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Plans for the 76-story mixed-use Okan Tower (also known as The Sterling) have been approved by Miami's Planning & Zoning Department.

Developer Okan Group's application was submitted in June 2017, and sent to the Urban Development Review Board in October. Approval was granted on April 7, including waivers from Miami 21.

The project includes a 76-story, 956-foot tower. Inside, there will be 362 residential units, 300 full-service hotel rooms, and 90,000 square feet of office, [according to architect Behar Font](#). Here is the architect's description of the project.

The project consists of a 76 story tower with 362 Residential Condominium Units, 300 room, full – service Hotel with extensive amenities and 90,000 sf of Office space.

Many cities are defined and identified by their skylines, who's silhouettes give a lasting and permanent expression that are forever engrained in our perceptions. Since its design conception, "Okan tower" has been an evolution of poetic imagery combined with a state of the art program that will significantly contribute to downtown Miami. Formally derived from the silhouette of the Tulip, "Okan Tower" was conceived as an architectural expression associated with the Client's country of origin, Turkey, who's national flower is the Tulip.

Located just west of Biscayne Boulevard, "Okan Tower" is directly on axis with Miami's iconic Freedom Tower and the Port of Miami. From the water, it's location and height allows it to serve as a vertical "Urban Marker" to the Miami skyline. By separating and expressing the various functional elements vertically, separating the primary massing with several open amenities levels, the tower maintains a continuous silhouette whose curved form pulls away from the street, reducing the massing of this 76 – story tower.

At the pedestrian level, the "Okan Tower" is intended to serve as "crossroads" to this emerging area of downtown Miami. A key consideration to its urban placement and orientation is the proximity and connectivity to Miami Dade College, the proposed speed train that connects all the way Orlando, the new Convention Center and "Miami World Center".

"Okan Tower" is meant to contribute to downtown's evolving skyline, and stands to be Miami's newest Urban Landmark.



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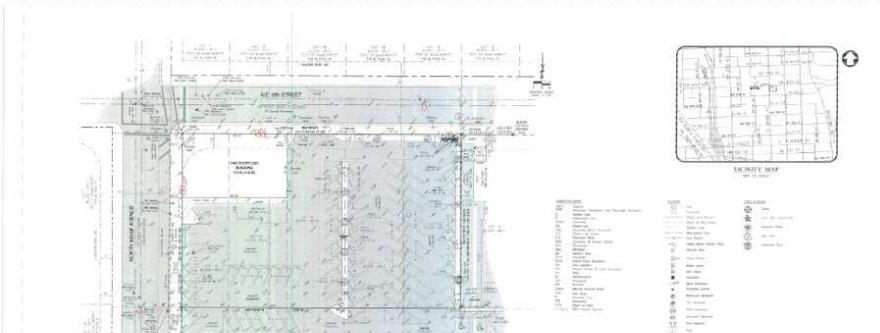
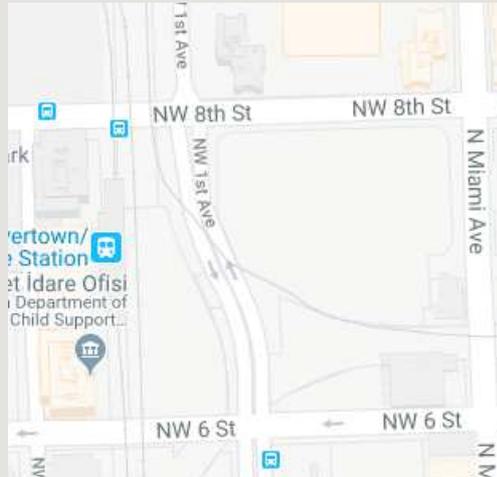
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Gorgeous looking building seems too good to be true!! The location though not so much...I wouldn't live next to a court jail but I guess when worldcenter is completed and the area matures won't matter with all the density coming online over the next 5 years or so

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Miami Hurricane

It's only 362 units. More people will be working there than living there. A certain amount of these units in the area will just become additional crashpads for attorneys that live to work late but still want an estate in Broward or WPB, this will be one such example.

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Construction start date?

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Probably after significant condo pre-sales and office pre-leasing. Cheers

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Supposed to be 3rd Quarter.

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Thanks!

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Anonymous

I love the way the design of these new towers are beating the pants off of these "ho hum" designs that have been thrown at us for quite a while now.



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Anonymous

It's crazy how this looks better than almost all of the residential built this boom, yet is across the street from a federal prison. Everywhere deserves architecture of this caliber. No excuses!



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Anonymous

it's called pump and dump, pump up a shxt parcel by paying some one to draw a pretty building completely out of context for the area then get everyone to approve and say "look at what can happen, give me millions more for a empty shxt hole"



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Anonymous

It is not a federal prison, it is a detention center, trust me I know I was detained there for a DUI in the late 90's. The FCI down south is a prison, that is where Noriega was being held.



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marc

Okay, now what?



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The Mayor

Flip it, I said Flip it...Flip it good! Get paid, go forward, it's not too late...to Flip it, Flip it good!!



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Anonymous

Thanks to Trump's tariffs, some of these land owners now don't have the option of letting their properties sit for years while the land increase in price. Because now the longer it sits, the higher the price increases to build anything on it, unlike before Trump became president.



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Anonymous

Keep your politics to yourself and away from this site. There are plenty of forums where you can preach about trump.



Anonymous

Oh, another "Trumpuppeteer" who defends his master when he see or hear someone mention his name.
I bet you scream vulgarities at the TV when they report how Trump's tariffs are negatively affecting the stock market?

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Anonymous

He's keeping politics out of the chat !!!! You need to chill too...

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Anonymous

Your the pne reacting like puppet...muppet.

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Anonymous

But, really, anyone who knows anything about construction knows prices are going up and suppliers are reluctant to give 30 day locks on prices for ANYTHING with a lot of steel or aluminum in it.

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Anonymous

Thanks for explanation... these rightwing zombies are so dumb.

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Anonymous

Renderings can stand everything 😊

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Anonymous

Finally something that doesn't resemble a big white shoebox. Tibor Halo take note please.

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BDub

Hope it happens. It would be a great complement to Worled Center towers which aren't in the rendering.

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World

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Anonymous

when are they flipping the land?

👍 0 👎 Reply

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Anonymous

You are probably right, but I am hoping not in this particular case, this building would be great if it ever gets built.

👍 0 👎 Reply

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anonymous

Gorgeous! Love it!!

👍 0 👎 Reply

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Anonymous

Wow. Looks incredible

👍 0 👎 Reply

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Anonymous

So that's what Miami has been missing all along...A Tulip inspired, 76 story, ribbed dildo.

👍 -1 👎 Reply

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Anonymous

not going to happen. obviously

👍 -6 👎 Reply

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Anonymous

Yeah, that's what they said about the FlatIron building.

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Anonymous

Yeah, like every other beautiful design that doesn't get built in Miami, yet we are stuck with boring Architectonica and Melo square boxes

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Anonymous

At least Melo is not in the business of playing around. They announce and build.

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Anonymous

They said that about Ashton Martin Residences but it's being built as we type. I think this will be built, someone already flipped the land to them. I don't see them turning around and flipping the land again.

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Whoever you are... well said!

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