



A home for the arts

SENI Mont' Kiara adds an artistic facet to the swanky Mont' Kiara enclave in KL.

Property developers like to give their premium developments unique and inspirational names. A case in point is the **SENI Mont' Kiara** in KL, developed by the Ireka Group as part of its flagship i-ZEN series. *Seni* is the Malay word for art, and artistry has played a definitive part in all aspects of this development.

The four tower blocks are named after famous artists – Dali, Monet, Picasso and Van Gogh – and these are clustered around a graceful 20,000sq metre resort-style landscape designed by the man behind Asia's best resort, Karl Prinic. Unusually for a condominium, and in keeping with the art theme, SENI will also house a permanent art gallery.

Its arty attributes aside, SENI would not thrive as a residential development if it did not offer what homeowners want. And on that front, it succeeds admirably. With units ranging from 224-345sqm, living space is expansive, as are the views: Up to 60% of the units enjoy a view of the KL city skyline, while the rest overlook the landscaped tropical gardens and twin Olympic swimming pools. SENI certainly boasts all the luxury amenities of a premier condo and is therefore well-positioned to become one of the Klang Valley's top-end residential properties. In more ways than one: SENI is situated on the highest point in Mont' Kiara, and you can't get loftier than that.

Type Residential
Date of completion End 2011
Height Two 40-storey blocks, two-12 storey blocks
Area 3.6 hectares (four towers, 605 units)
Developer Amahir Resources
Development manager Ireka Development Management Sdn Bhd
Architect BEP Architect Sdn Bhd (Malaysia)



Nearby attractions

Shop **1 Mont Kiara (1 Jalan Kiara Opens 10am-10pm daily)** Joining the slew of community malls that have sprouted up all across the Klang Valley is this welcome addition to the Mont Kiara area. Finally, you can do your grocery shopping, dine, get a spa treatment, and pick up the latest fashion and gadgets – all under one roof.

See **Taman Tasik Perdana (Jalan Perdana)** A hop, skip and jump away from Mont Kiara is KL's Lake Gardens, a tranquil oasis of lush and landscaped greenery in the heart of a concrete jungle. Not only are there jogging and walking paths galore, but the gardens also house KL's bird and butterfly parks, hibiscus and orchid gardens and the National Monument, a tribute in bronze to Malaysia's fallen soldiers.

Sup **Izakaya Tamako (E-10/10/E-1-10, Plaza Damas, Sri Hartamas)** This eatery offers the unassuming atmosphere of traditional *izakaya* (Japanese pubs), but what it lacks in decor it makes up for in flavour. It is home to some of the best *yakitori*, *donburi* and *katsu* in the Klang Valley.

Trivia

American, European and Asian cities all seem to be in competition to see who can build bigger, taller...and tallest. In Africa, however, skyscrapers are far sparser. There are only two buildings in Africa higher than 200m, compared to some 150 in Asia, over 120 in the USA and 26 in Europe.