



Savoring every moment

Cathy Yeadon likes to live in the moment, so it's only natural she would live at Adesso, one of Columbia's newest downtown communities. Italian for "now," Adesso is designed to let residents seize the day, to savor every moment, every gift of convenience and spontaneity that comes with living in the heart of downtown Columbia.

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Adesso's very first resident, Yeadon arrived in January 2008 from Orangeburg, where she had retired after 22 years with her family's business, Cox Wood Preserving. Adesso is the first - and last - place Yeadon looked for a new home.

"I like the area. I love USC basketball," she said. "I am close to the Colonial Center and the Koger Center. There are lots of amenities and good restaurants - all within walking distance."

Yeadon chose a 1,400-square-foot, two-bedroom floor plan called the "Sorrento" on the west-facing first level of Adesso. The prime city center location was the No. 1 draw for Yeadon, but she also enjoys the quality details that come standard in her condominium home, including 10-foot ceilings, solid wood flooring in the entry and living areas, crown molding and base trim, stainless steel appliances, granite countertops, and porcelain tile bathroom floors. And her private patio opens right out onto the development's

Cathy Yeadon (below) chose the two-bedroom "Sorrento" floor plan. Her elegant living room features custom-built wall cabinetry and a tranquil landscape by Orangeburg artist Becky Wienges.



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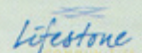
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Adesso (above) stands regally at the corner of Blossom and Main streets. Right: Peeking out at Adesso's pool and entertainment deck. Below: Cathy Yeadon's inviting patio has a lush green palette.



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Yeadon's kitchen is equipped with handsome stainless steel appliances. Clever trompe l'oeil artistry disguises utilitarian switch plates within the tile backdrop.

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spacious lap pool and outdoor entertainment deck.

"I enjoy my patio. That is one of the reasons I bought on the first floor," Yeadon said. "The sunset is absolutely beautiful off the back deck. ... I also like that there is a diversity of residents here. I think it is fun to go to the pool and see young people. We have a varied mix of ages."

Constantly on the go - whether entertaining her grandchildren Grayson and Brady, playing tennis at Columbia Tennis Center, watching basketball games, attending concerts, or traveling - Yeadon appreciates the safety and security of Adesso. In her absence, the building's 24-hour staff receives mail, packages, and dry cleaning (which is picked up and delivered weekly) as well as keeps a wary eye out on behalf of residents. Many communicate on a first-name basis with the lobby staff.

"That is one of the nice things," she said. "I can lock the door and leave and travel, and I feel very safe and secure about all my things here."

During basketball and football season, Yeadon loves to entertain friends before games. Recently she had a group over to enjoy a late lunch of bread bowls and chili before walking down to the Colonial Center. Some drove but only because it would be dark when the game let out. But walking downtown is a big plus in Yeadon's book. In fact, one of her favorite outings is a trip down Main Street to the Hunter-Gatherer pub on Thursday evenings to enjoy live jazz music.

"Every guest I have had here loves the location and the convenience of being downtown," Yeadon said. "We're close to the Vista, close to the University, close to Five Points."

If she wishes to entertain a larger group of friends, Yeadon (and all residents at Adesso) have access to the community's luxurious Club Room, which is equipped with a wet bar, large flat-panel television and audio system,

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Linda Perrow of Pulliam Morris Interiors assisted Yeadon in achieving a cool, comfortable, and sophisticated look. The master bedroom (above) is a retreat in soft green. Yeadon's guest bedroom (opposite) is also beautifully appointed, accented with gentle pinks and golds.

mini-kitchen, and generous space for mixing and mingling.

"The Club Room lounge is a nice drawing card because you can reserve it for functions," she said. "I can have 25 or 30 people over here. There's a refrigerator and a bar and a big-screen TV."

There are other lounge areas throughout the building that also can be reserved for smaller groups. For example, Yeadon recently hosted a

bridge club gathering in the building's fifth floor lounge, with views overlooking the pool deck and Vista beyond.

Yeadon's mother was so impressed with the location and amenities at Adesso that she purchased a one-bedroom unit as a place to stay in Columbia while in town attending sporting events or just visiting from Orangeburg.

Adesso's upscale exclusivity appeals to a variety of residents, from mature couples and singles to young professionals.

"This place is for a certain type of person, and it's perfect for me. I have everything I need here," Yeadon said, adding with a laugh and flourish of hands, "I am retired and living my dream at Adesso!" **LMC•NEC**



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