

Sandy and Tony Lee, Luma

The Artful Life in a South Park High-Rise Community

South Park is a fast-growing hub for high-rise living, with nearly a dozen new and under-construction projects changing the skyline. Tony and Sandy Lee moved to Luma, a 19-story condo tower at 11th and Hope streets, a year ago from the Historic Core. They love the modern design of their loft, which has patio access to the barbecue and pool level of the building. Sandy, a dentist, and Tony, an entrepreneur, have created a clean, modern approach to living.

1. My husband has collected a lot of art pieces. The loft, the way it's laid out with white walls and all the natural light that comes in through the windows, makes it like a gallery. It's a good place to display our artwork.

2. We love being on the garden level. At night, when the indirect lights hit the bamboo trees, it creates a soft glow like mood lighting. Tony used to sit there and stare out.

3. The location. With all the events at Staples Center going on, even though we're not involved, we feel the excitement of the people walking back and forth at night. And when the L.A. Marathon was here, they ran through 11th Street, and we cheered the runners on from our window.

4. The lamps. We have a unique collection of modern Italian Artemide lamps, in the dining area, one in the study and one in the living room. We recently got another one. One lampshade is as big as a chair.



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