

NAPLES

ILLUSTRAT

SENSE OF SPACE

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DESIGNS WITH
WELL-BEING
IN MIND

ZERO PROOF

MIX IT UP WITH
FIVE SPIRIT-FREE
DRINK RECIPES

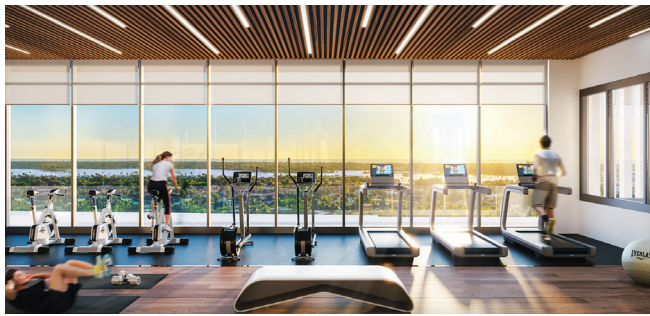


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**WELLNESS,
FROM A TO Z**
THE LATEST TIPS,
TRENDS, AND
TOOLS FOR
BETTER HEALTH

COMMUNITY

Living the LIFESTYLE

» Located at the intersection of Fifth Avenue South and Davis Boulevard, **Aura at Metropolitan Naples**, a 15-story high-rise, has officially broken ground. The mixed-use community of 56 exclusive residences offers a variety of floor plans, from two-bedroom-plus-den to four-bedroom designs, ranging in size from 1,890 to 6,335 square feet.



Aura will feature the highest pool in downtown Naples. Positioned on the rooftop, this pool will provide panoramic views of Naples Bay, the Gulf of Mexico, and downtown. The tower's upper floors will offer a fitness center and yoga studio, while the fifth floor's resident

lounges will include indoor and outdoor spaces for relaxation. Residents will also have access to a business center, a conference room, an outdoor kitchen, a grilling area, fire pits, and a putting green.

Fred Pezeshkan and Jerry Starkey, the developers and

longtime Neapolitans, had a vision to create a destination where residents could enjoy the best of Naples. With Aura, that vision includes revitalizing the area by turning it into a dynamic, mixed-use community where residents can experience luxurious living at a central location.

"It's going to redefine the entire area," says Ed Gonzalez, director of sales for Aura at Metropolitan Naples. (*metropolitannaples.com*)—G.S.



AURA, A NEW NAPLES HIGH-RISE, WILL BE PART OF A MIXED-USE COMMUNITY WHERE RESIDENTS WILL HAVE ACCESS TO MULTIPLE AMENITIES AT A CENTRAL LOCATION.



COURTESY OF METROPOLITAN NAPLES



COURTESY OF BOOTH DESIGN GROUP - THE RITZ-CARLTON RESIDENCES

WELCOME

ART FOR ALL

A striking piece of abstract art crafted entirely of stainless steel will soon grace the public sidewalk in front of **The Ritz-Carlton Residences, Naples**, located near Vanderbilt Beach. Measuring 30 feet tall with an 8-foot circumference, the sculpture, titled *Vivacious*, is inspired by the abundant natural beauty in Naples.

The contemporary piece, by Arkansas-born artist Hunter Brown, was commissioned by Stock Development and its high-end condominium division, Stock Residences, developer of The Ritz-Carlton Residences, Naples. The work is defined by a twisting helix that spirals upward and embraces a giant pearl-like sphere at top. At its base sits a

semi-subterranean structural plinth, surrounded by landscaping.

Brown crafted a piece that melds with the site, showcasing the vibrancy of the surrounding waterfront neighborhood. "The title, *Vivacious*, really resonated with me as a perfect description of Naples—its liveliness and splendor," explains Brown, who will be on-site to install the sculpture this fall in advance of the new enclave's completion next winter.

"The piece has a lot of movement to it ... it will exude the energy of the beach," Brown continues. "I want visitors to be able to move around and interact with the piece. I hope the community enjoys [it] as much as I've loved creating it." (*rcrneples.com*)—G.S.



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