



Sophisticated design, a bold facade and bay views feature in the new development.

**26 & 28
ESPLANADE
BRIGHTON BEACH**

Address: 26 & 28
Esplanade, Brighton
Beach, Melbourne

Architect: Wood Marsh
Architecture

Developer: SC Land

Interior designer: Wood
Marsh with Kendra Pinkus
Interiors

Landscape designer:
Taylor Cullity Lethlean

Number of apartments:
11 three-bed apartments
between two buildings,
with about eight
remaining for sale

Sizes (sq m): Internal,
223-270; external, 10-254

Prices: \$3.22 million-
\$3.95 million

Completion: Late 2020

Transport: 15 kilometres
from the CBD. Brighton
Beach station is 400
metres away; 19 minutes
by train to South Yarra; 24
minutes to the city.

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Open for inspection:
Display gallery at 1/30
Esplanade, Brighton is
open by appointment.

Waterfront views on show

A new development puts two of Melbourne's most famous beaches front and centre.

Sydneysiders could be forgiven for becoming blasé about water views, so plentiful are its sparkling ocean and harbour vistas. Melburnians, on the other hand, are less accustomed to waking up to see the sunlight glistening off the water.

That's what makes a new apartment development from SC Land such a rarity: 26 and 28 Esplanade Brighton Beach comprises 11 spacious waterfront residences on the Esplanade between two of the southern capital's most famous beaches, Brighton Beach and Brighton Middle Beach.

The homes sit within two elegant, elliptical buildings, whose shape is inspired by the eroded curves of the coastline.

Randal Marsh, a partner at Wood Marsh Architecture, says the geography provided an opportunity to create residences with sweeping

views from the city in the north, over Port Phillip Bay and south to the heads.

"Our buildings present themselves like ships moving into the water. That's part of the language of the architecture," Marsh says. "There is a monumentality to the building form, rounded and organic, which you often see in coastal sites in Europe, as opposed to being a rectilinear box sitting on the site."

Having two different but complementary buildings, rather than a single structure, also enhances the sense of privacy. "One is a white render, the other is zinc; at the same time they represent a uniformity and linkage."

The white rendered building, 26 Esplanade Brighton Beach, contains four whole-floor residences. The building with the darker zinc-clad facade, 28 Esplanade Brighton Beach, has six half-floor residences, as well as a "super

penthouse" with roof terrace, which has already been reserved by a buyer.

Inside, the look is chic, casual and beachside. Features include dual living areas, two bathrooms and powder room, hydronic heated floors, stone gas fireplaces, Gaggenau appliances, individual lock-up garages with generous storage areas and lift access.

Landscape architecture firm Taylor Cullity Lethlean has designed lush, oasis-like spaces, including a garden walk between the buildings.

The apartment buildings are the second and final stage of the development from SC Land, co-founded by Harvard-trained architect Lance Chu. The initial stage comprised 24 townhomes at the rear of the 5200-square-metre site.

Buyers are expected to be mainly downsizers, sea-changers wanting contemporary beach residences and international buyers looking for a world-class coastal property.

"We see ourselves as artisans, rather than purely business driven," Chu says. "We think that these buildings are going to be a great addition to Brighton's coastal architecture." 



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