



Personal touch proves difference

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CREATING homes she could see herself living in has helped developer Maria Dracakis achieve award-winning success in her residential development business.

Ms Dracakis is a co-owner of Jadecorp Property, which recently won the Housing Industry of Australia state award for Queensland Apartment Project of the Year.

Designed to make the most of their riverfront site at Forty Park Avenue, East Brisbane, the apartments have views from most rooms.

Ms Dracakis said thoughtful inclusions which made entertaining easier were high

on the list of buyer wants.

She designs the kitchens and bathrooms of Jadecorp properties and with 15 developments under her belt, she is focused on creating practical as well as beautiful rooms.

The Forty Park Avenue units include a martini bar. And there is a roomy preparation area near the outdoor barbecue.

In the kitchen, mirrors have been used extensively to make sure that even when you go to the pantry there's a view.

Despite a sluggish investment market and the cancellation of many high-profile apartment projects in the city this year, Ms Dracakis said there was still demand for quality units.

Jadecorp is about to start work on a new project at Addison Ave in Bulimba.

Quartz will comprise 52 apartments ranging from one to three bedrooms with a study, with prices from \$470,000 to \$1.2 million.

Work is due to start early next year.

"It's a great location and we are really meeting a demand for new apartments in the area," Ms Dracakis said.



CREATIVE FORCE: Jadecorp's Maria Dracakis at Forty Park Avenue and (below) city views from a second-floor unit