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Elevating Custom Design

Building a new home in the Minneapolis lakes area has been taken turnkey by Elevation Homes, a new division of custom builder Streeter & Associates. "I work with people from start to finish, from the stage of finding a lot through the design process, using in-house designers and outside architects," says project director Nate Wissink (inset). With one home complete and three more in the works, Wissink, who has a background in real estate development, has already dealt with styles from cottage to contemporary and price tags from \$500,000 to \$1.5 million (not including the lot). A clean-lined prairie-style home on Drew Avenue in Linden Hills (above), completed in late 2007, serves as elegant example of Elevation's work: Classic in architectural form to complement the neighborhood, its window and floor-plan designs are made modern to maximize livability. *Elevation Homes, 952-449-9448, elevationhomes.com*



New Release

Tour the exquisite homes of more than thirty local architects, designers, and builders by way of 250 photos in *Dream Homes Minnesota*

(Panache Partners, \$34.95), released in February. The 224-page hardcover's mix of contemporary and traditional homes in the Twin Cities—including works by such firms as Albertson Hansen Architecture, SALA Architects, and TEA2 Architects—is sure to inspire. Available at bookstores and through Independent Publishers Group, 800-888-4741, ipgbook.com

The Porsche Kitchen

The handsome style and precise function of Porsche automobiles has made its way to the kitchen, of all places, and Minneapolis will house one of the first examples built anywhere. The P7340, a joint design project of Porsche and German cabinetmaker Poggenpohl, will feature sleek Miele appliances and Dornbracht plumbing fixtures made especially for the line. "We put in one of the first orders in the U.S.," Partners4Design president and architect John B. A. Idstrom II says. "We're so excited about it, having seen the pictures and the prototypes. It's so clean and tailored." The aluminum-framed ten-by-fifteen-foot kitchen featuring integrated lighting, sound, and plug-and-play analog and digital connections will be installed this summer at an International Market Square loft close to the Poggenpohl show room. *Poggenpohl/Partners4Design, 952-927-4444, partners4design.com*

