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Panorama Tower in Brickell to be completed in fall

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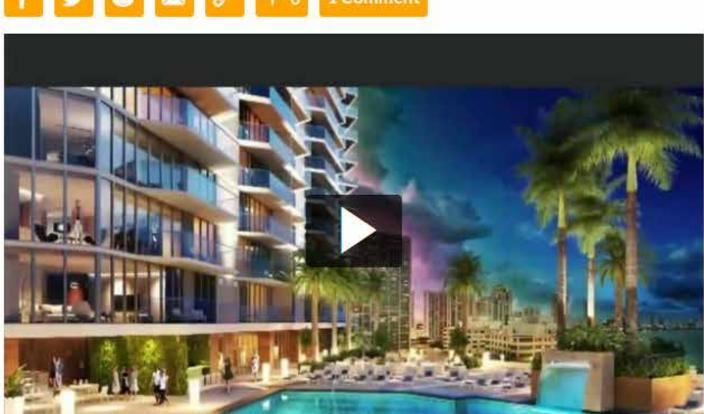








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MIAMI - The official topping off ceremony for the Panorama Tower is taking place Thursday, but on Wednesday, Local 10 News got a tour of the tallest residential building in Florida.

Standing at 868 feet, the Panorama Tower in Brickell, which has 85 floors, will soon be the crown jewel of the South Florida skyline.

"When you have the views and amenities we do, they are going to talk about you," Jerome Hollo, of Florida East Coast Realty, said.

Hollo gave Local 10 News reporter Carlos Suarez an exclusive walk through of the mix-used development along Brickell Avenue and 11th Street.

The building has 821 luxury apartments, 208 hotel rooms and 50,000 square feet of high-end retail space.

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"It's been amazing. It's been a challenge," Rudy Anez, vice president of construction, said. "We are using structural items and features that have never been used before."

The height of the building isn't for the faint at heart, but the views are spectacular. On a clear day, you can see just about all of South Florida.

Photos show the building peaking above clouds over Brickell Key. Developers said that on a crisp, clear night, those living near the top of the building will be able to see the lights of Bimini.

"You can see about 50 miles from up here," Hollo said. "You can see Sawgrass Mills,

down to Ocean Reef. You can see Dolphin Stadium and Marlins Stadium over there."

In a sign of a cooling housing market, the Panorama Tower will be made up of rentals marketed toward a growing number of people wanting to live near work.

Prices will run from \$2,400 to \$6,000 for the top floors.

"We're tapping into that market. But we're coming in as the pinnacle of that market,"

Hollo said. "The luxury and amount of amenities, obviously the views. It can't be

touched." Work at the building is expected to be completed in the fall, with leases going out a

short time after that.