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## Escapes

### BREAKING GROUND



#### Epic Residences & Hotel

**WHAT** Waterfront residential and hotel development.

**WHERE** Miami.

**AMENITIES** A marina and restaurants, among others.

**PRICES** Residences range from \$480,000 to \$5 million.

**STATUS** The hotel is planned to open in mid-December, and owners are expected to begin moving in in February.

**DEVELOPERS** CMC Group, Lionstone Development and Ponte Gadea Group.

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**DETAILS** The high-end development world is nothing like what it was in early 2006, when this project in Miami at the confluence of the Miami River and Biscayne Bay was announced. Its ambitious plans originally called for two mammoth towers, one filled with a mix of hotel rooms and residences and the other residential, but as the real estate market dropped, the developers cut one of the buildings. Now the opening of the remaining 54-story tower, with a 411-room hotel managed by Kimpton Hotels & Restaurants and 342 one- to three-bedroom condominiums, is nearing, and so far more than 70 percent of the units have been sold. The condos range from 867 to 4,522 square feet, and some cover two levels. Amenities include a private marina, two restaurants, nightclub-style lounges and an Exhale spa and fitness center.

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