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The Ritz-Carlton Residences, Sunny Isles ups the ante on five-star living.

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Most multimillion-dollar condos look enchanting from the outside, but unless they come with someone to cook dinner, babysit, reserve flights, supply poolside coladas and charter a yacht, they might not be so special after all—at least when it comes to Miami these days.

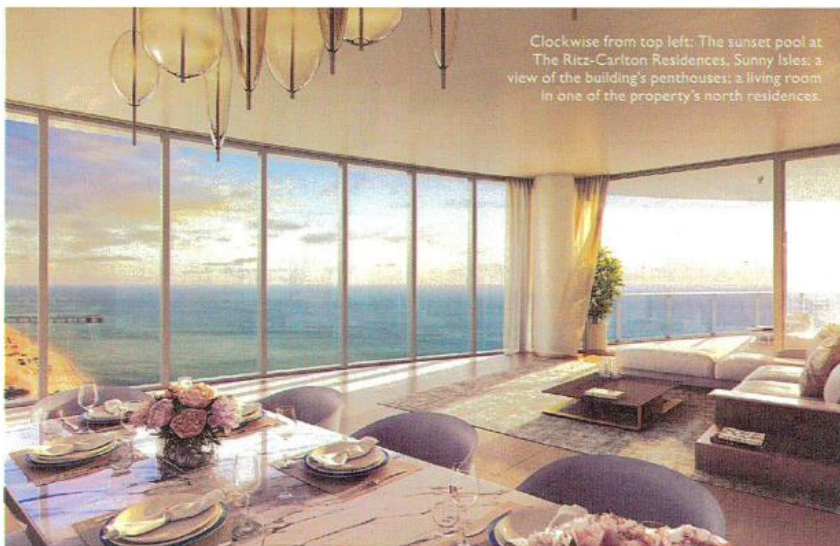
Fortune International Group President and CEO Edgardo Defortuna says that “worry-

free lifestyle” was difficult to find in Miami, so he wisely engaged The Ritz-Carlton, one of the world’s most renowned hospitality brands, to manage his latest project: a 52-story condominium tower in Sunny Isles Beach built in partnership with Château Group. After three years of construction, The Ritz-Carlton Residences, Sunny Isles is scheduled to open by the end of 2019. “We’re making sure everything is delivered the way our customers expect,”

says Defortuna. “The reality will be as good as their dream.”

Perched on 250 linear feet of pristine beach, the property is a swooping wonder to behold from all angles, thanks to the local starchitects at Arquitectonica GEO. “It’s a unique and special design that takes advantage of the special characteristics of the site,” says Defortuna. “One hundred percent of the units are oceanfront. Four of the upper floors have east and west views, so you get the ocean, the Intracoastal and the city. Three units are completely flow-through. And all of the penthouses have pools. Serious pools.” Italian interior designer Michele Bönan (who designed local restaurants Casa Tua and Cipriani) incorporated Snaidero Italian kitchens, Sub-Zero and Gaggenau appliances, full marble bathrooms, outdoor kitchens, smart home technology and a private elevator foyer for each unit.

One 9,000-square-foot penthouse remained as of press time, and a scant few of the 212 residences are still available (ranging from two-bedrooms at just over 1,600 square feet to four-bedrooms starting at more than 3,600 square feet). With two pools featuring a beach bar/cafe, a wellness center and an entire floor dedicated to The Ritz-Carlton Club amenities (a library, media room, business center, bar and eight furnished guest suites for visiting family), “worry-free” just may be this address’ mantra. From \$2.6 million, 15701 Collins Ave., Sunny Isles Beach, 305.521.1162, theresidencesunnyislesbeach.com



Clockwise from top left: The sunset pool at The Ritz-Carlton Residences, Sunny Isles; a view of the building’s penthouses; a living room in one of the property’s north residences.

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