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For \$50 Million, One Buyer Will Receive an Aston Martin-Designed Penthouse and a Vulcan Hypercar

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On the waterfront: The Aston Martin Residences in Miami enjoy access to a deep-water marina for super yachts. Aston Martin Residences photo

The newest ultra-luxury waterfront address in downtown Miami is 300 Biscayne Boulevard Way, home to what will be the tallest residential building south of New York City when it's completed in 2022. The 60-story Aston Martin Residences will have 391 residences, 38 of which are designated US\$6 million "01" apartments for the full Aston Martin Signature experience—including the owner's choice of a DBX or DB11 Riverwalk Edition.

Buying the building's \$50 million triplex penthouse scores the keys to a US\$2.3 million track-only Aston Martin Vulcan hypercar, one of 24 built. The Vulcan, first unwrapped in 2015, is powered by a seven-liter, 820-horsepower V12. Specifications include carbon-fiber construction, a racing-type Xtrac six-speed sequential gearbox, Brembo carbon-ceramic disc brakes, and Michelin racing tires.

The owner of the 27,191 square-foot penthouse will be able to exercise the race-oriented car right there in Miami, should they choose a membership at the nearby Concours Club. The club, soon to open, includes a two-mile private race track.



The Aston Martin DBX offers 524 horsepower from its twin-turbo V-8.
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The special editions were created exclusively for residents, and there are three design choices of each car, with special external colors, leathers, and woods appropriate for the location. Aston Martin's chief creative officer, Marek Reichman, was involved in designing both the cars and the interior and amenity spaces in the building.

"The interiors are inspired by Aston Martin but take into consideration Miami's tropical environment," Reichman said in a statement. "Our design language is based on beauty and the honesty and authenticity of materials." A custom air-conditioned parking facility with storage for owners is also being built, and will be unveiled next year.

Alejandro Aljanati, chief marketing officer of G&G Business Developments, says 62% of the apartments have been sold.



Inside the DBX: acres of superbly stitched leather.

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Residents will also have direct access to Biscayne Bay and the only deep-water marina suitable for super yachts in the downtown area. There are 42,275-square-feet of amenities on the 52nd to 55th floors, including a two-level fitness center overlooking the bay, full-service spa, an art gallery, spinning studio and boxing gym, virtual golf room, a private dining room and catering kitchen, two cinemas, a full-service spa, infinity pool, pool deck and cabanas, and the Sky Bar and Lounge.

Aljanati said residents will also enjoy 24-hour butler service, and “fleets of Aston Martins ” will be available to take people to shopping centers, cinemas, and restaurants, with later pickup if needed. If those lucky residents just want to take a ride in one of the cars, that can be arranged, too.

Aston is also involved in a real estate venture in New York with architect Sir David Adjaye. Five luxury homes in the 66-story 130 William development are tied in with Aston Martin—and come with DBX SUVs.

The DBX is Aston Martin's first SUV. The model starts at US\$176,900 and with options such as sports exhaust (US\$2,300), that special paint (US\$6,100), and an alcantara headliner (US\$2,300); it had an as-tested price of US\$205,186.



The DBX muscles through snow, but has some winter challenges.
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The DBX is powered by a 524-horsepower (516 pound-feet of torque) twin-turbo V8 by way of Mercedes-AMG, coupled to a nine-speed automatic transmission. Triple-chamber air suspension ensures a smooth ride, and electronic active roll control keeps it upright. There are six drive modes. The DBX is big, imposing, and aggressive, with a certain authority—especially up front, where the Aston Martin identity is strongest.

Performance is, as expected, vivid, despite the estimated 4,950 pounds of weight to move. All that power and torque pushes the DBX forward relentlessly. The Aston is

stable at speed, with minimal wind noise. Big cars with big engines can't be expected to have good fuel economy, and the DBX does not, with just 14 miles per gallon in the city, 18 on the highway.

Acres of Sahara Tan leather with handled stitching makes the first interior impression, and takes the attention away from a fairly conventional 12.3-inch digital dash panel. Potentially on the way for the DBX is a three-row model, an AMR version with even more performance, and maybe even a plug-in hybrid.

Is the DBX a good car for residents of the Aston Martin Residences? Since they have a choice, they should weigh whether they really need an SUV in Miami. The sleek DB11 coupe (US\$205,600), which Reichman describes as "a piece of sculpture," might be the better vehicle in which to be seen around this increasingly stylish town.

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The Late Barron Hilton's Historic Los Angeles Estate Hits the Market for \$75 Million

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The historic property owned by the late Barron Hilton is on the market for \$75 million.
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The Paul R. Williams-designed property in the Holmby Hills neighborhood of Los Angeles that's owned by the estate of the late hotelier and philanthropist William Barron Hilton was listed Tuesday for \$75 million.

Hilton, who had served as the chairman, president and chief executive officer of Hilton Hotels Corporation and chairman emeritus of the Conrad N. Hilton Foundation, died in September 2019 at age 91.

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