



Developer Hamton and architecture and interior design firm Rothelowman have collaborated to create a genuine innovation in the development and design of apartments.

'Convertible Spaces', at the luxury 'Sanctuary on the River' development in Abbotsford, is a highly innovative one-bedroom apartment model, offering enormous flexibility and the power to transform your space to suit your lifestyle. Composed with a Scandinavian-inspired finishes palette, moveable walls, pull down beds and integrated joinery enable residents to transform their living area into a larger space perfect for entertaining or simply spreading out.

"Intelligently designed with meticulous attention to detail, 'Convertible Spaces' allows you to make the most of your space. By day you can have a studio apartment and by night you can maximise your entertainment capacity by increasing your living areas," said Rothelowman principal Chris Hayton.



The 'Convertible Spaces' apartments are designed so that bedroom space can be incorporated into living space as required, and functional areas like corridors become usable in living and bedroom areas without compromising on access through the apartment. Flexible zoning utilises circulation space and sees apartment features like doors play different roles in changing layouts.

Hayton said that incorporating these design features greatly increases effective floor space, "by including a fold-down bed and moveable wall we add several metres to the apartment and offer occupiers an enormous amount of flexibility. When the bed is hidden away and the wall moved across into the bedroom area, the result is a 70% increase in living area".

A wall of integrated joinery comprises a TV unit, kitchen with integrated fridge, bedroom robes with integrated bedside tables and a pull-down queen sized bed.

"The movable walls that transforms the apartment is itself a beautiful joinery unit continuing the Scandinavian theme whilst importantly providing useful functionality with a pull out pantry, soft close drawers and ample additional storage accessible from both sides," said Hayton.

Sanctuary will be the first to feature the 'Convertible Spaces' apartments.

"We chose Sanctuary to debut the 'Convertible Spaces' as the vibrant Abbotsford precinct and premium riverfront location attracts young professionals and owner-occupiers. These buyers want one-bedroom apartments with a layout that doesn't restrict their lifestyle," said Hamton Joint Managing Director Paul Hameister.

The 'Convertible Spaces' apartments at Sanctuary are priced from \$415,000 to \$455,000 with completion expected in Spring 2015.

Having realised a number of projects together, from Eden, Haven and Sanctuary apartments in Abbotsford to townhouses in Richmond and Brighton, the 'Convertible Spaces' signal the latest collaboration between Rothelowman and Hamton. "We share a commitment to design innovation and quality", said Hameister.

