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Hazel8's minimalist design intrigued young professionals

By Patricia Wren

Enrique Soto, M.D., and his wife, Elizabeth, were drawn to the minimalist design of Hazel8 in University Circle. "It is very modern," Enrique said, describing the apartment's "modern finishes, recycled wood on some walls, hardwood floors, high ceilings," and other luxury features.

The Sotos chose a spacious, two-bedroom apartment with two balconies. The balcony off of the living room is large enough to accommodate a table and chairs. The one off of the bedroom has enough room to fit a smaller table and chairs.

The couple was attracted by the vibrancy of the University Circle neighborhood. "We especially like that it's within walking distance of so many museums. It also has traditional, as well as modern architecture," said Elizabeth.

"University Circle is the 'hot spot' of Cleveland right now," Enrique said. The Sotos enjoy being within walking distance of the new Museum of Contemporary Art

Cleveland, which opened last October. They also like going to the Cleveland Museum of Art, Cleveland Institute of Music, Cleveland Botanical Gardens, and Case Western Reserve University.

They have two dogs, Sushi and Thali, which are both Shitzus, and they walk them twice a day around the circle.

"It's a quiet and safe neighborhood," said Enrique. "It is well-patrolled."

Some of their favorite University Circle haunts are located on the street level of Uptown Cleveland on Euclid Avenue, which is just a short walk from their apartment. The Sotos frequent Constantino's Market for groceries, the Barnes & Noble bookstore, Panera, and Mitchell's Ice Cream. For special dinners, they like to go to Accent, a restaurant that they describe as "fabulous!"

The couple previously lived in downtown Cleveland but wanted to be closer to Enrique's place of work. He is a second-year Fellow, training in reproductive endocrinol-

ogy and infertility at Cleveland Clinic. He completed his residency and a minimally-invasive surgery fellowship at the Department of Obstetrics, Gynecology, and Reproductive Science at Mount Sinai Hospital in New York City.

"The Cleveland Clinic is the best place to train," he said. He is pleased that he already has offers to consider after he completes his Cleveland Clinic fellowship training.

Elizabeth is studying at Baldwin Wallace University in Berea, where she is pursuing a master's degree in early childhood and special education.

The couple met in Juarez, Mexico, where they both grew up. When they travel, it is often back to Juarez to visit family. They also enjoy traveling in Europe when Enrique goes there for meetings. They honeymooned in Tahiti.



Enrique and Elizabeth Soto with dogs Sushi and Thali. | George Shuba Photography

The couple commended Hazel8's community manager, Ashley Rizzo, for the amount of attention that she gives to the residents.

Located at 1608 Hazel Drive, Hazel8 offers 59 one- and two-bedroom units in single- and multi-level townhome styles. WXZ Development owns Hazel8; the NRP Group manages the apartment community. For more information go to www.hazel8.com.

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