



The glass coffee table is perfect for a more compact area.



Cathy Price



# SNAPSHOTS of In-Town Living

By William Thrift | Photography by John Wrightenberry

So what's it like living on the corner of Blossom and Main, just up the hill from Assembly – one of the busiest confluences of traffic (auto and pedestrian) in Columbia? We asked two owners living in the new Adesso condos to tell us what drew them there and why they love it so much.

You may ask what kind of person would be the first to ante up and buy a pre-construction Adesso condo? The

answer would be Cathy Price, of course. Originally from Orangeburg, where she worked in her family's wood preservation business, Cathy had longed to be closer to her daughter's family in Columbia. When her former husband lost his battle with an illness, Cathy decided to make a brave move, uprooting herself and relocating right to the heart of Columbia. Once she moved in, Cathy asked Linda Perrow of Pulliam-Morris to help decorate in her favorite traditional style. Cathy wouldn't settle for any-

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CATHY HAS CHOSEN A FORMAL DINING ROOM TREATMENT. | ▲



The kitchen has granite counters, stainless upper-end appliances, and lovely tile work.



Looking back from the kitchen toward the dining area across the breakfast bar.



The spacious patio area overlooking the Adesso pool area offers room for dining.



The guest bedroom is beautifully decorated with a chandelier.

thing less than Viking appliances in her kitchen. She liked the place so much, she arranged for her mother to have a condo just upstairs so she has a convenient place to stay while visiting.

Location, location, location. In addition to Adesso's proximity to USC (where daughter Leigh attends medical school), the location also offers lots of things to do and see within a walk or short drive. Cathy and new husband Coker now enjoy walking to USC basketball games, shopping on Devine Street, and dining at Motor Supply or Garibaldi's. The location also makes it easy to entertain grandsons Brady and Grayson at EdVenture, the Zoo, or the downtown library.

Cathy and Coker travel frequently to their house on Edisto Beach, so condo living makes it easy to pick up and go anytime. But when she's here, sitting on her expansive patio and watching the sunset through palm trees beside the pool, "resort living" is how she describes her Adesso condo.

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CATHY'S ELEGANTLY DECORATED MASTER BEDROOM.



Nicki Carrea



The dining room area allows for sit-down dinners as an option to the breakfast bar that opens toward the kitchen.

Originally from an Atlanta suburb, Nicki Carrea graduated with a business degree from USC in '04. Fortunately she landed a job that kept her in Columbia, and began working in management at Accountemps, a Robert Half Company located on Main Street. After a few years in a town home near the VA Hospital, Nicki began to feel very far removed from everything – work, dining, and other things she did with friends. She longed to be closer to

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NICKI'S LIVING ROOM AREA REFLECTS HER CASUAL LIFESTYLE.



A mirror on the sideboard in the dining area reflects the room.



The kitchen is a mix of traditional, with granite counters and stainless appliances, and unusual, with the leopard print area rug.

everything. So when she heard about the Adesso condos being developed by Atlanta's Holder Properties, she made the jump back to in-town living.

Nicki chose a top floor, two-bedroom model so she could have a place for friends and family visiting from out of town. Her balconies catch the morning sun high over Main Street, and she can see Williams-Brice in the distance. Many features appealed to her - the large rooms and open floor plan, quality details like the granite counters, and secure,

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off-street parking. She was so excited about her new place that she asked Christy Edens of Verve to help with some decorating and arrangement of her new living spaces. They also replaced the stock lighting with more stylized fixtures to reflect Nicki's personality.

But the biggest draw was the location. Nicki is now a mile down Main Street from her office (skirting around the Capitol, of course). She jogs around the USC campus, or enjoys the Riverwalk - a mile down Blossom. She visits the Yoghut (in the Adesso building), or walks to Hunter Gatherer, the Nick, and Immaculate Consumption. It's a very short cab ride when she wants to go to the Vista.

However, when this young professional wants some respite from her busy life, Nicki needs only to go home where her condo is "surprisingly quiet" high above the hustle and bustle of Blossom and Main.

Special thanks goes to Rosemary Bryant. In addition to being Director of Sales at Adesso, she also owns one of the condos. Her close relationship with the residents enabled us to focus on just two of the many who call Adesso, and in-town Columbia, home. **H&G**

◀ LOOKING ACROSS THE KITCHEN COUNTER TO THE BREAKFAST BAR AREA.

▼ THE MASTER BATHROOM HAS A DOUBLE SINK AREA WITH GRANITE COUNTERS.



*An Asian bowl on the counter offers a pop of bright color.*

