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Klaus Parking Systems, in conjunction with Arbor Building Group, Inc., has completed installation of the first triple stack parking system of its type in North America. Residents of the Jade condominiums, a high density infill project in Oakland, will simply activate a remote control and drive into a dedicated, secure parking slot, much like any suburban homeowner whose garage isn't filled to the brim with bikes and lawnmowers.

Both Arbor Building Group and Klaus Parking Systems are based in Lafayette and are involved with Meritage Homes, a publicly traded home building company ranked in the top 15 nationwide. This is Meritage's first urban infill project in the Bay Area.

Parking lift systems are not new to the Bay area or to high density infill projects. They gained acceptance in rental projects when architect Randy Harris of HDO Architects in Walnut Creek was working with Berkeley based developer Patrick Kennedy to increase unit density in municipalities with residential parking requirements. One early example using numerous vertical lifts allowed 29 parking spaces to be developed on a lot measuring less than 10,000 square feet.

In the case of the Jade project, HDO and Klaus were able to fit parking for 78 cars into a 12,000 square foot space. Arbor Project Manager Tobin Basta recalls the challenges of comparing the costs of the Klaus system and conventional surface parking. "The project was not financially feasible without achieving parking for 78 cars," says Basta. "Structured parking for that many spaces would have meant extensive excavation and 2 additional months of construction. Auto lifts solved the problem. It's an awesome solution." Klaus representative Norm Brudigam says that this particular lift option package was also attractive for other reasons. "The use of electric doors and dedicated remote controls for each owner's parking slot helped diminish concerns expressed by Meritage with market reception to the product."

Meritage Homes is planning a second Bay Area infill project which is currently under review with the City of Oakland and will also feature a Klaus parking system.

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