



The Rise

THE WORLD'S MOST OPULENT BRANDS ARE LENDING THEIR NAMES AND JOINING FORCES WITH MIAMI'S PROMINENT DEVELOPERS TO ELEVATE OUR SKYLINE.

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The Estates at Acqualina (Lobbies designed by Karl Lagerfeld)

When The Trump Group (no relation to POTUS) owners, Jules and Stephanie, traveled to Paris to meet the legendary Chanel and Fendi designer, they never imaged they were commissioning the only Karl Lagerfeld-designed residential lobbies to ever exist in the country. "We built the world's finest residences, and when he saw what we were doing, it was a match made in heaven," said Michael Goldstein, president of sales for The Trump Group. Lagerfeld got to work right away, sketching his vision for the lobbies at that first meeting. "He knew what he wanted and he created it." The audacious designer's impeccable eye for detail and ability to create a one-of-a-kind recherché setting is seen throughout the two lobbies including 12foot glass panels that are etched with Lagerfeld's personal photos of Roman fountains, parquet-pattern floors made of cutting-edge silvered hammered metal, silver-leafed walls textured with swans, mosaic tile designs that resemble intricate rugs, and flowing fountains surrounded by lush blooming flowers. Although it's unfortunate the designer will never see his designs come to life, his team continues to be heavily involved in the project. The South Tower is set for completion in 2021, with the North Tower, or Boutique Tower, completed in 2022.



Chanel's inimitable designer, the late Karl Lagerfeld, left a uniquely glamorous touch on the lobby areas he created at The Estates at Acqualina.