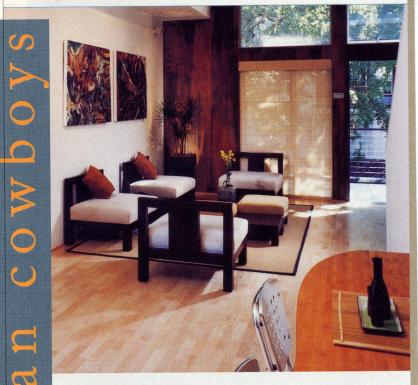
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"Walnut Creek is emerging as an urban experience in the suburbs," says developer Rick Holliday.

Holliday, an Orinda resident, has melded urban convenience and sophistication with the security and open spaces of suburbia in a new loft development in Walnut Creek. The lofts are ideally located for commuters and recreation enthusiasts: the 54 units are flanked by a BART station and the Iron Horse Trail.

The three-level lofts can be customized to suit tenants' lifestyles. The base model, geared for the young professional, boasts a one-car garage and a home office on the first floor, a galley kitchen on the second, and a master bedroom suite on the third. Empty-nesters and families with young children might opt for a two-car garage, a gourmet kitchen, and extra office space.

Holliday, sensing the need for what he calls "flexible residential space," has developed lofts in San Francisco and Emeryville, and has a similar project underway in Oakland. Starting at around \$375,000, the Iron Horse Lofts should accommodate life's fluidity for CEOs and cowboys alike.

-Kristen Eng