

LUXURY LIVING at The Ritz

Previously offered as One Naples, The Ritz-Carlton Residences, Naples — which will include direct beach access, marina, and private park amenities — breaks ground.

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Beachfront and lagoon front condos will be part of The Ritz-Carlton Residences, Naples. COURTESY RENDERINGS / STOCK DEVELOPMENT

Dina and Michael Cavanaugh were looking for a condo to buy in Downtown Naples. Then they saw plans for The Ritz-Carlton Residences, Naples and their plans changed. Thursday morning last week they joined dozens of other future residents for the groundbreaking ceremony of their future home.

"When we saw the future plans, it was a no brainer," Dina Cavanaugh said. "It just pulled us here."

"I love the location. It is close to everything," her husband added.

Thursday, Nov. 17, Stock Development executives along with architects, realtors, designers, Suffolk Construction officials and Collier County Commissioners grabbed golden shovels for the groundbreaking ceremony. When complete at the end of 2025 or early 2026, there will be 128 luxury residences with seaside, lagoon and sunset views along with the 28,000-foot Vanderbilt Club, a private library, upscale restaurant with water views, coffee lounge, theater room, golf simulator, billiards and game room, and business café. There will be elevated terraces, a pool with sun shelf, a spa, cabanas, a putting green, covered grilling areas, a secluded neighborhood park, and full-service marina. There are also 22 boat slips for the residents that acted fast and secured one.



This rendering shows what the pool bar at The Ritz-Carlton Residences, Naples, will look like when the development is complete at the end of 2025 or early 2026.

Claudine Leger-Wetzel, vice president of sales and marketing for Stock Development, is excited to see the project finally get underway.



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"It is an amazing location, Leger-Wetzel said. "We have 50,000 square feet of amenities, you can walk to the beach, you can walk to the marina, you can walk to fine dining, you can walk to the hotel. It is the best place in Naples. There are probably a million reasons why you want to live there; every adjective you can think of."

Prices range from \$3.7 to \$25 million and there is a menu of options to choose from. Some people put their deposits down on a condo in one of the two, 5-story over-parking buildings on the bay side. The condos there are spacious at more than 3,000 square feet and have three bedrooms. In the 12-story buildings that are closer to the beach, the units are even larger at more than 4,000 square feet. Penthouses start at more than 5,500 square feet. Then there are the grand penthouses that span almost 10,000 square feet. The three, four or five-bedroom units all have 10-foot ceilings.

Future resident Irene Pietsch likes the large size.

"There is plenty of room for my family to visit," she said.

Pietsch lives nearby now and was excited to find something new in the same area of North Naples.

"It's the same area, just a bigger, newer place," she concluded.

Future residents got their first chance to meet their new neighbors and talk about what they are looking forward to.

"It just captivated us," Dina Cavanaugh said. "We love the lanai overlooking the water and being able to see the sunset. That was important to me. We like the private entrance. Condos downtown can't offer you this much light. We are just excited and looking forward to it."



It was golden shovel time for the groundbreaking for The Ritz-Carlton Residences, Naples. Left to right are Robert Hall, CEO of Curts Gaines Hall Jones (CGHJ) Architects; Pete Tuffo, President of Suffolk's Florida Gulf Coast; Brian Stock, CEO, STOCK Development; Cristian Pinedo, Founder of SUSURRUS International; Ayanna Wiggins, Director of Global Residential Marketing for Marriott International; and Landscape Architect Hunter Booth, President of Booth Design Group. ANDREA STETSON / FLORIDA WEEKLY

Gary Stromquist and Laura LaNasa are planning their April wedding and the move to their new condo.

"It is absolutely the perfect location," Stromquist said.

Collier County Commissioner Chris Hall said he's glad to see the obstacles overcome and construction finally beginning.

"This will be a good project," Hall began. "It was highly resisted, but in the end I think that it will be an improvement for this area of Vanderbilt."

After munching on a buffet of food and sipping orange juice in champagne glasses, the speeches began. Brian Stock, CEO of Stock Development, touted the high amount of sales already secured; more than 50 percent.

"We wanted to do something new and unmatched in the market," Stock said. "These condominiums are going to be unlike anything else in the market. We cannot imagine a better setting than this Naples beachfront. This is a legacy project. It is a crown jewel on this coast of Florida."



Dina and Michael Cavanaugh meet Toni and Michael Rosen at the groundbreaking ceremony. The Cavanaughs and the Rosens are future residents of The Ritz-Carlton Residences, Naples.

"We believe residents and their guests will feel like they have been transported to another world without leaving their home," said Bob Hall, of Curtis Gaines Hall Jones Architects, Inc, Peter Tuffo, president Suffolk Construction, commented on the high number of Southwest Florida residents that will get to work on the project. Darren Dugan, owner of Buzz's Lighthouse across the street, expects the project to bring in lots of new customers.

"It will help our business tremendously," Dugan said.

After the speeches, executives from Stock, Suffolk Construction, and others grabbed golden shovels and tossed handfuls of dirt. The groundbreaking is welcome news for all the residents that are eagerly awaiting their new homes.

"Waiting is the hardest part. I just want to be here," Dina Cavanaugh concluded. ¦



Crowds of future residents, developers, architects, realtors and more listen to speeches at the groundbreaking ceremony for The Ritz-Carlton Residences, Naples.



Future residents, developers, real estate agents, architects, designers and more gathered for the groundbreaking ceremony for The Ritz-Carlton Residences, Naples.



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