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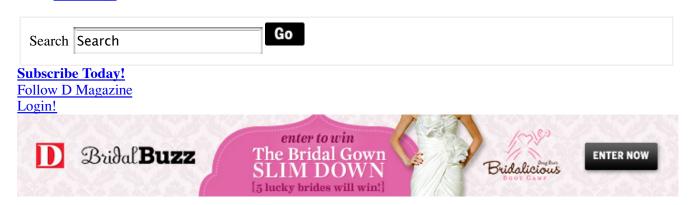
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Another Carleton at the Ritz Carlton, Dallas

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The Ritz-Carlton Dallas is REALLY putting on the Ritz, this time bringing three world-class designers in to create model units designed to knock the socks off prospective buyers and get those units sold! They would be Carleton Varney, Jan Showers and Laura Hunt.

In just a few weeks, international interior designer Carleton Varney will unveil his Draper magic on floor thirteen at the Ritz-Carlton Tower Residences. He is <u>president of Dorothy Draper and Company, Inc.</u> in New York City, one of the world's oldest and most prestigious design firms, with private clients ranging from Caroline Rose Hunt to Mrs. Errol Flynn, and numerous commercial clients such as The Grand Hotel Mackinac Island, MI, The Greenbrier, and The Green Room in LA.

That makes two Dallas institutions infused with The Draper touch. You may recall that Carlton also designed the new penthouse of the <u>Stoneleigh Hotel</u>, which was decorated by Draper herself.



I had the pleasure of lunching with the delightful Mr. V. and Jan Showers yesterday at the Ritz, where he told me what he plans to do with the one-bedroom "gentleman's" unit he is creating on the 13th floor. Mr. V. swooped in town to give directions to his team of contractors (talk about a few digits I'd like to pick up)! He was out of Dallas Tuesday afternoon to head over to the <u>Greenbrier in White Sulphur Springs, West Virgina,</u> where he is designing a – gulp — 82,000 square foot casino that would make Thomas Jefferson proud. This is no Las Vegas dice: the Greenbrier's new casino will be uber chic, requiring gentlemen to wear a sports jacket and champagne will flow nightly. In other words, super upscale with seven restaurants and bars, including the Dorothy Draper restaurant and even a cafe named after CV himself, the Carleton Cafe.

All this plus the May 14-16 tribute to his mentor, <u>The High Style of Dorothy Draper, also</u> at the Greenbrier — I'm faint just thinking about it.

Given all that, what is he going to do with the Ritz?

"An amazing GQ suite," he told me. "I am designing this for an executive who travels extensively, jets in and out,

but with a little cowboy in him."

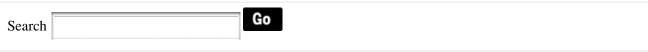
Like maybe a guy in the oil business?

Yes, he said, with multiple residences. Masculine, of course, but symphonic. One color wall and carpet, some soft Russian carpets, chair rail moldings, edges of gold trim and scarlet red with big, bold plaid silks.

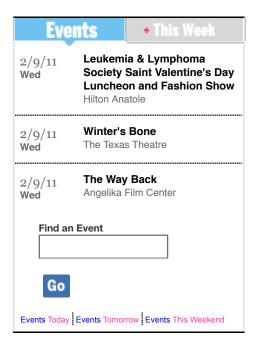
The Residences at the Ritz Carlton Dallas Towers have sold five condo units since the first of the year, with an average price per unit of about \$1.5 million and home association dues of \$.77 per square foot. The project is now being marketed by Kyle Crews and Juli Harrison, Allie Beth Allman and Associates.



DallasDirt is a daily discussion of the Dallas-Fort Worth real estate market, led by *D Home Real Estate Editor* Mary Candace Evans with contributions from real estate experts and aficionados. Topics include house porn, hot neighborhoods, hot agents, hip pockets, celebrity listings, second homes, vacation homes, real estate trends, data analysis, tips for buying, selling, or staying put. If DallasDirt were a house, it'd be a three-bedroom, two-and-a-half-bath ranch transitional on a quarter acre lot with stainless kitchen and granite countertops: sophisticated with designer touches, room for expansion. Make an offer.



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