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WEST PALM BEACH'S SKYLINE CLIMB IS IN HIGH GEAR

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A wave of waterfront towers is helping to transform West Palm Beach's North Flagler Drive into what some are calling "Billionaires' Corridor." But the luxury residential boom isn't confined to the waterfront, with projects like Nora House and Mr. C Residences illustrating the growing demand for amenity-rich urban living even west of the water.

"Over the past several years, we've made strategic investments in public safety, infrastructure, parks, mobility, and quality of life that have helped position West Palm Beach as one of the country's most desirable places to live," says West Palm Beach Mayor Keith A. James. "The interest we're seeing from world-class residential developers is a testament to that momentum and reinforces our vision of building a vibrant, thriving city for generations to come."

So why are ultra-high-net-worth buyers clamoring to spend up to $50 million for condos in West Palm, the city originally meant to house those building higher-profile Palm Beach?

"They're getting the best of all worlds: a luxury, lock-and-leave lifestyle with resort-level amenities in a city that has emerged as a major financial and business hub," says Kendall Corso, director of luxury sales at Douglas Elliman and sales executive at Banyan Tree Residences West Palm Beach. "Palm Beach remains highly constrained, particularly when it comes to new construction, and building a custom home or undertaking a major renovation can take years. Instead, many buyers are looking just across the bridge and finding exceptional value, brand-new products, and a more effortless way to live."

Here, we present a snapshot of some of the developments redefining West Palm's waterfront and beyond.



La Clara

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Banyan Tree Residences West Palm Beach

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WATERFRONT

Mandarin Oriental Residences, West Palm Beach
5400 N. Flagler Drive
Mandarin Oriental's first residential-only development in South Florida will bring 87 bespoke residences to a private shoreline. *(mandarinorientalwestpalmbeach.com)*

Alba Palm Beach
4714 N. Flagler Drive
Offering boutique waterfront living and luxe extras such as a spa and private dock. *(albapalmbeach.com)*

The Ritz-Carlton Residences, West Palm Beach
1745 N. Flagler Drive
The famed hotel brand's signature service and five-star amenities will soon grace the Intracoastal. *(theresidenceswestpalmbeach.com)*

Olara
1919 N. Flagler Drive
Only at Olara: a restaurant by chef José Andrés, a private marina, and 80,000 square feet of leisure amenities. *(olarawestpalmbeach.com)*

Shorecrest
1865 N. Flagler Drive
Interiors by Rottet Studio and a partnership with Equinox highlight this 98-key tower by Related Ross. *(shorecrestwpb.com)*

La Clara
1515 S. Flagler Drive
Indoor-outdoor lifestyles are de rigueur at this 25-story tower by Great Gulf with architect of record Stantec and Hariri Pontarini Architects. *(laclarapalmbeach.com)*

South Flagler House
1355 S. Flagler Drive
Designed by Robert A.M. Stern, these towers by Related Ross pair classically inspired architecture with private club–caliber amenities. *(southflaglerhouse.com)*

Forté on Flagler
1309 S. Flagler Drive
This 41-residence tower has private elevator entry, oversize terraces, and resort-style service. *(fortewpb.com)*

Maison d'Or
3705 S. Flagler Drive
Just 39 waterfront residences make up this boutique "House of Gold" across from Mar-a-Lago. *(livemaisondor.com)*

DOWNTOWN

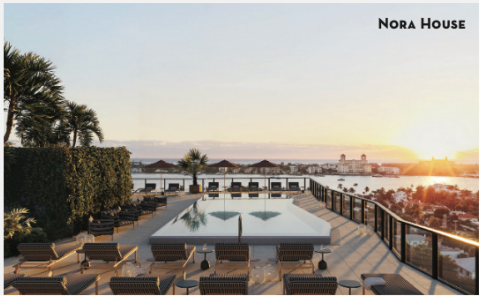
Nora House
1105 N. Dixie Hwy.
"Live above it all" at the Nora District's first residential address. *(norahouse.com)*

One West Palm
550 N. Quadrille Blvd.
Jeff Greene's long-awaited two-tower complex features residences, class A offices, a hotel, restaurants, and retail.

Banyan Tree Residences West Palm Beach
400 Hibiscus St.
The hospitality brand's first residential foray into the United States boasts 88 corner residences. *(banyantreeresidenceswpb.com)*

The Berkeley
550 S. Australian Ave.
Offering two- to five-bedroom residences overlooking Clear Lake. *(theberkeleypalmbeach.com)*

Mr. C Residences
320 Lakeview Ave.
The 27-story tower will sport branded residences, a hotel, a restaurant and café, and a rooftop members' lounge. *(mrcresidenceswpb.com)*



Nora House

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