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Lakeview Lofts Receives LEED® Platinum Certification

LEED Platinum, the highest designation achievable, integrates principles of smart growth, urbanism and green building.

SEATTLE, Washington – October 1, 2009 – Carsten Stinn Architecture today announced that Lakeview Lofts, a micro-community of six townhomes located in the highly desirable Eastlake community, received LEED Platinum certification under the U.S. Green Building Council’s LEED-for homes certification program.

“We created homes that redefine urban living with a social conscience, and in the process, departed from many of Seattle city codes with regard to townhome development. Our hope is future developments will use our project as an example for greater diversity and smart growth within the city limits of Seattle,” said Carsten Stinn, architect for Lakeview Lofts. “Today’s recognition from the U.S. Green Building Council enables us to showcase what we hope is the future of Seattle development, with a large focus on sustainability.”

The project consists of 6 single family homes between 1816-2250 square feet in size. All homes are arranged around an open garden courtyard, which is shared by the entire micro community. 2 of the 6 homes are still available. For more information about Lakeview Lofts, see www.eastlakeunionlofts.com.

LEED Platinum for this project is projected to save up to 80% in energy consumption over the standard code-built homes. Features include Vacuum solar tubes that heat water used for a hydronic in-floor heating system and domestic hot water, induction cook-tops (96% efficient compared to gas, which is 44% efficient), green rooftops, low VOC paint, cabinets made without formaldehyde, bamboo flooring, pervious pavement, indoor ventilation systems and the potential to add Photo-voltaic panels in association with the city’s ‘Net Metering Program’.

The occupants of LEED platinum homes benefit from a healthier, cleaner, and more efficient living environment. The community environment has benefitted from sustainable construction techniques, and will continue to benefit from reduced storm-water runoff and reduction of heat-island effect. Studies have shown that “green” homes cost less to operate, and tend to appreciate faster than average homes.

ABOUT CARSTEN STINN: Carsten Stinn founded the office of ‘Carsten Stinn Architecture’ in 2003. Carsten is a LEED certified architect practicing in Seattle. He has a Master’s degree in Architectural Engineering from the University of Aachen Technical University (Germany) and received the German Academic Exchange Scholarship at the University of Washington in 1992. Prior to his architectural education he passed the German Craftsman’s Exam and worked as a journeyman builder in Germany, specializing in concrete construction.

Carsten’s work on large scale commercial, residential, and community projects demonstrates a thorough understanding and appreciation of construction methods, and of systems that provide durable and efficient operations for the entire lifecycle of a building. His holistic, sustainable design approach optimizes economic and environmental performance through energy conservation, resource efficiency, and pollution prevention. Carsten’s design sense is defined by logic and pragmatism. It is informed by modernism, simplicity, a minimalist ethic, a European sensibility, and a love for the environment and the Pacific Northwest lifestyle. The results are energy efficient sustainable buildings with a refined aesthetic quality.

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