

Portus Funds Wins 2005 “Mayor’s Design Award” for Aperture, One of Its Boutique Apartments

Inaugural Award Recognizes Businesses Making Design Excellence a Priority

Denver, CO – January 11, 2006 – Portus Funds, a private real estate investment management company that created the Boutique Apartment™ category, was recognized recently with a 2005 “Mayor’s Design Award” for Aperture, one of Portus’ boutique apartment properties (www.boutiqueapartments.com). Portus was honored with the award for its commitment to making design excellence a priority in the community. The Honorable Mayor John Hickenlooper presented Portus with the award at an evening reception at the Colorado Convention Center.

This was the award program’s inaugural year. The Mayor’s Design Award was created to celebrate the contributions businesses make to the architectural legacy of Denver’s neighborhoods. Portus was one of only 15 businesses to receive an award.

Aperture was selected because it was an original addition to the best of Denver’s imaginative new design and architecture. Located in the emerging Uptown neighborhood at 18th and Williams Street, the Aperture building was renovated in a photography-inspired theme and features 32 studio units and four one-bedroom units. Common areas have comfortable and modern furniture, original artwork, an antique drive-in movie projector and special lighting effects. Units feature a built-in breakfast bar and user-friendly interiors with new hardwood flooring, windows, cabinets, appliances, electrical and plumbing fixtures, and upscale design amenities such as concrete countertops, metal backsplashes and bright paint colors.

Portus Funds created the Boutique Apartment™ category in 2004 as a new class of apartments targeted to middle-income professionals. Boutique Apartments™ ([HYPERLINK “http://www.boutiqueapartments.com”](http://www.boutiqueapartments.com) www.boutiqueapartments.com) offer individuals the opportunity to rent upscale, arts-oriented and eco-friendly living spaces in Denver at affordable prices. In addition to Aperture, Portus owns and manages a variety of Boutique Apartment buildings, including H2O, Works, Lodge, Route 66 and Shambhala.

“This award recognizes our mission to improve the neighborhoods that we invest in,” says Grant Barnhill, president of Portus Funds. “A lot of the buildings we renovate are neglected buildings. By improving the buildings, we also improve the face of the entire neighborhood. When people see the investment we’ve made in our properties, it encourages them to follow suit and invest in their properties, which benefits not only our residents, but also the entire community.”

About Portus Funds

Portus Funds, Inc. is a private real estate investment management company that acquires and manages real estate investments on behalf of its investor clients. The company offers a variety of real estate investments to high-net-worth individuals, trusts, pension funds and investment banking firms. Portus also offers individuals the unique ability to invest their retirement accounts such as IRAs, SEP IRA, and 401(k) plans into real estate investments. The Boutique Apartment™ category, created by Portus, is a unique investment strategy that provides accredited investors an opportunity to invest in properties priced well below their replacement value and the potential to receive a substantial return on their investment. For more information about Portus and the Boutique Apartment category, visit www.boutiqueapartments.com.

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