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UPSTREAM DREAMS

Residences are taking root all along the Chicago River.

By Thomas Connors

In Chicago, it used to be that lake views were coveted but there's a new movement flowing and it's better than ever: the river. With the pulse of the city at its side—from theaters and museums to shops and restaurants—not to mention the newly advantageous Riverwalk, it is shaping up to be the next hot amenity for realtors, developers and homebuyers alike.



LEADING LOCALE
With Michigan Avenue, the Loop and River North just a short jaunt away, Renelle offers stylish downtown living with convenience to boot.



LIVING THE HIGH LIFE
Opening in 2020, Vista Tower is slated to be the third-tallest building in the city.



HEADING SOUTH
The Riverline development will breathe new life into the area along the river's long-neglected South Branch.

RENELLE ON THE RIVER

Slated to break ground this spring at 403 N. Wabash Ave., this Belgravia Group project will offer quick access to North Michigan Avenue, the Loop and River North. "To the east, it has the benefit of the pedestrian walkway between the Wrigley Building that leads to Michigan Avenue," notes Belgravia founder Buzz Ruttenberg. "On the west end, we have great hotels. And it's just a short walk to the restaurant district at State and Kinzie." At only 18 stories, with three homes per floor, the property provides an uncommon sense of intimacy and privacy. Ranging from 2,249 to 3,434 square feet, these centrally located condos feature 10-foot ceilings; chef's kitchens with Snaidero cabinetry; private balconies; and master baths with Snaidero cabinetry, heated flooring and a Victoria + Albert freestanding soaking tub. *\$1.6 to \$3.2 million, Liz Brooks, 312.561.5228, liz@belgraviagroup.com; renellechicago.com*

VISTA TOWER

A project of Chicago's Magellan Development Group and Beijing's Wanda Group, this Jeanne Gang-designed hotel-condo combo—sited at 363-401 E. Wacker Drive—is bound to become the signature structure of the Lakeshore East neighborhood. "The building can be viewed from a number of vantage points throughout Chicago and the lakefront," observes David Carlins, president of Magellan Development Group. "If you are standing on the steps of The Field Museum looking north along Lake Shore Drive, Vista will be the most prominent building in your line of sight." Scheduled to open in 2020, the 95-story property features 405 residences of one to four bedrooms as well as a two-level, 7,000-square-foot penthouse. Perks include Snaidero kitchens, a private dining room with a demonstration kitchen, wine storage facilities and a terrace with a fire pit, hot tub and pool. *From \$1 million, Leila Zammatta, 312.493.8200; vistatowerchicago.com*

RIVERLINE

Now that Wolf Point is pretty much filled in with new residential towers, it was only a matter of time before developers started sussing out sites farther south on the river. And while it will be a few years before Riverline is completed, Chicago hasn't seen a development of this scale since Lakeshore East began taking shape over a decade ago. Bounded by Harrison Street, the Chicago River, Roosevelt Road and Wells Street, this ambitious project—from Australia-based Lendlease and Chicago's CMK Companies—calls for over 3,600 residences with a focus on sustainability and restoring the untamed beauty of the south bank of the river. Master-planned by Perkins+Will, with noted local landscape architects Hoerr Schaudt, Riverline will transform a neglected, drab, semi-industrial stretch of the river into a bright new neighborhood in the city. *info@riverlinechicago.com; riverlinechicago.com*