

Time for 'tico'

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Canadians have an affinity for Costa Rica. What's not to like — sunshine, warmth, blue water and white sand. And, oh yeah, a laidback lifestyle locally referred to as "tico time."

Ashley Willard is vice-president of marketing and strategy for Latitude Destination Properties and represents the eco-friendly enclave of Tranquilo, 90 minutes from the capital city of San Jose.

It's the perfect place for those who are into ob-

Laidback lifestyle in eco-friendly development

serving and protecting nature while catching a few waves or venturing into the forests.

Nestled between the lush forests and the Pacific Ocean, Tranquilo is being carefully developed to ensure just the tiniest of developmental footprints.

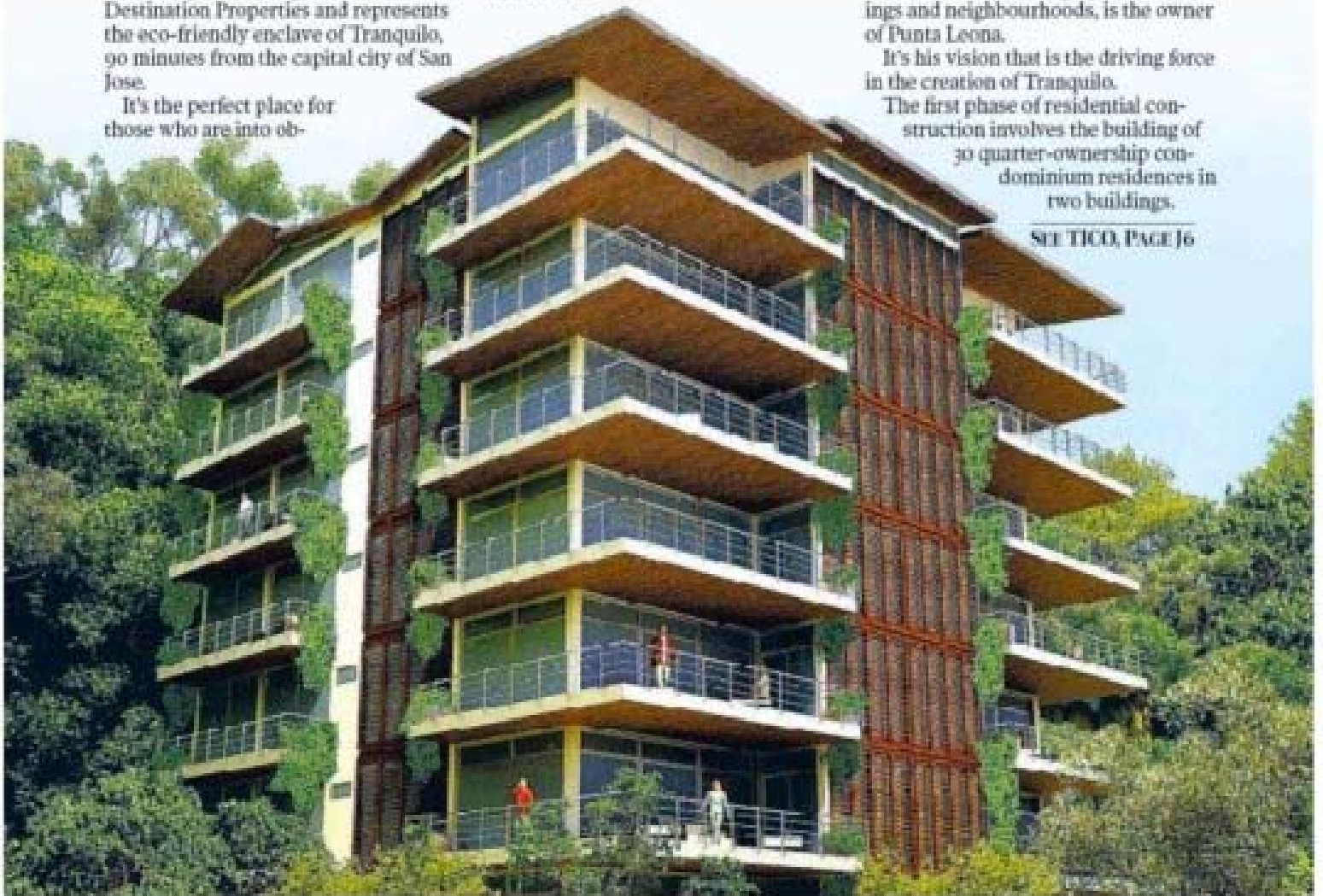
It will take up just six of the 300 hectares making up the private nature preserve that is called Punta Leona.

Guillermo Carranza, who was the person behind much of the country's infrastructure development and construction of several high profile buildings and neighbourhoods, is the owner of Punta Leona.

It's his vision that is the driving force in the creation of Tranquilo.

The first phase of residential construction involves the building of 30 quarter-ownership condominium residences in two buildings.

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An artist's rendering of one of two buildings making up the first phase of the Tranquilo development near San Jose, Costa Rica.