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## New properties on Gateway Quarter tour

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Six newly open buildings with 41 new condos and five newly constructed single family homes in Over-the-Rhine will be highlighted Saturday during the "Gateway Quarter Expansion Tour" slated to run from noon to 4 p.m.

The tour is free and open to the public.

Generally located along Vine, Race and Main streets between Central Parkway and 13th Street, the Gateway Quarter has been developed in phases by a public and private venture with the city of Cincinnati, corporate investors, local developers and the non-profit Cincinnati Center City Development Corp.

Work began in 2005, and the properties to be showcased are part of a third phase of building renovations and new construction.

Cincinnati Mayor Mark Mallory will kick off Saturday's tour with a talk at 10 a.m. to be held at Republic and 13th streets.

The new units start around \$140,000 and go up to \$350,000.

Properties to be highlighted include:

- Mottainai, 1222-24 Republic St. developed by Northpointe Group/B2B Equities. Mottainai is a Japanese adjective that means "It is too valuable to waste." The project has applied for green energy certification under a U.S. Green Building Council program known as Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design. The development includes eight units featuring high efficiency heating and cooling, European-style kitchens, rooftop decks and generous storage spaces.
- Trinity Flats, 1331-35 Vine St. developed by The Model Group. This newly constructed building is at the corner of 14th and Vine streets. The nine units include rooftop decks, outdoor space, indoor, secured parking, two bedrooms and two bathrooms in all units.
- City Home, 1406 Pleasant St. A partnership between Over-the-Rhine Community Housing (by Eber Development, Schickel Design and 3CDC). The first phase of this project includes six condos and five single family courtyard carriage homes. Community Housing will provide special financing on five units, so they are affordable for low to moderate income home buyers.
- Lackman Lofts, 1237 Vine St. developed by Urban Sites. The seven units in this building combine original woodwork with modern amenities and include bay windows, exposed brick, elevators, secured parking and rooftop decks.

- Good Fellows Hall, 1306 Main St. developed by Urban Sites. This project in a former furniture store includes five units with exposed brick and ductwork, elevator access, secured garage parking and rooftop decks.

- Falling Wall, 1417-21 Main St. developed by Urban Sites. This six-unit building offers city views from rooftop decks, exposed brick and secured parking.

To date, 66 of the 86 condos – or 77 percent of the units part of the first two phases of the Gateway Quarter – have been sold or under contract. About 12 percent of the units in phase three have been sold, according to Gateway Realtors.

Overall, the Gateway Quarter represents an investment of more than \$84 million, including the acquisition costs of 152 empty buildings and 165 vacant parcels resulting in nearly 200 condos, 12 rental units and 50,000 square feet of commercial space.

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