

SEATTLE, Nov. 4, 2013 /PRNewswire/ -- Setting a new standard for eco-friendly luxury apartment living in downtown Seattle, the *Joseph Arnold Lofts* (www.thejoesseattle.com), a 131-unit, 13-story new residential building, is opening doors to its first residents this week.

Located at the corner of Elliott Ave and Cedar St. in north Belltown, '*The Joe*' is 40% pre-leased and is the first multi-family high-rise project in the state to receive the prestigious *Green Globes*® environmental certification.

"We're thrilled to have once again set a new standard for high-quality, green building in Seattle and to see residents responding so favorably," said The Schuster Group Founder and CEO Mark Schuster.

"Seattle is experiencing an increasing number of people who want the option to live downtown in a high-end residential building – but don't necessarily want to own a condo. This evolution is a natural part of the downtown fabric in larger cities like New York, Chicago or San Francisco," continued Schuster.

A New Standard of Green for Seattle Demonstrating a deep commitment to environmental stewardship, *The Joe* is certified by the international *Green Globes*® certification system, a revolutionary environmental design and management tool. The building has been certified Three Globes, which is the equivalent of LEED™ Gold.

Green Globes is an international green building certification system developed by the Green Building Initiative. It has been used throughout Europe and Canada for a number of years and

is the first green building certification system to be certified by the American National Standards Institute (ANSI). Green Globes sets

The Joe

apart and brings a new standard of green to Seattle

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Life at 'The Joe': Redefining Boutique Luxury Apartment Living Providing unmatched quality, luxurious finishes, modern amenities and uninhibited design,

The Joe

offers studio, one and two-bedroom homes conveniently located just steps from the Olympic Sculpture Park and Elliott Bay

.

Featuring high-quality European appliances, expansive floor-to-ceiling windows, high-efficiency heating/cooling systems and dramatic 10-to-13 foot concrete ceilings, *The Joe* offers breathtaking, unobstructed views of Elliott Bay and downtown Seattle

, as well as the Olympic Mountains.

"As one of the first of its kind in downtown Seattle, *The Joe* represents a culmination of more than five years of thoughtful design and construction—and we're thrilled to be meeting our residents' desires to live in a quality environment they can feel proud of," added Schuster.

Amenities at *The Joe* include a private guest suite; on-site complimentary boardroom for business meetings; bike storage and work room with private off-street access; along with a rooftop pet walk featuring a regularly maintained real grass pet relief area.

Additionally, *The Joe* offers a large 'urban retreat' with full kitchen, poker table and entertaining space for lounging/private parties; fitness center; private underground parking; and an expansive private rooftop landscaped deck with community herb garden and unmatched, postcard-perfect views.

For more information about living at *Joseph Arnold Lofts*, visit www.thejoeseattle.com.

About The Schuster Group (www.theschustergroup.com) Established in 1989, The Schuster Group is a multi-faceted, vertically integrated real estate investment, development, and merchant-banking firm, headquartered in Seattle

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