



On Top of the World

MIAMI CONDOS ARE TAKING THEIR AMENITIES TO NEW HEIGHTS—LITERALLY—WITH ROOFTOP POOLS THAT FLOAT AMONGST THE CLOUDS.

While many transplants to South Florida dream about living by the beach, those in the know are privy to other locales that make Miami living some of the best in country. The Downtown corridor, Coconut Grove and up-and-coming neighborhoods like East Edgewater offer equally impressive amenities for condo hunters looking to be in the center of all the action. And while that lifestyle might come at a cost, the bay and skyline views can't be beat. Another bonus: rooftop pools. Developers are compensating for a lack of sand and surf by offering residents jaw-dropping swimming pools and sweeping vistas that are literally on top of the world. Alicia Cervera Lamadrid, managing partner of Cervera Real Estate, points out, "In densely populated cities where space is at such a premium, if you want to build something new and innovative, the only place to go is up. Who needs the beach when you have the ultimate urban oasis: your very own private rooftop pool with a view...all in the middle of the city's concrete jungle?" We couldn't agree more. And after taking a peek at some of the newest developments to hit the block, you will, too.

a. BISCAYNE BEACH EAST EDGEWATER

Designer Thom Felicia has been hard at work bringing the first private, members-only beach club on Biscayne Bay to the city, not to mention private rooftop swimming pools 51 stories up in each of the building's six two-story penthouses.

b. PARAMOUNT MIAMI WORLD CENTER DOWNTOWN

The mammoth Magic City project will boast an equally large amenity deck, set to include cascading gardens and infinity pools crowned with a sleek, four-story rooftop deck.

c. BRICKELL HOUSE DOWNTOWN

A rooftop swimming pool sits on the 46th floor, providing residents with unbeatable city, ocean and bay views.

d. CENTRO DOWNTOWN

Celebrity designer Yves Behar's first foray into architecture includes living green "walls" and unique teepee-style lounge furniture that surround the 37th floor rooftop pool.

e. PARK GROVE COCONUT GROVE

Star architect Rem Koolhaas is setting a new standard with Park Grove's three peanut-shaped waterfront towers and a rooftop pool deck with views of the city and beyond.

f. GROVE AT GRAND BAY COCONUT GROVE

A pair of 20-story structures, direct from the mind of Bjarke Ingels, twist at just the right angle to allow panoramic views of the city's marina and sailboat bays from one of two rooftop pools.