

Tibor Hollo, McCourt and Corigin tap Norman Foster to design Brickell skyscrapers

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A rendering of The Towers. Inset: developers Frank McCourt, Tibor Hollo and Corigin CEO Ryan Freedman

British architect Norman Foster will design the super-talls planned for 1201 Brickell Bay Drive.

Florida East Coast Realty, Corigin Real Estate Group and McCourt Global Properties released new plans on Tuesday for The Towers by Foster + Partners, a 1,049-foot tall two-building development that would be the tallest along the Eastern Seaboard south of New York City.

The project now includes 660 residential units, 16 percent less than the 787 planned before, according to a press release. Parking is now underground instead of in an above-ground podium. The Towers will also include 56,800 square feet of open space, open to the public, including an arcade between the two connected buildings to the waterfront. Developers have already secured Federal Aviation Administration approvals for the Towers, which would be taller than FECR's 83-story, 822-foot Panorama Tower, which is under construction.

The Towers will sit on a waterfront 2.5-acre site on the southeast side of Brickell. The developers received a major-use special permit for their current plans. They didn't release a timeline for the project.

"The design of these high-rise towers frees up space on the ground to create a pedestrian plaza, with shops, restaurants and art galleries that will serve the local community as well as the new residents in the tower," Foster, chairman and founder of Foster + Partners, said in the release.

In South Florida, the firm designed Faena House, as well as the renovation of the Norton Museum of Art in West Palm Beach. — *Katherine Kallergis*