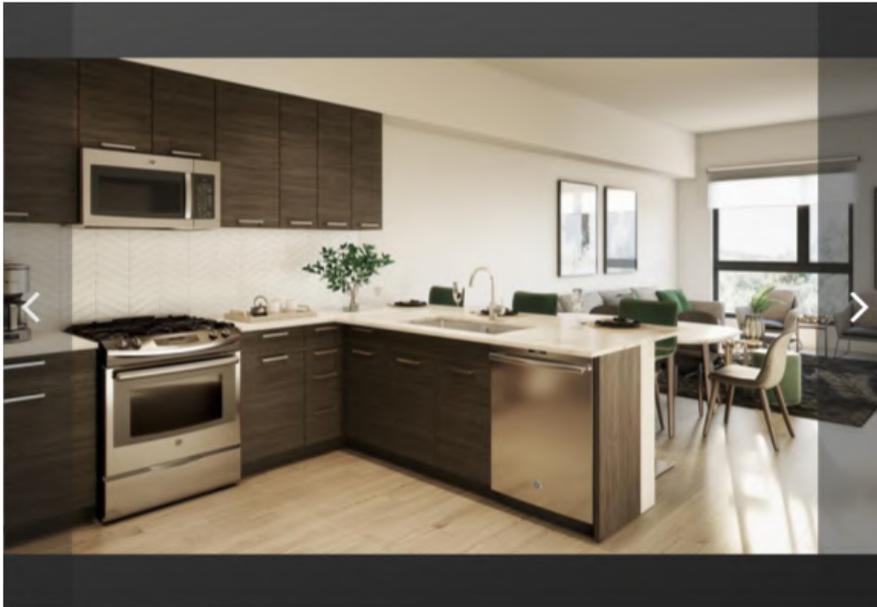
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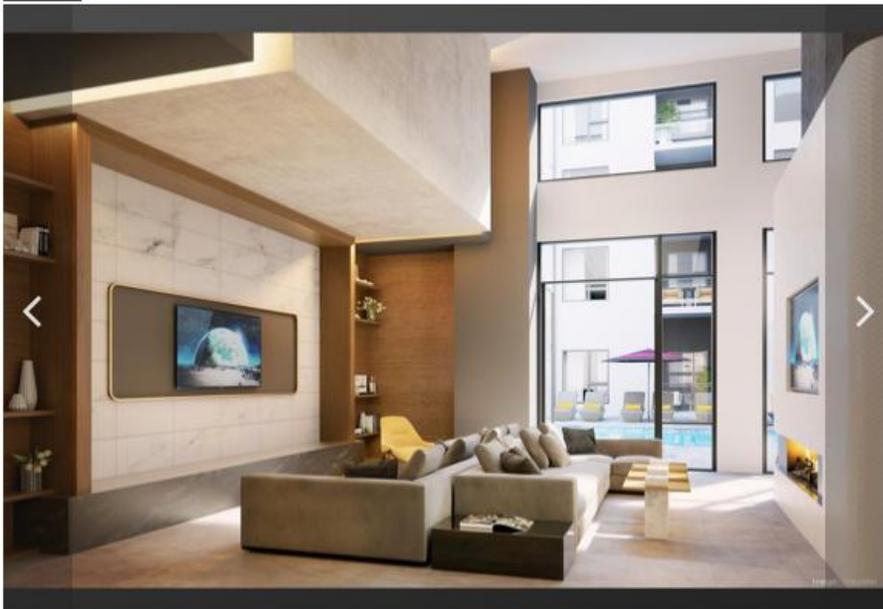
A corner residential unit at Savoy.

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The kitchen in one of the Savoy units.

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Community features include co-working areas and bookable meeting rooms.

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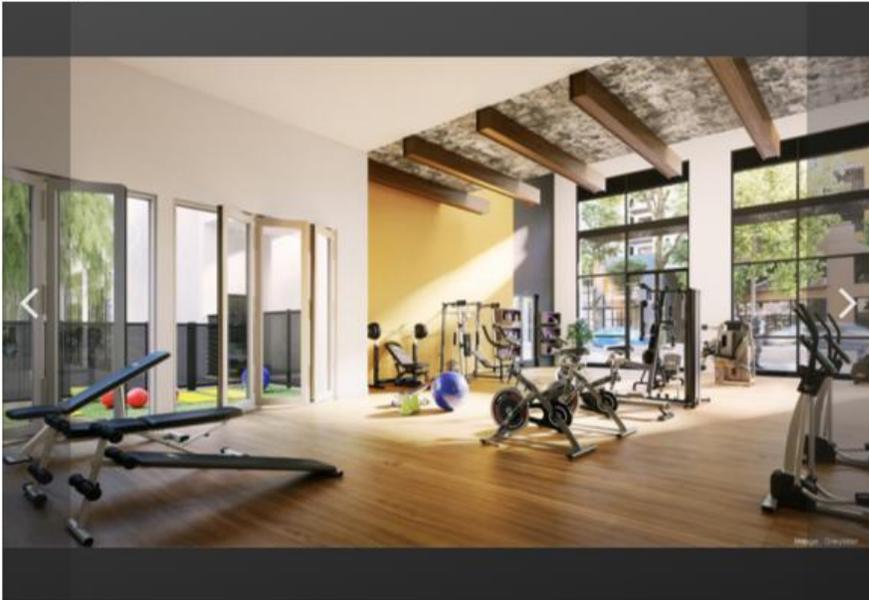
The Savoy has a 75-foot lap pool.

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Rooftop deck area at the Savoy apartments.

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One of two fitness centers at the Savoy.

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