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Developer of The Ritz-Carlton Residences, Naples Unveils 30-Foot Public Art Sculpture at Vanderbilt Beach Gateway

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Artist Hunter Brown personally oversaw installation of "Vivacious," now permanently on display at one of Naples' most prominent intersections



A striking new landmark has arrived in Naples. **STOCK Development** and its luxury condominium division, **STOCK Residences**, have officially unveiled "Vivacious," a monumental 30-foot-tall sculpture by acclaimed large-scale metal artist **Hunter Brown** that now stands at the corner of Vanderbilt Beach Road and Gulf Shore Drive – one of the most visible intersections in Naples' Vanderbilt Beach community.

Installed just prior to Memorial Day, the shimmering stainless-steel work was personally assembled on-site by Brown and his team following its transport from the artist's studio in Little Rock, Arkansas. Commissioned by STOCK, the sculpture will remain on permanent public display and serves as a prominent gateway feature for **The Ritz-Carlton Residences, Naples**, which is on track to open this fall.

Designed specifically for the Gulf-front setting, "Vivacious" features a twisting stainless-steel helix that rises skyward before embracing a seven-foot pearl-like sphere. The sculpture's brushed marine-grade finish reflects changing light throughout the day, creating movement and visual interest from every angle.

"The title 'Vivacious' was inspired by Naples itself," said Brown. "I wanted to create something that reflected the energy, beauty, and elegance of the community while also encouraging people to engage with the piece and experience it differently depending on where they're standing. Public art has a unique ability to become part of a place's identity, and it's incredibly rewarding to see this work now standing in the environment for which it was created."

The sculpture was inspired by both the coastal character of Naples and the architectural design of The Ritz-Carlton Residences, Naples, whose façade helped inform the scale and movement of the piece.

"We envisioned 'Vivacious' as more than a sculpture – it's a gift to the community and a defining landmark for this neighborhood," said Claudine Léger-Wetzel, Senior Vice President of Marketing and Sales for STOCK Development. "The installation marks an exciting milestone as we move toward welcoming residents. We're thrilled to see the vision for this community continue coming to life and to share Hunter's remarkable work with Naples for generations to come."

Brown's portfolio includes major public commissions throughout the United States, including Orlando's 40-foot-tall "Solidarity" sculpture. "Vivacious" represents one of his most ambitious coastal installations to date and was more than a year in the making.

The sculpture now stands at the entrance to The Ritz-Carlton Residences, Naples, creating a highly visible new landmark for residents and visitors traveling through Vanderbilt Beach.

The unveiling of "Vivacious" also comes as The Residences enter their final stages of preparation. Positioned between the Gulf of Mexico and Vanderbilt Lagoon, the six-acre community is the only Ritz-Carlton Residences property in Naples and among the largest new luxury coastal residential developments currently nearing completion in the market. The boutique-style enclave features 128 estate-style residences, penthouses, and Grand Penthouses managed by The Ritz-Carlton.

Momentum at the property has remained strong throughout the past year, including the recent sellout of the development's entire 11th-floor penthouse collection, underscoring

continued demand for newly constructed Gulf-front residences paired with branded hospitality in Naples.

Designed by Curts Gaines Hall Jones Architects (CGHJ), with interiors by internationally acclaimed designer Cristian Pinedo of SUSURRUS and collaborations from Marc-Michaels Interior Design, the community combines Vanderbilt Beach access, a 22-slip full-service marina, and more than 50,000 square feet of private indoor and outdoor amenities. Highlights include The Vanderbilt Club – a 28,000-square-foot residents' retreat – a private restaurant, rooftop lounges, resort-style pools, a full-service spa, and a range of multigenerational recreational spaces.

The Ritz-Carlton Residences, Naples' sales gallery is located at 2355 Vanderbilt Beach Road, Suite 106. For more information, call 239.249.6260 or visit RCRNaples.com.

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