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**Portland's Brewery Blocks wins award for Sustainable Design.**

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The Brewery Blocks, a \$300 million mixed-use project that spans five blocks in Portland's Pearl District, has been recognized by the American Institute of Architects for its sustainable design.

A new award from AIA, the Sustainability Award is designated for projects that demonstrate building excellence, integration of architecture and energy conservation, innovative use of passive technology and recycled or renewable materials, ecological impact on the project site and building occupants, and environmentally sensitive land use.

AIA jurors said they selected the Brewery Blocks redevelopment for the award because the project combined density and sustainability to create multiple urban sustainable blocks without the use of additional urban land, choosing instead to increase density within an already developed area.

"When developing the historically significant landmark, we were careful to provide a design that preserved and maintained the building's storied integrity, yet offered state-of-the-art technology, infrastructure and amenities," said Dennis Wilde a senior project manager with **Gerding/Edlen Development Co.**, which redeveloped the Brewery Blocks. "At the core of every Gerding/Edlen project is a desire to make a lasting contribution to the community and the environment. Virtually all of the work we do subscribes to this philosophy, making it particularly meaningful to be recognized by our peers in this way."

The Henry, Gerding/Edlen's high-end Brewery Blocks condominium, is in line for a gold rating in the U.S. Green Building Council's Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design Green Building Rating System. If awarded, the Henry would become one of two LEED-gold-rated residential properties in the United States.

Brewery Blocks tenants include Whole Foods Market, Tyco Telecom and Portland Energy Systems on Block 1; Baja Fresh Mexican Grill, CES Acquisition, Diesel, Gerding/Edlen, GBD Architects, Mio Gelato, Pacific Coast Restaurants, Peet's Coffee & Tea, Perkins Coie LLP, PREM Group, and Sur La Table on Block 2; and the Art Institute of Portland, Compass Advisors LLC, M Financial Group, PPM Energy Inc., P.F. Chang's China Bistro Inc. and Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe LLP on Block 4.

Other members of the Brewery Blocks project team included GBD Architects Inc., Hoffman Construction Co. and R&H Construction Co., all of which are based in Portland, as well as the Portland offices of Glumac International, GeoDesign Inc. and KPFF Consulting Engineers. All of the project team members had worked on green buildings before working on the Brewery Blocks.

Gerding/Edlen has more than \$1.5 billion in green projects completed or in progress.

