



**FIVE-STAR LIVING**  
The exterior of a Piero Lissoni-designed villa at The Ritz-Carlton Residences, Miami Beach

## RITZ RECONNAISSANCE

Fierce felines are not exactly the first things that come to mind when one thinks of our coast, but that Ritz-Carlton lion, the emblem that has represented the world-renowned hospitality brand since its inception, sure is popular when we speak of luxury real estate in Florida. There is a total of six The Ritz-Carlton Residences in the state, and three of those are just within miles of one another right here in South Florida. Here's a breakdown of what each has to offer.

### 1. The Ritz-Carlton Residences, Miami Beach

From Lionheart Capital, this midrise project located in the heart of mid-Beach (on the former site of the Miami Heart Institute) was designed by beloved Italian architect Piero Lissoni with a private marina with lake and ocean access. The property features 111 condos and amenities, including an on-site captained VanDutch 40 Day Yacht and the world's first residential art studio, but the latest buzz is about Villa Lissoni, the brand's first model home, which reflects what life can be like inside any of the 15 villas that have been added to the development. Of the Lissoni-designed exteriors and interiors, eight will stand alone and offer private boat dockage, while the rest have stunning waterfront or tranquil garden views. *\$2 million-\$40 million, 4701 N. Meridian Ave., Miami Beach, 305.602.2929, theridencesmiami.com*

### 2. The Ritz-Carlton Residences, Sunny Isles Beach

From Château Group and Fortune International Group, this 52-story tower with 212 residences was designed by Arquitectonica and features interiors by Italian

designer Michele Bönan. This particular property set an area record when one of its full-floor penthouses recently sold for \$21 million. Its 1,600-square-foot, two-bedroom residences are also selling fast, which is not surprising when you consider amenities that include a wellness center with thermal vitality pool, eight guest suites and the type of Atlantic Ocean vistas songs are written about. *From \$2.5 million, 17070 Collins Ave., Sunny Isles Beach, 305.503.5811, theridencesunsunysisles.com*

### 3. The Ritz-Carlton Residences, Singer Island, Palm Beach

Situated between Worth Avenue and Wellington's horse country, this R-C is one of only 10 in the world without a hotel component. As such, developer Lionheart Capital ensured the residents of both its two 27-story towers (where two-bedrooms start at 1,725 square feet) have the best of everything on-site, including an oceanfront pool deck with lagoon pool, lap pool, two spas, a poolside grill and 375 feet of beautiful beach. *From \$700,000, 2700 N. Ocean Drive, Singer Island, 561.259.2700, theridencespalmbeach.com*

## Up I-95!

WHEN IT COMES TO BELLS-AND-WHISTLES REALTY, MIAMI HAS SOME SERIOUS COMPETITION UP NORTH.

We might be partial to the Miami-Dade lifestyle, but there is no arguing the attraction of neighboring Broward and Palm Beach counties, especially considering the incredible variety of luxury developments underway. Case in point: **2000 S. Ocean Drive** (from \$3 million, 2000 S. Ocean Drive, Hallandale Beach, 786.220.4343, 2000ocean.com), a hush-hush project not far from Aventura Mall in Hallandale Beach that's expected to have 38 floors but only 64 units. Typically, a ratio like that means huge floor plans, private elevators and expansive views in all directions. >>> **Four Seasons Private Residences Fort Lauderdale** (from \$900,000, 525 N. Fort Lauderdale Beach Blvd., 954.363.0000, fort525residences.com) offers owners not only decorator-ready and fully furnished homes with finery that nods to our local obsession with yachting, but also expansive outdoor terraces with panoramas of the Atlantic Ocean and the Intracoastal. >>> Speaking of the nautically obsessed, **321 at Water's Edge** (from \$2 million, 2400 E. Las Olas Blvd., Fort Lauderdale, 877.969.3571, 321island.com) has four private slips available for owners to dock their 70-foot vessels on the widest stretch of the Intracoastal Waterway. Only 23 residences are available these days, however. >>> **Auberge Beach Residences & Spa Fort Lauderdale** (from \$1.5 million, 2200 N. Ocean Blvd., Fort Lauderdale, 844.352.3224, aubergebeach.com) promises an all-natural spa and fine wine tastings for everyone, but those who have ocean-facing residences in the north tower get the best perks: sprawling terraces and private in-unit plunge pools. >>> The first residential development built on Palm Beach Island in more than a decade, **3550 South Ocean** (from \$2.3 million, 205 S. Ocean Blvd., Manalapan, 561.600.1156, 3550soouthocean.com), is only seven stories tall, but has all the amenities and perks one would expect from a property steps away from iconic Worth Avenue, including a beachfront pool and penthouses with private rooftop terraces. >>> **VistaBlue** (from \$1.4 million, 3730 N. Ocean Drive, Singer Island, 561.408.6300, vistabluesingerisland.com) might be far, far away from Miami, but it offers plenty of reasons to go that extra mile (or 80): private beach access, stunning views of the Atlantic Ocean and Intracoastal Waterway, and luxe interiors by award-winning interior designer Steven G. Northern appeal, indeed.



**LIFE LESS ORDINARY** The living area of a penthouse at Auberge Beach Residences & Spa Fort Lauderdale