

Find out about The Albert, a new housing development at Highland Bridge

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The stone facade from the original Ford Motor Company building lines the east side of The Albert apartments in St. Paul on Wednesday, Sept. 30, 2026. Architect Albert Kahn designed the original building. (Trevor Dunning / Pioneer Press)



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The Albert apartments opened this week in [St. Paul's Highland Bridge development](#), playing off a bit of the Ford Motor Co.'s history at the site. The 97-unit market-rate apartment building opened with a ribbon-cutting ceremony on Tuesday. Standing on the bones of the former Ford plant, the

Albert adds more housing to a growing area while integrating old building facades into its design.



One of two historic frieze panels, originally part of the Ford Motor Company building, outside The Albert apartments on Wednesday, Sept. 30, 2016 in St. Paul. The two panels are a focal point of the Civic Square. (Trevor Dunning / Pioneer Press)

The grand opening occurred 101 years after the assembly plant opened its doors and 15 years after [the plant closed for good](#). The ribbon-cutting also marked the opening of four stand-alone retail buildings and the unveiling of the Civic Square outdoor space.

At the Albert, single bedroom units range from 523 square feet to 720 square feet. A two-bedroom apartment ranges from 999 square feet to 1,058 square feet.

According to online listings, base rent starts at \$1,557 per month for one bedroom units and \$2,657 per month for two bedrooms.

Apartment amenities include a games and billiard room, open access to the courtyard, a pet wash station, 24-hour gym access, rooftop access and in-unit laundry.

References to Ford Motor Co.'s past

From the front door of the Albert through its communal areas, references to the site's automobile past are evident throughout the building. To the right of the entrance near a long table hangs a photograph of Ford cars on an assembly line. The bookshelf holds a diagram of a car inside a gold frame. Stepping off onto the fourth floor from the elevator, residents are greeted by a photo of a 2006 Ford GT.



The original Ford Motor Company building stone facade outlines retail space which currently sits empty in St. Paul on Wednesday, Sept. 30, 2026. The Albert apartments opened Monday and feature 8,500 square feet of ground floor retail space in the mixed development. (Trevor Dunning / Pioneer Press)

The east side exterior of the Albert makes stronger connections to the building's car manufacturing past. Integrated into the modern structure is the original Ford Motor Company building facade from the 1920s, designed by architect Albert

Kahn. When the original site was demolished in 2011, sections of the facade were preserved. Some individual pieces of the stone facade weigh up to 13,000 pounds. Located on the east side of the building, the design outlines some of the retail space on the ground floor of the Albert. Two frieze panels from the historic building sit in the Civic Square in front of the east side wall.

“The culmination of these two projects at the same time really is the opening of the entrance of Highland Bridge, and we’re proud to finally be here today,” Ryan Companies Director of Real Estate Development Sean Ryan said.



A historic frieze from the original Ford Motor Company building facade on the outside of The Albert, a new market-rate apartment building which is part of the Highland Bridge development in St. Paul on Wednesday, Sept. 30, 2026. (Trevor Dunning / Pioneer Press)

A variety of housing

A total of 8,500 square feet of retail space is featured inside the Albert and 23,000 square feet in the four stand-alone retail spaces.

[The Highland Bridge redevelopment plan](#) proposes a variety of housing types across the 122-acre former Ford site.

At full build-out, Highland Bridge would span a total of 3,100 housing units, with 20% being affordable housing. The development is expected to support 14,500 construction jobs, over 1,000 onsite full time jobs and 150,000 square feet of retail space, according to the Highland Bridge website. ###