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The New Ritz-Carlton Residences Miami Beach Will Include a Private Art Studio



A rendered view of the property at dusk.



In [Miami](#), where the going rates for condominium sales can drop jaws, real-estate developers and architects are continually designing ways to distinguish properties in the crowded marketplace. Amenities that once seemed exclusive—gyms, pools, and media rooms—have all become de rigeur in the current slate of offerings. So, for the new [Ritz-Carlton Residences Miami Beach](#), property developer Lionheart Capital took this competitive market landscape into account, turning to Italian architect Piero Lissoni to create a unique property for its exclusive buyers. The seven acre property will include 111 condominium residences and 15 single-family villas, all designed by Lissoni. Amenities will include a pool, a private theater, access to The Ritz-Carlton concierge services—and, enticingly for many in that market, 36 private boat dockages that are set on Surprise Lake.

One major way the property further distinguished itself was by including an art studio. As Lionheart Capital and Lissoni figured, most people have had experience in some kind of studio setting, even if only back in grade school. Though many people might be inclined to try their hand at painting or sculpting, having the space and equipment can be a limiting factor. Residents here will now have that opportunity, with a 24-hour studio equipped with easels, sculpting surfaces, work tables, reference books, and supplies. Indeed, as Lionheart Capital founding partner Ricardo Dunin said in a statement, “Everyone needs an outlet.”



An image shows the interior of the art studio.

Miami artist Tatiana Blanco conceived the idea and served as an adviser during the design phase. She likened the amenity to having gyms in condominiums, since each strips away a big hurdle in doing something personally edifying, whether that's exercising or creating art. "No more excuses," she said in a statement. Ritz-Carlton Residences Miami Beach is set to open near the end of 2016.

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