

# Luxury Muse apartment complex to feature ‘unprecedented’ tech

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Devitt Property Group's The Muse apartment development on St Kilda Rd, Melbourne, will be fitted with top tech. *Source:Supplied*

FACIAL, fingerprint and numberplate recognition technology will be installed in Melbourne’s luxury Muse apartment development among “unprecedented” security measures for its future high net worth residents.

Hi-tech and customisable home automation systems that automatically call lifts when residents enter the building, turn on airconditioning and even put the kettle on will also feature in the 14-storey tower on the corner of St Kilda and Toorak Rds.

The development by Devitt Property Group will be crowned with a penthouse worth \$40 million — which would be a record price for an apartment in Australia — and have a minimum apartment cost of \$2.5 million.



The tower will feature a \$40 million penthouse. *Source:Supplied*

It will contain 35 to 45 apartments with “six-star amenities”, ranging in size from 200sq m to more than 1000sq m for the penthouse, even though the building could fit more than 200 normal-sized homes.

The developer announced this week that The Muse would use numberplate recognition technology, which would grant residents access to the building and call a lift so it’s waiting when they arrive.

It would also trigger the airconditioning, lower the blinds and turn on the kettle in their apartment — or anything else they wanted.

Biometric systems, including facial recognition and fingerprint scanners, and personalised “fob” swipes would also be used to access The Muse.

And a 24-hour concierge would monitor a CCTV system using facial recognition and “intruder detection systems” to round out the top-level security.



Fingerprint scanners will be part of the building's security. *Source:Supplied*

Those who buy into the complex would be able to customise elements of their home automation, including heating and cooling systems, automated blinds and lighting controls, to make their apartment “almost entirely self-managing”, the developer said.

“We understand what high net worth individuals want — privacy, security, convenience, the city’s best location and larger residences with bespoke, handcrafted interiors,” Devitt Property Group managing director Peter Devitt said.

Brian Mason, director of The Muse’s building services and sustainability consultants Waterman AHW, said the level of technology being developed for The Muse was “unprecedented”.

“Residents will be able to tailor the level of integration of the interface technology within their residence to their individual needs, with the option of the entire household being automated,” he said.

Occupants of the high-end development will also have access to a 20m lap pool, “relaxation pool” and spa, gym with sauna and steam rooms and a residents’ club lounge with meeting rooms.

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