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 for tranquility.

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 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 grew quickly and the service was impeccable, but the business was failing and it finally changed hands in 2012.

“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.”

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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 reinvigorating and a ‘green oasis’ of calm and tranquility with various needs met with care and respect.

AURIENS

Auriens, a luxury lifestyle and healthcare-oriented ‘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 35 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 (EUR177,000) per annum for a 977 ft² 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 Seli Fogg, who has helped a number of high-profile restaurants achieve their vision.

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