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WinnDevelopment's 62-unit Oliver Lofts awarded LEED Platinum certification

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WinnDevelopment's apartment community, Oliver Lofts, located at 166 Terrace St., was recognized nationally with LEED Platinum Certification by the U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC) for achievement in green building and design. Oliver Lofts is one of the only midrise, multi-family buildings in Boston to earn Platinum distinction, and one of only 2 historic mid-rise buildings in the country to achieve LEED Platinum certification after being converted into mixed-income housing.

"Green living and sustainability are hallmarks of WinnDevelopment's projects," said Gilbert Winn, managing principal of WinnCos. "Oliver Lofts are a perfect example of our company's ongoing commitment to green building practices and historic preservation, and we are thrilled to provide residents with the highest quality apartments which also positively impact the environment."

Oliver Lofts, the historic 19th century Boston building formerly known as Pickle-Ditson, were recently renovated by WinnDevelopment after 30 years of vacancy. The mixed-income housing community consists of 62 apartments, located in the two connecting historic mill buildings in Boston's Mission Hill. During construction 100 jobs were created, of which 50% of the hours were filled by city of Boston residents.

"The Patrick-Murray Administration is committed to supporting developments like Oliver Lofts that set the standard for sustainability," said Dept. of Housing and Community Development undersecretary Aaron Gornstein. "I congratulate WinnDevelopment on their work and commend them for their dedication to sustainability."

WinnDevelopment has long been in the forefront of green building and sustainability. Just recently, the company earned LEED Gold Certification for the Canal Lofts, a 64-unit mixed-income housing community in Worcester. In May, WinnDevelopment was also presented with the Green Residential Award and named Climate Action Leader by Mayor Menino for its Castle Square property on Tremont Street, developed in partnership with Castle Square Tenant's Organization. After its Deep Energy Retrofit, the Castle Square building has projected energy savings of as much as 72%.

"As a LEED-certified home, Oliver Lofts serves as a model of greener living for the entire community," added Nate Kredich, Vice President of Residential Market Development for the USGBC. "The home sets the example that we can all live better by reducing our environmental footprint, cutting our utility bills, and coming home to a greener place to live."

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