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First phase of Link at Douglas opens with Core apartments (Photos)



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Adler Group, 13th Floor Investments and Barings have completed the Core apartments, the first phase of the \$600 million Link at Douglas mixed-use project at a Miami public transit station.

Located at the Douglas Road Metrorail Station, this is one of the biggest transit-oriented development projects in South Florida. It's on part of a 7-acre site the developers leased from Miami-Dade County. The project is also along the Underline, a linear park underneath the Metrorail.

The Core apartments have 312 units and 6,000 square feet of retail. Rent ranges from \$1,690 for studios, to \$2,090 for one-bedroom units, to \$2,790 for two-bedroom units. The building is currently 76% leased.

"Since we started leasing, we have seen a steady demand for high-quality rentals that has surpassed our expectations," said Jonathan Raiffe, chief operating officer of Miami-based Adler Group. "Our leasing success reflects Core's high-quality apartments, top-of-the-line amenities, and superb connectivity to several public transit options."

Amenities at Core include a rooftop pool deck with grilling stations and private cabanas, a fitness





center with a yoga studio, a media room, a business center with workspaces and a conference room, a social lounge with billiards, shuffleboard and ping pong, a dog washroom, bike storage, and a secured package room.

Miami-based Arquitectonica designed the building, which was built by Miami-based Civic Construction. Greenbelt, Maryland-based Bozzuto Group is the property manager.

The second phase of the Link at Douglas is the 36-story Cascade, which will feature 421 apartments and the 25,000-square-foot Milam's Market on the ground floor. It should be completed in mid-2022.

In total, the project was approved for 1,500 residential units, over 32,000 square feet of retail, a 100,000-square-foot office building, and 750 public parking spaces. The developers committed to making 12.5% of the residential units workforce housing. The developer is making about \$17 million worth of public infrastructure improvements, including to the transit station, bus bays and the Underline.

