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Residences, retail coming to Miami's Health District



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The city of Miami has approved the residences and retail space planned for River Landing Shops and Residences.

The zoning change and design allows for 537,000 square feet of retail and 444 residences. The project is meant to appeal particularly to existing area residents, as well as employees and students in the Health District around Jackson Memorial Hospital, said [Andrew Hellinger](#), president of the development group.

River Landing at 1500 N.W. North River Drive is currently the Mahi Shrine Auditorium. The project sits on the Miami River and is visible from the Dolphin Expressway (State Road 836).

Hellinger said the Health District is the second-largest medical district in the U.S. after Houston, with about 30,000 employees and 160,000 annual visitors. It is home to some of the nation's premier medical and research programs and a growing hub for the biotech industry.

"We studied the demographics, needs and landscape of the city of Miami and determined that this area lacked everyday retail to support and inspire a growing urban community," Hellinger said in a statement.

His project team consists of celebrity designer and HGTV host [David Bromstad](#), who will serve as the public space design consultant; ADD Inc Miami, the architecture and interior design firm that is leading the project; Savino Miller Design Studio, the landscape architects; Suffolk Construction, the pre-development construction consultant; and [Roger LeBlanc](#), the leasing agent, who has leased retail space in shopping centers in South Florida for more than 30 years.

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