

THE CONFLUENCE DENVER

1441 Little Raven Street, Denver, Colorado 80202



Architect: GDA Architects

Year Built: 2017

Rising 34 stories above Little Raven Street in Denver, The Confluence, a 288-unit, multi-family, mixed-use tower is a fairly recent addition to Denver's growing skyline, though the site had been eyed by developers for at least a decade prior. It sits just east of the Speer Boulevard bridge that spans the Platte River and is bound on the southeast and northeast by 15th Street and Little Raven, respectively. The name Confluence refers to the history-rich location where Cherry Creek and the South Platte River converge, where over 160 years ago the makeshift mining camp that had quickly sprung up upon the discovery of gold nearby was first declared the city of Denver, Colorado.

The Confluence has three parts: the high-rise tower that sits right against the lowest part of Cherry Creek as it merges with the Platte, separated by only a thin sidewalk, and a low-rise and a mid-rise section that are pushed to the northeast part of the site to offer a more human-scaled street wall at the corner of 15th and Little Raven. Here, a pedestrian-friendly environment is cultivated by the Millennium Bridge just one block away, the Platte River and Cherry Creek trails and I.M. Pei's 16th Street Mall pedestrian thoroughfare. Ground level retail enhances this pedestrian connection, as does the underground parking that frees the site from the oft-unsightly inclusion of above-ground structured parking. This building has been awarded a LEED Gold certification.

The tower itself is skinned in high-performance glass curtain walls. Randomly placed blue and white metal panels take the place of glass windows occasionally to give the impression of falling water, and at night a series of white LED lights run down the side of the building like a cascade.

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