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NOTHING TO SNEEZE AT: 2 ALLERGEN-FILTERING LUXURY HOMES

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Here at Eluxe, we've written at length about luxury homes and sustainability. After all, it's our ethos, our *raison d'être*. Yet we also regularly discuss health and wellness. Unfortunately, these various elements don't always meet up in one article. Today, I'm excited to be able to put them all together. This is a story of hypoallergenic **luxury residences**. Yes, these are homes that take the "allergy" out of "allergy season" – something many of us, who suffer what seems to be a never-ending cold in spring, will welcome.

In fact, according to the **CDC**, some 6.1 million children and 20 million adults suffer allergic reactions to pollen from trees, grasses and weeds in America alone. As an allergy sufferer myself, I know from experience how there's no escape from the terrible feeling of constant sneezing, sinus pressure and stuffy nose—not even at that ultimate of refuges, home.

Thankfully, some developers are changing the game with designs on homes embracing year-round strategies to promote clean air, without sacrificing luxury or sustainability. Below are two such developments.

Troon Pacific

The world has heaped praise on international development firm Troon Pacific, and rightfully so. Renowned for its environmentally sustainable luxury residences, the San-Francisco-based firm also maintains offices in Arizona and Norway. Troon does everything from single-family homes to master-planned communities, including **multiple LEED platinum residences**.

Along with the extravagant comforts of radiant floors, car vaults that lower vehicles into underground storage spaces and stealth tech such as vanishing television sets and invisible speakers mounted in ceilings, glass panels and gardens, these beautiful homes provide many environmentally friendly features. This list includes rainwater harvesting, solar electric and hot-water systems, passive and active ventilation systems, EnergyStar appliances and water-saving fixtures and landscaping. The dwellings themselves are built from sustainable and eco-gentle construction materials, including the use of wood from certified sustainable forests.

Troon homes are equipped to help preserve owners' health, especially during allergy season. Look no further than the installation of MERV-16 air filtration systems, which are ideal for clearing the air of dust, cooking oils, smoke, insecticide and other contaminants. Besides these air filtration systems, Troon homes offer hard flooring surfaces like marble and wood to minimize the capture of dust and other allergens. The company's PR department is proud to be able to say that Troon's stringent air quality standards have allowed a family with a child suffering from cancer to buy a Troon home rather than being forced to live in isolation.

Troon residences maximize natural light while facilitating integration of indoor-outdoor living. They also employ water purification systems and underslab barriers that protect against radon and other harmful gas infiltrations. And they eschew low-VOC (volatile organic compound) paints and adhesives. Other health and wellbeing features include saunas, steam rooms and home gyms.

Everyone wants to go home. Now there's even more of a reason to want to.







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