

Sustainable Luxury Living Checklist



For ***A Life in Balance***, be sure to ask for these features when shopping for a new home:

SUSTAINABILITY

- Environmentally designed at the system level**, optimized to improve energy efficiency and save money across all in-home systems: heating, cooling, lighting, windows and insulation
- LEED certified by the U.S. Green Building Council**, inspected and measured by this independent agency to ensure energy efficient measures are designed in and working properly
- Fresh air ventilation** with filtering
- Air pressure balanced** to allow free air flow throughout the residence
- Duct systems and home's "envelope" sealed and inspected** to prevent heat or cooling losses
- Upgraded insulation** in the walls, attics, and floors and **inspected for voids** to reduce energy use
- Right-sized cooling system with the highest SEER rating**, to maximize summer cooling efficiency, saving hundreds of dollars per summer
- Programmable thermostat**, allowing time of day and season adjustments
- Energy efficient low-E windows** to let in light but keep out the sun's heat and harmful ultraviolet light
- Appliances with a U.S. DOE Energy Star rating** to save energy and reduce costs
- Solar electricity or another renewable energy source** to save on the high and growing costs of utility electricity
- High efficiency fixtures and toilets** to reduce water usage and costs
- Insulation optimized** for hot water heating and distribution
- Free of organic solvents, formaldehyde and other contaminants** harmful to our health in carpets, paints and other finishes

LUXURY

- City views and mountain landscapes** preserved both inside and outside the home
- Gated community** with defined entries for cars and pedestrians
- Protected privacy** with each home having its own private entry, its own private garage, and a backyard for your family and pets to enjoy
- Private underground garages** so community areas and outdoor spaces can be enjoyed and appreciated car-free
- Resort style pool, outdoor entertaining areas, beautiful open spaces embracing community**, all HOA maintained
- Extra space** sufficient for entertaining, out-of-town visitors, family occasions and room for hobbies or additional storage
- Finest amenities and finishes** selected that look great and are built to last
- Outstanding upgrades** throughout the home, designed for comfort and flexibility, in areas of most interest to the buyer
- Private Rooftop Garden** to share the views and outdoor lifestyle privately with friends and family

LIVING

- Options to walk or drive** to shopping and entertainment
- Near public transportation** such as bus and light rail
- Best casual and formal dining in Arizona** all within walking distance
- Best private schools are close**, like Brophy, Xavier, All Saints and Phoenix Country Day
- Community environment that attracts like-minded people**, committed to a better way of living
- Accommodations for those with disabilities** and people with limited mobility through wide doors, hallways, private elevators and extra space in bathrooms



Your Aura at Camelback *Green Home*

LEED stands for The Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design Green Building Rating System™. It is the nationally developed benchmark for the design, construction and operation of high performance green buildings. Developed by the U.S. Green Building Council, LEED promotes sustainable green building practices through a numerical building rating system, including measurement of the home's performance once it is built.

Aura at Camelback, from Catalyst Communities of Phoenix, Arizona, is a sustainable luxury living community designed to meet the *LEED for Homes* standard. An Aura at Camelback LEED green home uses less energy, water and natural resources; creates less waste and is healthier and more comfortable for the occupants. Aura at Camelback is designed to achieve a LEED *Silver* rating, an even higher score than the standard LEED rating.

Aura at Camelback Homes are Healthier...

- Toxin and solvent free building materials combat indoor air pollution, important for residents with respiratory ailments like asthma or those sensitive to pollutants.
- Fewer problems with mold or mildew.
- Natural ventilation with filtering brings fresh air inside and vents stale air outside, keeps residents breathing easy.

Aura at Camelback Homes are Cost-Efficient...

- Consumes 40% less energy than a standard home to save you money short term and long term.
- Consumes 50% less water than a standard home to save you money short term and long term.
- A healthier home can mean fewer doctor visits and fewer days of missed work or school.
- Some insurance companies offer discounts to LEED-certified homes.
- A green home can be expected to require fewer repairs.
- Solar electricity will provide about ¾ of a typical home's electricity; 100% for frugal residents.
- Catalyst Communities' Zero Electricity Bill guarantee pays any electricity utility bills for the first five years, saving an average of about \$9000 versus a standard home.

Aura at Camelback Homes are Environmentally Friendly...

- Uses 40% less energy than comparable standard homes.
- Solar electricity, unlike utility electricity has zero waste products, produces zero greenhouse gases that can contribute to climate change, and eliminates the environmental costs of burning coal and gas to produce electricity.
- Efficient plumbing and bathing fixtures, drought-tolerant landscaping and water-conserving irrigation systems help save, on average, 50% less water than standard homes.
- Composed of recycled materials.
- Enclave community that is an urban infill project, reusing the city of Phoenix infrastructure (streets, electricity, sewer, water) while recycling tons of material from the prior buildings on the site.

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