

Why twin towers are cropping up all over the sixth borough

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Privé at Island Estates' twin towers sit on an 8-acre private island in Miami's Intracoastal Waterway.

Panoramic views of turquoise shores and over-the-top amenities no longer set a luxury Miami address apart from the rest.

Buildings today must also make a bold architectural statement — and what could be bolder than two stunning new towers dazzling against the city's skyline.

Set in a private park, the Rafael Viñoly-designed One River Point condo features twin towers joined at the top by a three-level, Adrian Zecha-curated leisure space. Once completed in 2019, it will rise 60 stories above the Miami River (386 units, from \$750,000).



One River Point's towers will be joined by a three-story glass sky bridge at the top.

Photo: Courtesy of One River Point

Offset and perpendicular in their orientation, the project's objective was to breathe new elements into Miami property aesthetics.

"[Its] very unorthodox design has now set the new standard for Miami," says Shahab Karmely, of KAR Properties, which is developing One River Point.

Privé at Island Estates — mirror-image Sieger Suarez-designed 16-story buildings — grace South Florida's last buildable private island (160 homes, from \$2.1 million). These elegant structures are immediately surrounded by the Intracoastal, and enjoy a backdrop of the Atlantic Ocean.

Meanwhile, the sprawling, 4.9 million-square-foot Brickell City Centre development will be home to the 43-story Reach and Rise residential towers — twin Arquitectonica-designed properties with 390 apartments per building priced from \$595,000.

It's not just these structures that make for architectural spectacle, but also their dwellings: Residences boast floor-to-ceiling sliding glass doors, lofty ceilings and terraces with city and bay views.