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Arion plans 99 studios in U District

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Arion Investment LLC plans to start construction in June on 99 studio apartments at 4230 11th Ave. N.E. in the University District.

The Vancouver, B.C.-based company expects to open Arion Apartments in fall 2016.

Johnston Architects designed the seven-story building and Hact Construction will build it.

The team also includes B.E.E., building envelope engineering; CT Engineering, structural; Evergreen Certified, Built Green; Fazio Associates, landscape architecture; and LPD Engineering, civil.

The project will target graduate students and young professionals as renters.

Johnston Architects said that it will meet 4-star Built Green standards and have a playful facade to enliven the neighborhood.

Units will range from 275 to 350 square feet, with large windows.

There will be a roof deck with a barbecue and benches, parking for bicycles but not cars, and a sidewalk of permeable paving and grass to absorb water.

Two houses will be demolished on the site.

Danny Xiao heads up Arion Investment. Johnston Architects said he was born in China and lives in Vancouver, B.C.



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