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9TH STREET LOFTS,
215 EAST 9TH ST.,
ST. PAUL

\$319,000

In a historic warehouse building in downtown St. Paul, homeowners can let their imaginations run wild. The 9th Street Lofts, a project by the Lander Group and Sherman Associates, will be home to fifty city lofts when it opens its doors in fall 2004 (with a preview in this fall's Parade of HomesSM), giving homeowners the freedom to design their space as they please, all the while utilizing every inch of available space.

The 1,441-square-foot model loft retains many of the qualities of the original warehouse building, from the concrete floors and exposed ductwork to the ten-foot-high ceilings and oversized windows that flood the space with natural light. One unique space-saving feature is the lack of swing-out doors in the home. Except for the front door, most of the doors in the home are solid-core wood pocket doors, which provide a discreet barrier and screen out noise.

The kitchen adds a taste of both luxury and functionality, with birch-front cabinetry, stainless steel appliances, and a

large center island. A stainless steel backsplash stretches from countertop to cabinet bottom, adding drama and giving the space an urban feel, while a cutout window in the backsplash looks through to the living area and brings in natural light.

The living area is a major highlight of the home—and a playroom for creativity. An open space, it can be sectioned off with optional moving wall elements and special furniture to suit the owner's whims. This setup provides flexibility—homeowners can have a wide open space for a party, section off their bedroom for some privacy, or add another wall to create a separate guest bedroom.

With two window-filled walls to this apartment, the view—and the light—is great. If you want to know the conveniences of downtown living, just look out the windows. You'll see the downtown skyline and the newly developed Wacouta Commons Park. Dakota on the Park and Essex on the Park—both Lander Group projects—are next door and lend a friendly feel to this new urban neighborhood.

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