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MAD Architects' first U.S. project is a luxurious pile of verdant homes

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MAD Architects and developer Palisades are nearing completion on the firm's Gardenhouse project in Beverly Hills. (Courtesy Palisades)



[Beijing](#)- and Santa Monica-based [MAD Architects](#) and developers Palisades are pushing forward with Gardenhouse, a [mixed-use](#) development set to become the firm's first completed project in the United States.

Renderings featured on a project [website](#) and recently [reported](#) by *Urbanize.LA*, come as construction on the project moves at a steady clip ahead of a 2019 opening.



Aerial view of the project showing its articulated, pitched roofs. (Courtesy Palisades)

The 18-unit mixed-use residential project is designed with ground floor retail and includes aluminum panel-clad “sky villas” that sit atop the building and feature pitched roofs.

The complex will feature three distinct dwelling types, including a series of “garden flats” organized around a central courtyard and a collection of rowhouses, as well.

The sky villas will also face toward the courtyard and are designed with living spaces oriented toward these outdoor spaces. Featuring double-height, vaulted ceilings and sculptural staircases connecting each of the floors, the units are arranged to take advantage of panoramic views over surrounding [Beverly Hills](#).



The project is wrapped in a three-story living wall. (Courtesy Palisades)

The decidedly high-end residences will also come outfitted with interiors and finishes designed by [Rottet Studio](#) and are set to include bespoke appliances by Miele and cabinets by Snaidero.

The three-bedroom apartments sandwiched between the villas and retail portions of the project are designed, like the sky villas, with multiple outdoor spaces, including balconies and terraces that look down over the courtyard.



The project's penthouse units feature vaulted double-height ceilings. (Courtesy Palisades)

The row-house component of the project will be attached to the backside of the building where the homes are able to meet the street. These two- and three-story units will feature individual addresses and will each come equipped with its own elevator and subterranean, three-car parking garage.

The project is designed according to a design philosophy known as “shanshui” promoted by MAD Architects principal Ma Yansong. The philosophy, according to an [interview](#) with Yansong featured on the project website, “combines the functionality of urban density with the artistic idealization of natural landscape to compose a future city—one which maintains human spirit and emotion at its core.”

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