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Building custom homes is very personal to John Tamborello and Dennis Porrovecchio, partners in Top Notch Design Build of Houston.

“We don’t sleep at night. We go to bed thinking about our projects, how to make them better,” declared Tamborello. “We become so passionate about each project that we are continually working and improving until we achieve perfection. We treat every house as if it were our own.”

Top Notch Design Build is a custom home builder specializing in multimillion-dollar homes and high-end renovations in Houston, Texas. The homes generally range from \$1 to \$5 million, depending on the size and design specifications. The company’s focus is on the Memorial,

Tanglewood and River Oaks area and the surrounding neighborhoods of Houston.

Quality, integrity and reliability, accompanied by honesty and dedication, are the foundations for Top Notch’s business.

In fact, it was their mutual commitment to quality that led to the partnership between Tamborello and Porrovecchio in 2019. John, with 20 years’ experience, had been focused on remodeling projects with his company Top Notch Design Renovation. He also has a staging company for high-end homes called In Style Home Staging that helps other builders sell their homes.

Dennis, with 32 years’ experience in building, was



overseeing the construction of 250-300 homes a year as a vice president for a production builder. The monotony of the repetition -- with the product always the same, just at a different address -- was no longer challenging him, which led him to seek new opportunities to use his skills. “Over the years I’ve seen the ins and outs of every side of this business,” he noted.

Each partner was ready for new challenges when they joined forces in Top Notch Design Build. Sharing their knowledge of construction and combining their experience in the home building industry, they are now focused on competing in Houston’s luxury home market, helping clients reach their own fulfillment by building the homes of their dreams. Top Notch Design Build already has built several multi-million-dollar homes that have exceptional quality and design, according to John.

“Everything we do is as a team,” John said. “We consult with each other and make decisions based on input from all parties involved in the building process [clients, architects, designers]. We are constantly refining all the details until we are satisfied with the results in our quest for excellence. When necessary, we are able to make changes and adjustments during the building process to capitalize on and enhance the home’s potential. All aspects of the house are important. On one project, we increased the number of





recessed lights specified by the architect from 100 to 220 because lighting is one of the most imperative things in a build,” he continued. He admitted that he will go to his projects at night to get a feel for the mood of the lighting

and how the home “presents itself.”

Porrovecchio explained, “We work well together. We work through every little thing, but we give each other our space.” They both handle all aspects of the work, although John tends to focus on the design and finishes and Dennis focuses more on the structural and architectural design elements.

It’s important to both of them to oversee the construction personally, although they have outstanding employees and subcontractors. “We’re both on the job every day, all day. Because we have both been in construction for over 20 years, we know every aspect of how a house goes together. We pay close attention to every detail and decision that goes into the build,” Dennis continued.

John agreed, saying, “Being in the field and having a hands-on mentality goes a long way. We strive for perfection, and, with that goal in mind, it helps us to build an exceptional home that we are proud to deliver to our clients.”

“We build to the customers’ vision and are committed to building their home with the highest quality. We build for customers, not ourselves,” Porrovecchio added.

Tamborello said, “I am very friendly and develop relationships with my clients. I become very close with every client, and they are treated like a part of my family. It’s about trust, honesty and integrity, which are the



building blocks of any relationship.”

“A lot of builders just care about money,” according to John. Dennis agreed. “Money is not our focus. Our focus is building homes. It’s about leaving a legacy. We build a home that will stand the test of time.

“A home is where families raise their children, celebrate holidays and entertain friends. It doesn’t get any more personal than that.”

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