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Architect Jean Nouvel Borrows From One Central Park For New Miami Project

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Pritzker Prize-winning architect Jean Nouvel has unveiled his latest design – a 14-story condominium project in Miami that draws on many of the features of his award-winning [One Central Park](#) project in Sydney.

The proposed Monad terrace project in the West Avenue neighborhood of Miami Beach will feature a man-made lagoon and a suspended vegetation screen on one side of the building.

Developed by JDS Development Group, it comprises bay front condominium residences nestled around a glittering lagoon.

The building will have roughly 80 units ranging from two to five bedrooms, including at least two penthouses, both with private pools, and an undetermined number of other units with private pools. All the units will feature at least three exposures, with some having four. Elevators will stop outside each unit, for added privacy.

“Monad Terrace draws inspiration from nature,” JDS said. “The crafted residences capture natural light via floor-through views of the bay and beyond. From the naturally filtered lagoon and native landscaping that flow through the property to connect West Avenue and Biscayne

Bay, to the curtain of hanging gardens and bespoke details that bring privacy and character to each home, Monad Terrace speaks to the highest and best of Miami's South Beach Bay."



In an interview with local property magazine [Curbed](#), Michael Stern, managing partner at JDS Development Group, said Nouvel's design would draw on his experience designing the 34-story One Central Park in Sydney for developers Sekisui House and Frasers Property.

Nouvel worked on One Central Park with Patrick Blanc, the French artist and botanist, and together they created a "beguiling assembly of motorised mirrors that capture sunlight, and direct rays down onto Central Park's gardens," according to One Central Park's website.

Over the past 40 years, Jean Nouvel has won almost every prize it's possible to win, including the Praemium Imperiale in Tokyo and the Pritzker Prize, which is the highest accolade of all within the world of architecture. His first Australian architectural masterpiece, One Central Park, has been created in collaboration with French botanical artist Patrick Blanc.

"At Central Park, we want to give something to the future inhabitants of Sydney by creating a new version of the urban park. Just because you are living in the city, you do not have to lose the advantages of living in the country. For me, vegetation is part of the vocabulary of architecture," he said.

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JDS proposed building to 149 feet, or just below the 150-foot height limitation in that area. Rather than the allowed maximum of 16 stories, the developer is planning to construct 14 floors with higher ceilings. Height restrictions in South Beach have forced developers to create boutique offerings, and Stern likened Monad to [The Fitzroy](#), the 10-story luxury condo offering JDS is building in New York City's West Chelsea neighborhood.