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## **European Tower Names Project Architect, General Contractor** *One Home, One Floor Condominium Project Brings Eurourban Flare to Downtown Bellevue*

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BELLEVUE (Jul. 26, 2006) – Developers of European Tower have named Seattle-based CollinsWoerman as project architect and Lydig Construction as general contractor of the exclusive high-rise tower to be built in downtown Bellevue. This announcement marks the brisk advancement of the project, first introduced to the public earlier in the year.

European Tower COO, Eugene Gershman said CollinsWoerman was selected to manage final delivery of the European Tower Bellevue project because their competency in compact design execution. “CollinsWoerman and Lydig are a fantastic team for us,” Gershman said. “Their understanding of the Eurourban style complexities will help up keep the Bellevue project on time and on budget.” Gershman also stated that the team’s unique understanding of downtown Bellevue was a plus in their selection. “Our team is very excited with this marked progression of the project and we are proceeding rapidly with final design and permitting requirements,” he said.

The proposed European Tower condominium project in downtown Bellevue (930 109<sup>th</sup> Avenue NE) is a dramatic departure from the usual condominium projects springing up around the area. Most impressive is the Eurourban design that features only 16 residential units – one per floor, with virtually 360° uninterrupted views, giving residents a penthouse-like feeling in their homes. Gershman explains another extraordinary feature of European Tower. “The project is designed around a fully-automated, underground parking system unlike anything ever built in the West and one of only three such structures in the U.S.”

Mark Woerman, architectural firm co-owner and project principal, explains the European Tower concept. “European Tower will be something very distinctive and special in the region. It will offer residents all the subtle

comforts of the Pacific Northwest with the luxuries and modernity of European living.” CollinsWoerman is working on numerous projects throughout the area including Bellevue’s Washington Square which encompasses an entire city block, and Ashwood Commons, a 170-unit 23-story mixed-use tower Northeast of Bellevue’s central business district. CollinsWoerman also designed Seattle’s 2200, due to open this October, which houses Whole Foods Market and the Pan Pacific Hotel and luxury condominiums. Mark Woerman and his architectural team are now in charge of final design elements and project execution of European Tower.

General contractor, Lydig Construction, will carry out the construction of European Tower. Lydig Construction and CollinsWoerman are familiar project partners since having completed over 22 projects together. Lydig has built throughout the Bellevue Central Business District. Recent projects include the LEED certified Puget Sound Energy Corporate Headquarters, Merrill Lynch financial, Davis Wright Tremaine law offices and various projects throughout Bellevue Square and Lincoln Tower. Gus Gottschalk, vice president and co-owner of Lydig Construction, is eager to start the building process. “We’re very honored to be working with the European Tower team to bring such a unique structure to the Bellevue area. Our crew is ready to get started.” Most recently, Lydig Construction worked on Seattle’s Hotel 1000, and is currently working on Island Hospital in Anacortes, Wash. as well as Coyote Ridge penitentiary facility, a \$167 million design and build project for Washington State.

The structure of European Tower is a euro-inspired, slender-tower design. This type of construction allows for the most efficient utilization of urban space because of the narrow foundation footprint and vertical expansion of the building. This is also beneficial to the environment and community since less land is used and density within the city is increased. The consideration of the environment and most efficient utilization of lot space are common themes in European architecture. Project landscaping on the ground floor and on the roof top will include concepts and touches found throughout Europe.

The decision of European Tower developers to bring the concept to Bellevue is no accident. Considering the limited space within the immediate Bellevue urban area and the increasing popularity to live in the growing city, European Tower principles considered the inventive architectural concept ideal. Slender-tower structures are popular in Europe where urban space is limited. Additionally, the luxury and exclusivity of the development are characteristics residents have come to expect on the Bellevue area.

The announcement of the design and construction teams is coupled with an updated website. Visitors to the site can get a feel for European Tower's Eurourban style. The web address is [www.europeantower.com](http://www.europeantower.com). Sales for European Tower are being managed by John L. Scott. For additional information on sales call 425-455-EURO and speak with Michael Orbino of John L. Scott's Downtown Bellevue Office.

### **About European Tower, LLC**

European Tower, LLC is part of the GIS International Group of companies that has built nearly two million square feet of residential, commercial and industrial space around the globe since its formation in 1992. European Tower, LLC brings vast international living experience, research, global partnerships and highly skilled professionals to each of its projects.

### **About CollinsWoerman**

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### **About Lydig Construction, Inc.**

Incorporated in 1956, and celebrating our 50<sup>th</sup> year, Lydig Construction is a private, full service construction company offering general contracting, construction management, pre-construction, special project and design-build services. Lydig has been involved with hospitality, education, office, medical/hospital, manufacturing/warehouse, retail, commercial, food processing/storage, and detention projects throughout Washington State. A Special Projects Group that focuses on tenant improvement projects has also been expanded in recent years. Please visit Lydig Construction's website at [www.lydig.com](http://www.lydig.com) for more information regarding additional services and capabilities.

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