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Embassy Apartments sold to Robert Ball

Robert Ball has acquired another historic residential building in Northwest Portland. Ball bought the 69-unit Embassy Apartments at 2015 NW Flanders, and he plans a thorough rehabilitation that will restore some historic elements.

Ball plans to convert the apartments into condominiums. He expects to sell units at lower prices than anything on the market today.

“My love is restoring the buildings,” said Ball, who plans to replace the aluminum windows with original-style wooden ones. He will also restore damaged terrazzo flooring in bathrooms and the lobby. He also plans major upgrades to the wiring, plumbing, elevators, kitchens and flooring.

Nearly every unit has a floor-to-ceiling-pivot Murphy bed, which forms one wall of a built-in closet.

Ball considers this to be one of the top three older residential buildings in the district, along with 705 NW Davis and The American, which he also owns. The Dahlke family has owned the Embassy since the 1920's.

Ball is also converting the former Meier & Frank warehouse into condos, and he recently completed the Marshall Wells Lofts Condominiums. Both projects are historic landmarks in the Pearl District.