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## **NEW LAKEWOOD RANCH HOMEBUILDERS**

### **MINTO COMMUNITIES AND PARADISE HOMES OF SARASOTA**

LWR Communities, LLC, the developer of Lakewood Ranch, is proud to welcome two new homebuilders; Minto Communities and Paradise Homes of Sarasota. Joining the current great team of builders, both of these new builders represent integrity, financial strength, innovation, unsurpassed quality and enduring value that buyers in Lakewood Ranch have always experienced. The commitment being made by these new builders is a further affirmation of the strength of the Lakewood Ranch brand and a positive outlook for new home construction in the Sarasota-Manatee area.

Minto will be building two model homes in the Hazeltine neighborhood of the Country Club East village, a private, gated community built with home sites around lakes, nature preserves, and 18 holes of Rick Robbins designed golf. Paradise Homes of Sarasota will begin construction on their model home in the Leopard Creek neighborhood of Country Club East. Both builders anticipate completion of their model homes in plenty of time for seasonal traffic. Hazeltine and Leopard Creek are two neighborhoods in the Country Club East village of Lakewood Ranch. "In addition to new builders," said Milt Flinn, president of Lakewood Ranch Communities, "Hazeltine and Leopard Creek are adding amenities and these are reasons we believe that customers will want to call these neighborhoods home." Hazeltine will have a pool, cabana and butterfly garden by the year's end and Leopard Creek will feature a lakefront gazebo, puppy path and nature observation area.

“These two builders bring such diverse offerings to our builder line-up” Flinn continued. “Minto, with its decades of solid years in the building business, and Paradise, with one of the most unique home buying processes I have encountered, I can assure you, both will be a big hit, but for different reasons.”

A family-owned Canadian-based firm, Minto built its first home in 1955, and over the course of the ensuing five decades has grown into an integrated real estate development, construction and management company, providing a vast array of products and services throughout Canada and Florida. Minto’s offerings include a wide range of award-winning new homes in resort-style master-planned and custom home communities; low-, mid- and high-rise condominiums; rental apartments, furnished suites and homes, office, retail and industrial spaces and a luxury suite hotel. Its Florida operations have been headquartered in Palm Beach for the last 25 years and Minto’s commitment to customer service in the Palm Beach market earned a JD Power and Associates Top 3 national ranking. The company’s commitment to customer satisfaction is evident in the Minto MasterCare™ program, designed to ensure that each homeowner’s experience meets all expectations before, during and long after move-in.

“Lakewood Ranch is an ideal fit for us and for the high standards we have for home building,” said Michael Belmont, Minto’s executive vice president. “We focus on truly customizing each home to the buyer’s exact needs and wants. It’s a formula that works well, and we are very enthusiastic about bringing our product to Lakewood Ranch. At Minto, we understand what makes communities special, creating innovative living environments with state-of-the-art designs. These are just some of the many elements that set us apart,” Belmont said. “Based on what we are seeing in the Lakewood Ranch real estate market it is time to get in and be ready for the selling season.”

Paradise Homes is a division of Extreme Remodelers of Sarasota, LLC, a versatile, fully turn-key firm offering “single source construction.” The innovative concept of “single source construction” allows clients to view and select all products required for new construction in one convenient location, and offers extensive price savings from Paradise’s exclusive product partnerships. Thus, allowing their direct vendor relationship savings to be passed on to the customer.

The Paradise Homes signature Lifestyle Design Center is innovative and streamlined to make all aspects of the selection process a pleasant and convenient experience. Single source

construction enables Paradise to bring a home offering to the table with almost no effort and at incredible prices. Customers simply choose from one of three levels of finishes, with the tedious selection process and uncertainty of costs being eliminated. Among some of the items which can be viewed and selected at one time and at one place include interior finishes, exterior finishes, doors, windows, roofing, pavers, appliances, fixtures and accessories. Simplification is the key to what makes this approach unique. “Of course we always have the ability to design a custom build from scratch if that is desired,” said Jim Butler, president of Paradise Homes. “But most people prefer the value that our simple process provides.” All of the Paradise Homes finish levels include as a standard; Viking appliances, Wood-Mode and Brookhaven cabinets, Franke plumbing fixtures, Hinkley lighting fixtures and many other exclusive brands.

"Based on our recent market research and the falling inventory of homes, we decided it was time to make our move in Lakewood Ranch," Butler concluded.

“We are pleased to have builders of the caliber of Paradise and Minto in our community and they are a great addition to our quality team of builders,” said Milt Flinn. “With the improving market and the great Lakewood Ranch brand, more than 20 public and private builders have expressed an interest in building in our community. This allows us to be very selective. These and other new builders on the horizon will be quality additions to our team. We only want the best for our residents.”

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