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Okan Tower takes condo living in Miami to new and exciting heights.

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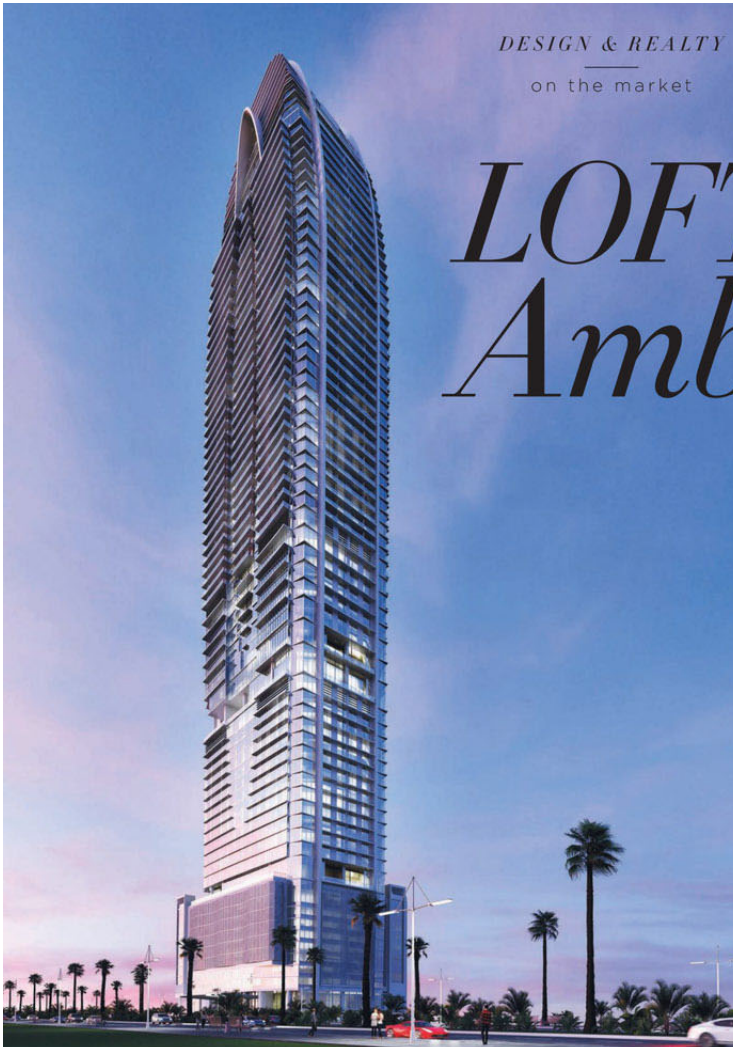
Seeds can be planted in less than a handful of soil, but for what Okan Group is sowing, even its 36,000-square-foot site at 555 N. Miami Ave. seems downright modest. By the time the Turkish company's Okan Tower is fully grown, reaching 70 stories high and similar in shape to a tulip (Turkey's national flower), the high-rise is likely to eclipse every other skyscraper in the city.

Kasim Badak, the CEO for Okan Group in the United States, says Turkish billionaire developer Bekir Okan would not have it any other way: "If people are expecting five-star, he will do six-star. He'll go that extra mile to make everything perfect."

Upon completion Okan Tower will house 153 condominiums and penthouses and 236 condo-hotel residences, as well as 316 hotel suites by Hilton Hotels & Resorts. Floors 36 through 70 will offer units ranging from 450-square-foot studios (priced from \$319,000) to four duplex-style Sky Residence penthouses starting at 1,800 square feet and priced from nearly \$2 million.

In addition to its four floors of office space, the building will also boast a spacious restaurant, movie theater, wine cellar and cigar room, three pools, a wellness center and a marble hammam. Okan Tower residents will also be able to take advantage of the hotel's amenities, including 24-hour services and in-room dining.

Though the property is not expected to open its doors until 2022, sales have already been underway domestically and overseas. The word is out: no garden-variety living arrangements here. *Sales gallery: 542 N. Miami Ave., Miami, 305.600.1000, okantowermiami.com*



From top: Okan Tower will rise 70 stories into the sky and house 153 condominiums, 236 condo-hotel residences and 316 hotel rooms; the building's semi-enclosed pool deck.