





# Chrome alone

A sparkly accent is masterfully carried through this Expo City model in Vaughan *By Lisa Van de Ven*

A model suite should be both stylish and liveable, says senior interior designer David Hendricks with Guidelines Advertising. That entails reining in the colour. "People have a [strong] reaction to colour, and so rather than give them a chance to react to red or orange for instance, we like black and white — they don't react to black and white. They just absorb the space," Mr. Hendricks says. The 726-square-foot one-bedroom-plus-den model at Expo City in Vaughan is a captivating space, where "people can envision their own colours," the designer says. Chrome accents throughout make for a bright unit befitting younger buyers who have a taste for the contemporary — indeed, the unit was designed specifically for them. Another model at the site has a more classic feel. Suites at Expo-1, the first building in Cortel Group's Expo City site, range in size from 527 to 2,088 sq. ft. and in price from the mid-\$200,000s to over \$1-million. The sales office is located at 2900 Hwy. 7, Vaughan, and is open Monday to Thursday from noon to 7 p.m., and Friday to Sunday from 11 a.m.-6 p.m. For more information, call 905-597-7877 or visit [expocity.ca](http://expocity.ca).

**1** Having cleverly converted the suite's solarium into a dining room, Mr. Hendricks needed the right table to fit the space. This white lacquer and chrome table from Frini Furniture was perfect. "It's fairly narrow, because it's not a really big space," the designer says.

**2** A white and chrome light fixture, from Union Lighting, in the dining room has a low profile to keep the sightlines to the windows clear. "You don't want something that's going to dominate that view," the designer says.

**3** Choosing a chair for a smaller space? Mr. Hendricks suggests something like this black leather and chrome chair, from Frini Furniture (most of the furniture is from there). "We chose a chair that didn't have arms, because it's a small space and if you add arms it just makes it feel that much bigger."

**4** Clean and contemporary, is how Mr. Hendricks describes the suite, and these black leather and chrome stools are a bit of both. They also match the chair, coffee table and dining set for a continuous flow throughout the space.

**5** This photograph from Ikea, a steal at \$100, veers from the black-and-white scheme, adding a pop of green to echo the green outside the windows. "It brings a little life into the suite," Mr. Hendricks says.

**6** A white sofa blends into the wall to give the illusion of spaciousness. The colour may seem like a dangerous choice for a sofa — especially in a model with a steady stream of visitors — but its leather upholstery is easy to clean.