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Luxury apartment project joins Domain expansion

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Streetlights Residential

The Kenzie is a six-story luxury apartment building going up at 3201 Esperanza Crossing.

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Whole Foods Market. A hotel. And, now, luxury apartments.

Work has started on the Kenzie, a six-story apartment building at the Domain – one of several projects under construction at the rapidly expanding North Austin mixed-use development.

Expected to open this fall, the Kenzie, at 3201 Esperanza Crossing, will feature 279 units ranging in size from 500 to 1,600 square feet, as well as many perks comparable to those offered at boutique hotels, according to Dallas-based developer StreetLights Residential.

The building will join hundreds of other apartments at the 6-year-old Domain that are already occupied.

“We are extremely excited to begin construction of the Kenzie,” StreetLights Residential CEO Doug Chesnut said in the company’s announcement. “The distinct residences of the Kenzie will complement the great walkable shops and restaurants of the Domain.”

A fitness center is included among the 17,000 square feet of planned amenities, as well as a pair of courtyards featuring an infinity-edge swimming pool, an open-air kitchen and outdoor TVs, among other things.

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A 9-acre park will be nearby.

Elsewhere at the Domain, work continues on a new Whole Foods Market set to debut this year. The Austin-based grocer is replacing an existing location in the nearby Gateway Shopping Center at Research Boulevard and Capital of Texas Highway (Loop 360).

Other retailers include the city's only Neiman Marcus, as well as Dillard's, Dick's Sporting Goods and Macy's. Fleming's, Gloria's, Kona Grill and Maggiano's are among the shopping center's restaurants.

Hotels operated by Aloft and Westin will soon be joined by Lone Star Court, a new concept modeled after roadside motor courts that were popular during the 1940s and '50s. It will open this summer, according to Valencia Group, the company behind the project.

Valencia has said it could open as many as 20 additional hotels modeled after Lone Star Court in the coming years.

The Kenzie isn't StreetLights Residential's only Austin project. The developer is teaming with the Hunt Cos. on a 19-story apartment tower at 214 Barton Springs Road, near downtown Austin.

That building, which will have 300 units averaging about 900 square feet, should open in August 2014, the company said. It, too, has been designed to offer the look and feel of a boutique hotel