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Lander Group honored for work that's small-scale with big ideas

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Minneapolis-based Lander Group was named the Small Volume Multifamily Development Firm of the Year at the National Association of Home Builders (NAHB) annual Pillars of the Industry Awards in April.

The awards honor national excellence in multifamily housing design, development, marketing and management. The Lander Group was the only Minnesota firm to earn honors from the association.

The awards committee created the Small Volume category specifically to honor Lander.

"This is a small firm, working on a small scale, but with truly big ideas," said Jerry Howard, executive vice president and chief executive officer of NAHB. "The Lander Group offers exciting architecture and good planning, and as a result, the firm has helped build great urban neighborhoods."

Howard also praised Lander for its use of eco-friendly products and green building principles.

Judging was based on overall quality of recent projects, success in achieving visions and goals, financial performance, innovative development strategies and practices and a demonstrated ability to overcome obstacles.

"It's a tremendous recognition that will help develop our brand and show that we are a serious, long-term, committed player," said Michael Lander, the Lander Group owner. "The industry has a lot to do to better its image and reputation, and this kind of recognition helps."

Lander Group projects include Midtown Lofts, a finalist in the NAHB's best loft community category, 301 Kenwood Parkway, a finalist in the NAHB's best site plan category, West River Commons, and Printer's Row in St. Paul.

Earlier this year, the Lander Group also received four Best in American Living Awards from Professional Builder Magazine and NAHB.

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Midtown Lofts, a recent Lander Group development, is on the Midtown Greenway in Uptown.

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