



New lease

A retirement home can be a sensitive subject to address with a loved one or – indeed – oneself. For residents enjoying the luxuries of The Clare, Auriens, Joyous Living and Ventana, it is a fairly straightforward decision

It's the conversation everyone dreads – but times have changed. No longer does the idea of a retirement home conjure images of bygone mental health institutions or odourous, crusty furniture. Today, like the rest of the healthcare industry, retirement homes are big business, and with people living longer, healthier lives than ever before, the world's leading retirement homes are now havens of opulence.

It comes to us all, and it's best for us all to grow old gracefully.

With five-star retirement living like this, one can grow old whichever way one chooses.

THE CLARE

Situated in Chicago's affluent Gold Coast neighbourhood, The Clare celebrated its tenth birthday last year, reaching 100 per cent occupancy for the very first time. The \$253m development was

Above: A room with a view at The Clare: Senior Independent Living Community in Chicago

the brainchild of the Franciscan Sisters of Chicago when, in 2002, they recognised the need and opportunity to build a one-of-a-kind retirement community.

Construction delays meant The Clare didn't welcome residents until late 2008, during the height of the recession and housing crisis. The Clare family culture grew quickly and the service was impeccable, but the business was failing and it finally changed hands in 2012.

"In the industry, no one had ever seen anything like this – it was completely unheard of," said Executive Director Kyle Exline.

"The Franciscans, from my perspective, were the founders of the culture of The Clare. Their vision of what this place could be, how they wanted the staff to care for the residents, it still exists today."

Positioned close to Michigan Avenue's Magnificent Mile,

with luxury shopping, top-tier restaurants and cultural attractions on the doorstep, Clare residents can continue to live the high life, should they feel the need to step outside of the tremendous amenities within the community.

Featuring a full concierge service, fitness centre, pool, art studio, business centre, relocation services, monthly activity calendars, three on-site restaurants, transportation, housekeeping and an Executive Chef with more than 20 years of culinary experience and a specialty in ice carving and pastry and confectionary arts; The Clare has everything one would ever require.

Residents are assessed an entrance fee to secure life care, as well as monthly fees for units and amenities. There are several floor plans and one-, two- and three-bedroom units available at various price points.

theclare.com



Left: The plush lobby lounge and (below) a spotless, luxurious bathroom at Auriens in London's Chelsea Bottom: The views from Ventana in Dallas will be quite spectacular

JOYOUS LIVING

Joyous Living is Hong Kong's first quality retirement living initiative, specifically tailor-made for seniors. It provides its residents with a luxurious, relaxed ambience, continuing professional healthcare and skilled care services and a wide range of social activities to enrich retirement.

Drawing inspiration from similar remarkable and successful projects worldwide, Joyous Living is nonetheless designed for life in Hong Kong, providing residents with a uniquely comfortable and attractive environment, a refreshingly and a 'green oasis' of calm and tranquility with various needs met with care and respect. thetannerhill.hkhs.com

VENTANA

The Buckner Senior Living community is scheduled to welcome residents to Dallas in the summer of 2019, providing a full complement of services, amenities, and health and wellness programs. Serving the Dallas and Fort Worth region, Ventana is attracting prospective residents from Carrollton to Richardson, Irving to Plano and from points across the country.

From a pristine fitness centre to a sparkling community pool, amenities here will create a five-star senior living experience. ventanabybuckner.com

AURIENS

Auriens, a luxury lifestyle and healthcare-orientated 'later life' residence, is located a stone's throw from the famous King's Road in the heart of London's salubrious Chelsea.

Combining the style and sophistication of an exclusive boutique hotel, the ambience of a private members club and superlative care, Auriens challenges the conventions of the later life living category in the UK, offering "a unique brand of vintage vitality for those looking to 'downsize to upgrade'".

With 55 one-to-two-bedroom apartments, Auriens offers a wide range of amenities, including around-the-clock care as and when required.

Auriens co-founder and property developer Johnny Sandelson has spent years bringing his vision to life, after failing to find suitable accommodation when his own parents retired:

"At Auriens we want to change perceptions of later life, offering our customers the service of a luxury hotel, the care of a Swiss medical clinic, and style of a private member's club."

Rent starts at £130,000 (US\$173,000) per annum for a 977 ft.sq one-bedroom apartment and includes access to all of the building's amenities including



the pool, gymnasium, 24hr concierge, cinema room, and gardens plus 2.5 hours of care per week. Soon to be added is a world-class on-site restaurant,

bar and wine cellar led by consultant Seb Fogg, who has helped a number of high-profile restaurants achieve their vision. www.auriens.com

