

METHOD HOMES ANNOUNCES THE SIMPATICO SERIES BY SWATT | MIERS

SEATTLE, WA, Oct. 24, 2019 -- Swatt | Miers Architects and Method Homes are pleased to introduce **the Simpatico Series by Swatt | Miers**. Method Homes is a Seattle-based manufacturer of modern, precision-engineered, prefabricated structures, and Swatt | Miers Architects is a San Francisco Bay Area-based firm well-known for its contemporary, sustainable, user-responsive approach to design. **The Simpatico Series by Swatt | Miers**, designed and developed by Swatt | Miers Architects, is the latest in a series of innovative, architect-designed homes fabricated by Method Homes.

The initial phase of the **The Swatt | Miers Simpatico Series** is comprised of two different models - the Simpatico 2-Story and the Simpatico Courtyard House. Both models offer a kit of parts to prospective buyers with the Courtyard model additionally featuring an incremental design oriented to both first home buyers looking for a “starter home” as well as to those interested in a larger, fully developed home. Each model is fully customizable to meet a broad range of client needs and site conditions. Characterized by its bold contemporary design and striking horizontal lines, The Simpatico Series is a proprietary system of modules that can be configured to suit a broad range of unique sites and individual client goals. Each Simpatico Series house has been designed as a true net zero energy home and includes a rooftop photovoltaic system in its base cost.

The Simpatico 2 Story House was first constructed in 2012 and is the first home in the series. This model is designed to fit on a variety of lots, including urban infill parcels as narrow as 30 feet. The unique plan, which incorporates a secondary entry courtyard and the ability to change levels internally, gives the home a degree of customization not often associated with prefabricated housing. Comprised of six modules, the home includes two bedrooms, three baths, a home office, a great room and an additional loft.

Simpatico Courtyard House was specifically designed to evolve over time as a way of accommodating an individual’s or family’s changing housing needs. This model offers a range of unit configurations utilizing one to three modules along with an optional site-built carport and “Great Room”. The resultant configurations each provides for a completed home and range from

a simple 899-square-foot one-bedroom starter home up to an expansive 3-bedroom, 4.5-bath home with office, “Great Room” and carport. Ample glazing, clerestory windows, as well as taller interior spaces and deep cantilevered overhangs which can be achieved on the site-built portions, encourage an easy, indoor/outdoor lifestyle. An enhanced **Courtyard^{plus}** model is also available with additional windows, a wood-framed glazed entry wall and other features

The collaboration between Method Homes and Swatt | Miers Architects is a meeting of like minds. A recognized leader in the prefabricated building industry, Method Homes was founded with a mission of sustainability and thoughtful design, combined with a precision-driven process. Swatt | Miers has built a reputation for a design approach that emphasizes sustainability and innovation.

The team at Swatt | Miers Architects has been developing the design for **The Simpatico 2 Story Series** for over a decade. The prototype, which sits just blocks from the firm’s office, had its modular components assembled in a single day. Ever rising construction costs, extensive construction schedules and a desire to design sustainably, convinced Swatt | Miers Architects that the time was now right to fully develop the series.

“We knew we wanted to partner with Method Homes based upon their quality work and attention to detail,” says Miya Muraki, principal of Swatt | Miers . “When we approached Method Homes about collaborating, they were immediately on board.”

“Method works with design partners who share our values,” says Brian Abramson, co-founder and president of Method Homes. “We had worked with Swatt | Miers Architects earlier in the development process, so we knew that our core values were aligned.”

A streamlined construction process enables Method homes to produce customized homes 60 percent faster than traditional site-built construction cycles. Factory-built components minimize construction waste, and reduce the environmental impact of the building process. Constructed using sustainable materials and processes, the prefabricated homes can meet LEED, Energy Star, Passive House, Living Building Challenge and other environmental certification standards. Sustainable methods, combined with custom architectural design, place **The Simpatico Series** on the cutting edge of prefabricated construction.

About Swatt | Miers Architects

Known for a design approach that is at once contemporary and site-sensitive, San Francisco Bay Area-based Swatt | Miers Architects is well-known for crafting buildings that are consistently beautiful, sustainable and user-responsive. The recipient of over 85 local, regional, and national design awards including the prestigious National Honor Award from the American Institute of Architects, the firm's portfolio of projects ranges from internationally acclaimed single-family residences to a diverse array of public service buildings.

About Method Homes

Method Homes is a Seattle-based construction company focused on building precision engineered, beautiful, healthy, and sustainable prefab homes and commercial structures. The company was founded with a mission of sustainability and a commitment to thoughtful, sustainable design as a core value. Prefabrication allows Method to reduce both construction schedules and costs, while building custom projects in a controlled environment, minimizing environmental noise, weather exposure and waste.