



## U.S.'s OLDEST APARTMENT BUILDING REBIRTH

### Historic renovation and new construction blended in project erected in Roswell

ATLANTA GA - September 18th, 2008 - Atlanta based builder H&G Construction Concepts, LLC announces the completed historic renovation of The Bricks II one of the nation's oldest apartment buildings located at 45 Sloan St. in Roswell.

The historic renovation and new construction project, designed by the renowned urbanist Lew Oliver, spectacularly transformed the circa 1839 Roswell's Cotton Mill worker's apartment building into an exceptional townhome project, while at the same time, inspiring the construction of two new townhomes which together form The Bricks II.

During the renovation, the original structure of the old building was preserved, and creative ways to use historic and recycled materials were incorporated to produce an amazing, open and upscale space that integrates modern amenities and 10 foot ceilings with the historic charm of the old building.

The project took ten months of tenacious work and devoted construction management skills to be completed; "Every day of the construction process was extremely challenging but the final results make it exceptionally rewarding." Andres Gonzalez, partner of H&G Construction Concepts said.

The project is located at the intersection of Sloan & Mill Sts., an area that is becoming increasingly popular due to the noticeable building renaissance the town has experienced. On this corner, the old building has witnessed the history of the city for almost 170 years, since its construction by businessman Roswell King, who owned The Mill and built The Bricks as apartments for some of his employees and their families.

On the new construction phase, items such as the cedar balconies were perfectly built and assembled with the existing structure, modest hardy plank siding walls and seamless metal roofs gave continuity to the exposed aged brick walls. "If these walls could talk they would enlighten us with the countless historic moments they have secretly kept..." Paula Henao, Construction Concepts' partner said.

Special items from the 1830s building such as the front doors, the fireplaces with its mantles, and the ceiling beams have been revamped and reinstalled in key areas of the townhouses to accentuate their historic style. Over 2,000 square feet of new construction were cleverly added to the existing structure to increase the living area, providing the new townhouses with 3 bedrooms, 3 bathrooms, 2 car garages and a wine foyer.

Designers and builder put a lot of effort into developing the project while respecting the environment, that's why The Bricks II features permeable stone pavers and gravel driveways, storm water filtration prior to discharging into the City's infrastructure, recycled bricks salvaged from a demolished downtown building (known to be the stable walls for the General Sherman's troops in 1864 & the Manufacturing Plant of Southern Furniture Company in 1888), antique heart pine beams converted into floorboards and roofing tin tiles used as wall covering for new fireplaces.

City of Roswell's historic district is the scenario of this astonishing renovation, located just a few steps away from the Town Square and a few minutes away from Canton Street, the two community gathering spots that make Roswell so alive. project erected in Roswell.