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Renowned architect Lucien Lagrange is excited to be working with a world-class development team to bring The Butler luxury condominium project to Oak Brook.

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The Butler, a luxury condominium mid-rise development, will bring new life to what is currently an unused and unimproved lot of asphalt adjacent to 1900 Spring Road and the Village flagship, Oakbrook Center. The Butler will be distinct, elegant, and representative of both the venerable standards of the prominent Lucien Lagrange Studio and demanding Oak Brook residents.

Lucien Lagrange Studio helped Skokie in its suburban revitalization efforts, compelling the local mayor to declare the world-renowned architect helped his town become “an architectural destination.” He now hopes to help Oak Brook achieve the same—if not even greater—success.

Respectfully and affectionately named after Paul Butler, the founder of Oak Brook, the 22-story condominium building will feature an uncompromising amenity space, complementing the luxury of next-door Oakbrook Center. In the visionary spirit of Paul Butler, the building’s dramatic landscaping will immediately add 35 percent more green space to the land it will occupy.

Condominiums in The Butler will be priced from \$800,000 to more than \$2 million, and have 2-, 3-, and 4-bedroom units available, ranging in size from 1,340 to 3,500 square feet. The building will also feature two luxury penthouse units between 5,000 and 5,400 square feet. In total, 90 condo units will be offered to the hopeful occupants already vying for the exciting new address. Parking will be plentiful, with 225 indoor spaces.

In addition to high-end in-unit amenities, community-wide spaces include a curated library, health club, fitness center, terrace pool, dog park, and communal gardens. Condos will have outdoor terrace space, complete with a breathtaking view of the beautiful Chicago skyline. This vision and design reinforce the notion that one can have Gold Coast amenities while enjoying their Oak Brook lifestyle.

Architect Lucien Lagrange was carefully selected for the project by respected developers Jupiter Realty of Chicago and James Fasano, the location owner who lived for 30 years in Hinsdale.

“I believe we were awarded the project because of how iconic the team felt this project should be for Oak Brook,” says Lagrange. “They reviewed all the work we have done before—high-end, high-quality, high-design—and that is the kind of product Oak Brook residents are looking for.”

Lagrange, who was born in France and has designed the Ritz-Carlton Residences, Park Tower, and the Waldorf Astoria Chicago, is



known for combining tradition with luxury while humanizing each project.

In Oak Brook, many affluent residents are looking to downsize after their children have grown, but, as Lagrange says, still need space to accommodate visiting family and grandchildren.

“You don’t have kids anymore, but you have grandchildren and you want to stay close to them,” explains Lagrange. “Today, it’s a very important factor.” Many of the interested parties simply want to stay in the community they’ve loved for so long. What this means is that there is a market for condos with certain amenities, design, and class—particularly for the well-heeled community of Oak Brook and surrounding residents. Lagrange believes it’s a lifestyle that is evolving. “The residents want to continue to live in this community and not necessarily move downtown to Chicago,” he says.

Lagrange and the entire team aim for comfort as well when building these condos. The average market is a 3-bedroom condo, where residents typically use two of the bedrooms and convert one room into a den. When family comes to visit, the den can then serve as an extra bedroom.

“It has to be about 2,500-2,600 square feet. It’s a luxurious lifestyle, but works well for families too,” says Lagrange. “Large bathrooms and large walk-in closets are all responses to an upscale lifestyle. These are comfortable sizes.”

Lagrange’s favorite part about designing and building, however, isn’t so obvious to the naked eye. Although he’s fascinated by completing the layout of the units, he believes ultimately you are touching people and how they live. “What we do, we do with emotion,” he says, adding that The Butler is designed to be a respite from the hectic modern lifestyle. “When you open the door, you feel like you are home. That is what I love the most.”

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