



## ASTON MARTIN MOVES INTO LUXURY PROPERTY WITH NEW BUILDING IN MIAMI

Whoever buys the penthouse will also be handed keys to ultra-rare Aston Martin Vulcan

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BRITISH sports car maker Aston Martin is expanding its operations from wheels to walls with a new luxury apartment complex in Miami, Florida.

The Aston Martin Residences is a 66-story condominium on Miami's waterfront, billed as "one of Miami's most sought-after residential addresses".

While the project bears the Aston Martin name, the firm won't be designing every aspect of the new building: the design of the sail-shaped tower will be a collaborative effort between two companies with prior

experience designing high-end residential buildings: the Miami-based firm Revuelta Architecture and the Argentinian architecture agency Bodas Mian Anger.

Aston Martin, which is best known today for its high end sports cars and grand tourers, as well as its long-running [connection to the James Bond movies](#), has instead put its design team in charge of the interiors.

It's no small task: Aston Martin Residences features 391 apartments as well as shared spaces such as the private lobbies and fitness centre, which overlooks the Biscayne Bay.

Additional fittings and furniture, such as the carbon fibre lobby desks and "bespoke artisan Aston Martin handles" are also being designed by the car maker's stylists, overseen by the car maker's chief creative officer Marek Reichman.



With the architectural venture being the brainchild of a premium car brand, owning one of the apartments in the high-end high rise comes with a premium price tag. Aston says even the most affordable 700 sq ft rooms will set buyers back \$750,000 (£614,000) — the equivalent of almost four brand new [Aston Martin Vantage](#) sports cars.

The structure's flagship property, however, is the 19,000 sq ft penthouse, which takes up the top three floors of the building and is on the market for \$50m (£39.9m).

According to [The Times](#), though, this range-topping suite does come with a mighty extra thrown into the deal: an Aston Martin Vulcan track-only supercar, complete with membership to a driving club for when the owner wishes to take the 800bhp speed machine for a spin.

The \$2.3m (£1.8m) Vulcan features a 7.0-litre naturally-aspirated V12 engine producing more than 800bhp. It was introduced in 2015 and only 24 examples were built, of which 23 are already owned.

"No matter how much money you have, you cannot buy a Vulcan," said Alejandro Martin Aljanati, of G&G Business Developments, a property group that has worked on the project with Aston Martin.

Aston Martin says construction work on the premium residential tower will be completed in 2022. At 818ft tall, it will be Miami's tallest residential building in Miami, and the second-tallest building in the city overall (behind only the 868ft Panorama Tower). It will also be the 64th tallest building in the entire United States of America.

It will, however, be some way short of another prominent structure in the United States with a big connection to a car company: the 1,046ft Chrysler Building in New York. Once the headquarters of the Chrysler car company, the iconic landmark was the tallest building in the world when it was finished in 1930, and is today the 15th tallest skyscraper in the USA.

And Aston Martin isn't the first car maker to be involved with a residential build in the state of Florida: in 2017, the Porsche Design Tower opened in Sunny Isles Beach, complete with an automated "Dezervator" drive-in car lift feature.