

## Designs revealed for 'The One' in Toronto

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Designs were unveiled in Toronto yesterday for 'The One', an 80-storey mixed-use tower on a prominent downtown site at One Bloor West, which pioneers a new model of vertical retail in the city. Rising to 318 metres, it will be Toronto's second tallest building and combines a residential tower with a retail base, which is integrated with the city's underground pedestrian 'PATH' network.

The base comprises nine levels of shops, cafes and restaurants, arranged around a soaring 60-metre atrium. A flexible 'urban room' is elevated two storeys above the street, protected from the weather and accessed by two express escalators. The apartments are reached via a glass bridge at level 12, and incorporate winter-gardens with panoramic city views. In contrast to the typical glass residential tower with shallow balconies, the façade is characterised by warm metallic tones and a distinctive bronze exoskeleton frame, which transforms as the tower rises to articulate the change in function.

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