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Developer prepares to buy two Miami-Dade sites for mixed-use projects

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Miami-based Alta Developers has signed agreements to close on two mixed-use development sites in Miami-Dade County, and it plans to break ground soon on a third building, which has led to the demolition of the former longtime headquarters of WPLG Channel 10.

Led by Henry Pino, Alta Developers is one of the more active builders in South Florida, with a host of residential and mixed-use projects.

Pino said that he expects to close on a two-acre assemblage at 9600 South Dixie Highway in early April. The majority of the property is currently owned by WLPW2 LLC, managed by Wendy L. Whitmire, and is in industrial use.

Alta Developer will seek county approval for an 18-story mixed-use building there, Pino said. Designed by Behar Font & Partners, the project would have 420 apartments, about 20,000 square feet of ground-floor retail, a pool, a fountain and a fitness center. The building would total 561,092 square feet.

This property is a few blocks south of the Dadeland South Metrorail Station, near where State Road 826 ends at U.S. 1/South Dixie Highway.

Meanwhile, Pino said Alta Developers has the site at 6075 Sunset Drive in South Miami under

contract from Sunset-Miami Investments, managed by Teresa Juelle, Susan Juelle and Jose A. Juelle. The 1.7-acre lot currently has a 20,371-square-foot office building from 1961.



Pino said he's in the design stages of a mixed-use project there that would have about 150 units and 15,000 square feet of retail. He said the office building would be demolished. The site is a block west of the South Miami Metrorail Station and U.S. 1.

Finally, Pino said he signed an agreement with Chilean bank BCI to provide a \$58 million construction loan for the Quadro apartment building on the edge of Miami's Upper Eastside. The site at 3900 Biscayne Blvd. would have two 12-story towers. Behar Font & Partners designed the project with 198 apartments, 26,888 square feet of ground-floor retail space, 387 parking spaces, and a sixth floor amenity deck with a pool, fountain and fitness center.

The former studio and headquarters for WPLG Channel 10, which was recently used as a charter school, was recently demolished to make way for Quadro.

Pino said he expects to close on Quadro's construction loan and hire a general contractor in the coming weeks.



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