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A new beginning, a new look.

"We've gone back to our core: distribution, trusses, wall panels, millwork, targeted construction services," says Paul Street, BMC SELECT CEO.

"We are excited about the opportunities ahead," President and COO Stan Wilson adds. "We are well positioned to continue to provide quality building materials and targeted construction services focused on delivering value to the home building industry."

In response to the recent challenging times, BMHC has completed a financial restructuring and moved from a public corporation to a privately held company. The company has been rebranded as BMC SELECT, which reflects a single new identity to emphasize that BMC West and SelectBuild are united as one company with one brand. It means a new beginning and a new look for the company.

"Our new name celebrates and leverages the legacies and brand equity associated with BMC West and SelectBuild. We are unique in how we consolidate construction services and building materials," says Street. "Having one brand going forward underscores this advantage."

BMC SELECT is financially healthy and remains a trusted partner to serve all its customers. It will continue to support contractors and home builders with the most knowledgeable staff, the widest line of value-added products and services, the same stores in the same locations.

"We especially want to recognize the support we received from our customers and our suppliers during our restructuring," Wilson says. "Their loyalty has been

tremendous. Going forward, we will do all we can to support those who supported us."

A snapshot of history: BMC SELECT traces its roots to 1902, when Cascade Lumber Co. was founded in Yakima, Wash. Boise Cascade was established in 1957 when Cascade Lumber merged with Boise-Payette Lumber Co. BMC West was created in 1987 in a leveraged buyout from Boise Cascade that included 20 retail building materials centers. BMC West went public in 1991, and Building Materials Holding Corp.

was formed in 1997. BMHC launched what would become SelectBuild, the company's construction services division, in 1999 when it acquired the framing company Knipp Brothers in Las Vegas and Phoenix. In January, BMC SELECT finalized the relocation of its corporate headquarters from San Francisco back to Boise, Idaho – the original home of BMC West.

Street and Wilson, who comprise the executive management team along with Danny McQuary, chief financial officer, will lead BMC SELECT forward with the help of a new independent board of directors that brings valuable expertise in areas like building products, construction, real estate, finance, operations, and corporate turnarounds.

Street has been with the company since 1999 and previously served as BMHC's outside general counsel and secretary while a partner at the company's law firm. Wilson

is a 40-year veteran of the building products industry, first at Boise Cascade Corp. and, since 1987, at BMC West and BMHC. McQuary served as CFO for Lone Star Plywood and Door Corp. from 1994 until its acquisition by BMC West in 1997 and has since held management positions at BMC West and BMHC.

BMC SELECT now serves 16 markets in 11 states. (See detail on pages 4 and 5.) To learn more, visit the company's new web site at www.bmcselect.com.



*BMC SELECT's executive management team.
L to R: President and COO Stan Wilson;
BMC SELECT CEO Paul Street; and
Chief Financial Officer Danny McQuary.*

Idaho Builder Completes Custom Homes in a Short Building Season



King's Pines Estates IV

Dusty Bitton, owner of Pinetop Custom Homes, builds custom homes in McCall, Idaho and surrounding areas. Since McCall has the highest average snowfall in Idaho and the building season is only five months out of the year, Bitton must build his homes as fast and efficiently as possible.

"With a shorter building season in McCall, we try to complete our builds as quickly as possible while still maintaining the best quality of homes. We need products for our builds that are moisture-resistant and quick to install," stated Bitton. To complete his builds under these challenging conditions, Bitton uses AdvanTech® flooring and ZIP System® roof and wall sheathing. "Thanks to the all-in-one systems, ZIP System roof and wall sheathing provides us with an alternative to structural panels and housewrap systems, which saves us time and money during the building process."



Tamarack Resort

ZIP System roof and wall sheathing have built-in protective barriers which eliminate the need for felt, H-clips and housewrap. ZIP System products provide an instant 120-day

rough dry-in, allowing builders to schedule subcontractors sooner, and complete the house in less time. The seams of the roof and wall panels are taped using ZIP System tape, making the system easier and faster to install than traditional materials.

AdvanTech flooring has greater water resistance than commodity OSB and plywood, which can tend to swell, warp and require rework under heavy moisture conditions.

"At times we are unable to complete our builds before the heavy snowfall hits and must depend on moisture-resistant

products to prevent any issues until we can continue building the next spring," said Bitton. "I began building a home in November using AdvanTech flooring and ZIP System roof and wall sheathing that was exposed through May. Although the homeowner was worried about mold, the strength and moisture barriers of the products prevented any issues, and we were able to resume building without any delay due to rework."



"AdvanTech flooring and ZIP System roof and wall sheathing not only stand up to the weather and extreme conditions we face in McCall, but the products are faster to install than traditional methods" stated Bitton. "These products help us complete our builds under tight deadlines."

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Pinetop Custom Homes
Owners Dusty and Elise Bitton

A Green Frame of Mind: Using Wood Structural Framing for Green Building

By David Helmers

Green building represents an opportunity for builders to take advantage of a material they are already using: wood building materials. Wood offers multiple environmental benefits: it comes from a renewable, natural resource; is energy efficient; and helps sequester carbon dioxide (CO₂).

Energy Efficiency Wood structural framing requires less energy to manufacture, transport, construct and maintain than other structural framing materials, helping to reduce fossil fuel consumption and greenhouse gas emissions.

Renewable Resource and Carbon Sequestration Another environmental benefit of wood is that it comes from an abundant, renewable, natural resource. As trees grow, they absorb large amounts of CO₂ from the air through the process of photosynthesis. Once harvested, the carbon stored in trees remains in the resulting wood products for long periods of time.

Wood building products can store more carbon during their useful lives than is required to produce them. The Canadian Wood Council reports that a typical 2,400 square foot wood-framed home holds an amount of CO₂ equal to the emissions of a small car over seven years.

A common misconception is that using wood for home construction is depleting forests. According to the American Forest and Paper Association and Clemson University, annual



forest growth has exceeded harvest since the 1940s.

Efficient Use of Natural Resources Wood plays an important role in green building with the efficient use of raw materials in the manufacturing process. Engineered wood products (EWPs) such as laminated strand lumber (LSL) and parallel strand lumber (PSL) can be made from logs that are too

small for conventional solid-sawn lumber. iLevel on average uses 99% of each log to produce wood products or energy to power its mills.

Engineered wood products further expand the use of wood through improved product design. Wood I-joists, for instance, are engineered into a structurally efficient shape that can do more work while using less material than would otherwise be required with a typical rectangular joist.

Ready-to-install framing, which optimizes the use of both lumber and EWPs, is another step builders can take toward green building. Using precision end-trimmed and labeled materials or panelized components can help reduce jobsite wood waste, construction cycle time and improve quality.

David Helmers is the manager of structural frame marketing for iLevel™ by Weyerhaeuser. iLevel has completed the rigorous process for Sustainable Forestry Initiative® (SFI) certification for its full range of solid-sawn lumber and engineered wood products. www.iLevel.com.



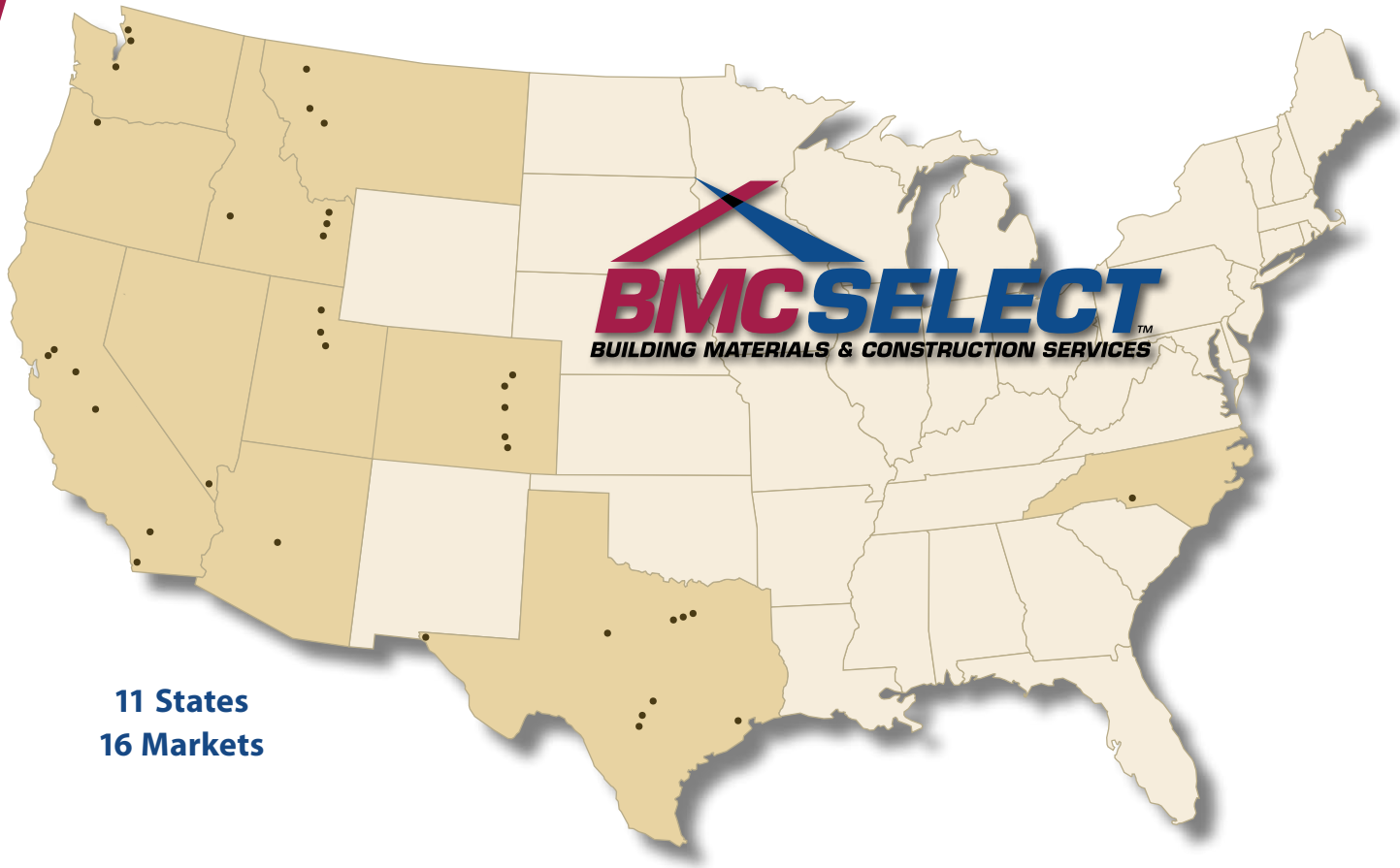
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A photograph of a man and a woman in a kitchen. The man, wearing glasses and a light blue shirt, is smiling and looking at the woman. The woman, with blonde hair and wearing a white blouse, is also smiling and looking at the man. They are standing in front of a white, paneled door. The kitchen background includes a tiled backsplash and a countertop with various items.

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The Smart Growth Manual

(McGraw-Hill; November 2009; Softcover \$24.95; 240 pages)

by noted new urbanists Andres Duany and Jeff Speck, written with Mike Lydon

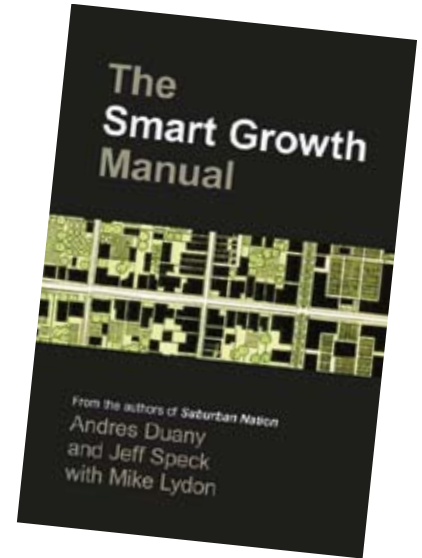
Here's a book with a format that appeals to busy folks who want to learn about smart growth. Organized and reading much like a cookbook, there's a "recipe" for each topic explained concisely in a single page. The manual covers a range of smart growth topics, organized in four sections by region, neighborhood, street and building. Within each section, topics are self-contained; a page can be read and absorbed in about two minutes.

This book is a nice resource for developers and homebuilders who are seeking public support or a competitive advantage in the design and marketing of their product. For those intending to put smart growth into practice, it quickly exposes the important issues in a format that is easy to read by people who are busy building things.

The manual bases itself on the concept of the traditional mixed-use neighborhood, which the authors feel is at the very heart of smart growth. A particular benefit to the reader is that the manual emphasizes details of physical design, especially at the scale of the streetscape and the individual building. For example, in the region section, under regional transportation, there's a page that details bicycle

networks. It explains how they fit to smart growth, describes the elements of them, and how they can be established or expanded within neighborhoods. Structured in a similar format, to name a few, other pages cover topics such as managing stormwater, clustering houses, pocket parks, healthy buildings, solar orientation and discussion of all manner of residential dwellings.

In all, this book is a small investment to gain a breadth of knowledge and to become conversant about smart growth in a short reading.



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Colormix Forecast Rediscovered Palettes of the Past

ColorMix™ 2010

"In uncertain times, we find comfort in the memories and traditions that provide us with a sense of solid ground," said Jackie Jordan, Director of Color Marketing for Sherwin-Williams. "Color plays a key role in triggering our nostalgia, and our trend forecast reflects the rediscovery of sights, sounds, smells — and colors — of the past."

The 24 shades selected by Sherwin-Williams color experts for ColorMix™ 2010 are grouped into four palettes: Rooted, Treasured, Simplified and Refreshed.

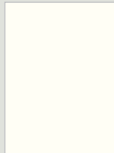
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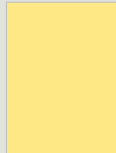
triggered in trying to navigate challenging times. For example, with the "Simplified" palette, Jordan says "The colors in this collection appear simple on the surface, but are complex when given a closer look. The Simplified palette reflects the current trend to pare down the extravagancies in our lives, but the hues still allow for intricate and elegant designs."

On the web, visit http://www.sherwin-williams.com/pro/paint_colors/paint_color_trends/ to see all the palettes of the 2010 color forecast. Robert Allen Design also offers cards for the colormix 2010 collections that feature complementary fabrics, trim and hardware from Robert Allen. For more information visit www.robertalldesign.com/sherwin-williams.

Simplified Color Palette



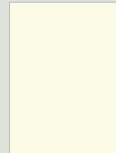
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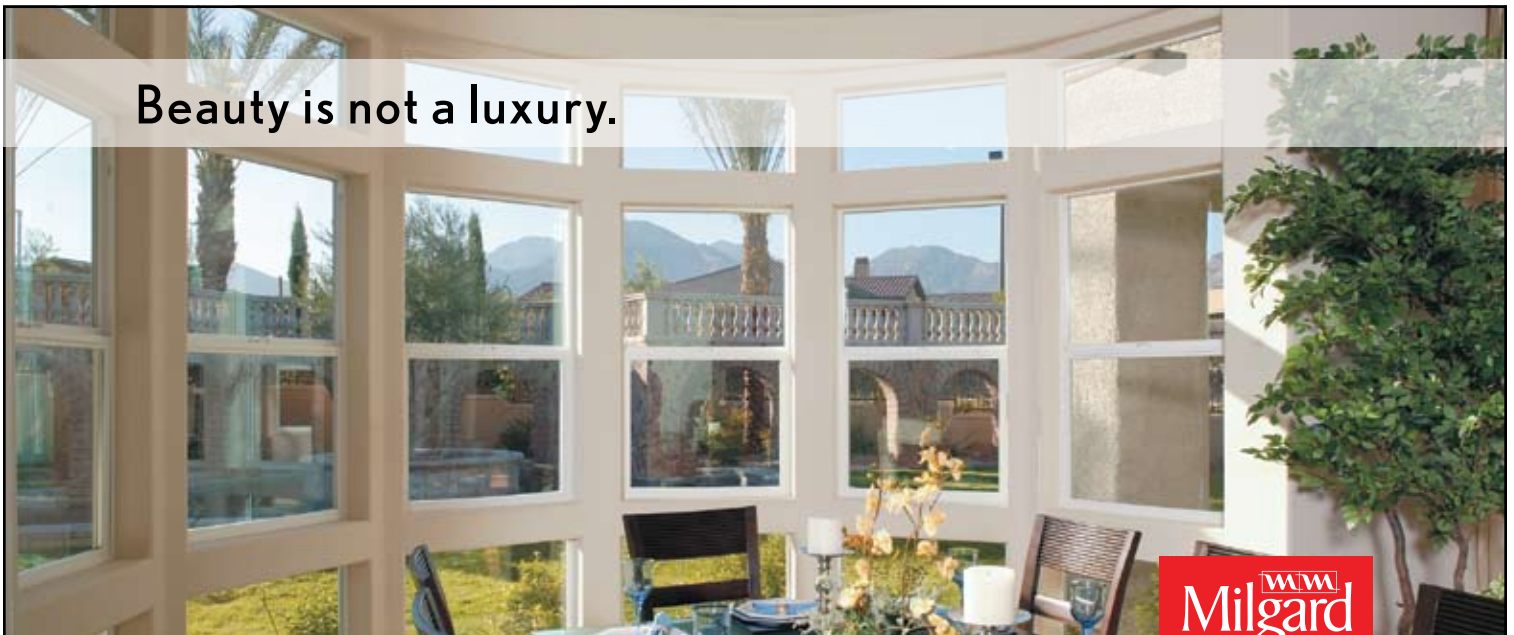


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Serious Gray

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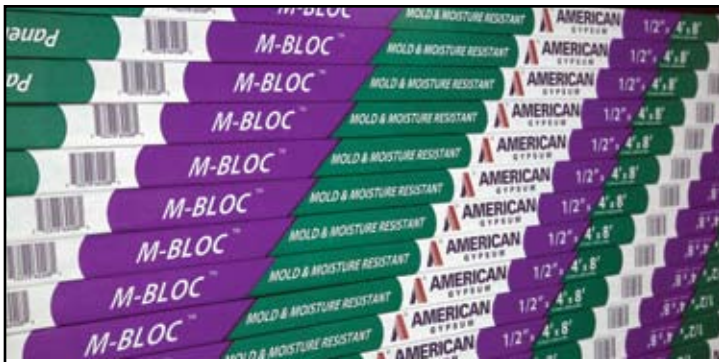


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