

Local Brothers Build Luxury Homes

Venture in sound construction and minority entrepreneurship

Two new condominiums are nearing completion at 34 and 38 N.E. Going St., but these are no ordinary homes. These condos represent a new level of accomplishment for infill development.

Robel and Meron Alemseghed immigrated to the United States from Eritrea at an early age. They grew up in northeast Portland, where they have resided for the past 25 years.

After closing down the long established family business, Red Sea Restaurant and Nightclub, the Alemsegheds turned their attention to restoring vintage Portland homes. They then naturally progressed to building new construction homes. They formed Bridgecity Group in 2006 specifically to develop urban infill projects with environmentally sensitive techniques.

Bridgecity recently transformed a relatively small vacant lot at the corner of Northeast Going and Cleveland into unique, contemporary, high-density housing for the future.

Meron and Robel worked closely with the designer in order to incorporate a multitude of innovative design features. The end product resulted in two attached town-home-style condominiums, with each unit featuring over 1,600 square feet of living space, distributed over three levels.

Each unit boasts three bedrooms and 3.5 bathrooms, radiant floor heat, aluminum-framed low-E windows, artistic glass tile, slab granite counters and a patio enveloped by a unique



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Robel and Meron Alemseghed stand outside their brand new condo units at 34 N.E. Going St. The brothers specialize in restoring and building vintage homes.

exterior design accented with true cedar siding.

The first level includes a one-car garage, storage area, laundry facilities and a bedroom suite. The second level

includes the living/dining area, kitchen and half bath. The third level is devoted solely to the two master suites, with views of downtown, the West Hills and the Fremont Bridge.

The future residents of these units will benefit from a coveted location that is close to downtown, the Rose Quarter, popular cultural events such as the art walks on Northeast Alberta

Street and accessible public transportation.

The homes also benefit the

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