

Sumaida + Khurana Announces Plans For Another Office Building In Miami Beach, A First In The Americas By Pritzker Prize-Winning Architect Eduardo Souta De Moura

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Internationally recognized real estate development firm Sumaida + Khurana has announced that Pritzker Prize-winning architect Eduardo Souta de Moura will design its new Class A+ office building at the corner of Fifth Street and Alton Road. This is the first building in North and South America for Souta de Moura. Sumaida + Khurana is partnering with property owners Roslyn and Norton Nesis and Robert and Miriam Weiss of Weiss Properties for the project located in Miami Beach's South of Fifth neighborhood. Aaron Butler of Avenue Real Estate Partners structured the partnership. The design team also includes Zyscovich as the executive architect and Gabellini Sheppard designing the interior architecture. Sumaida + Khurana expects to start construction in 2025, with completion expected in the following year.

The development will be the second building Sumaida + Khurana is developing in Miami's South of Fifth neighborhood, joining The Fifth Miami Beach, a Class A+ office development designed by master architect Alberto Campo Baeza and in partnership with developers Bizzi + Bilgili. New York-based Sumaida + Khurana is widely known for developing some of the most architecturally distinctive projects in the world. The firm commissioned Pritzker Laureate, Tadao Ando to design 152 Elizabeth Street, an exclusive boutique condominium in Manhattan and Pritzker Laureate Alvaro Siza to design 611 West 56th Street, a 450-foot luxury condominium tower also in New York City.



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Located at the southeast corner of Fifth Street and Alton Road, the new project is at the gateway into Miami Beach, an entire blockfront across from the MacArthur Causeway. The 5-story building features unique double-height voids and refined mirror detail to create a sense of depth and reflection.

"The location of our project at Fifth & Alton presented us with a truly significant and monumental opportunity to develop a gateway building, a structure one first sees when entering a city. Since this will be an architecturally important building to the City of Miami Beach and its residents, we collaborated with Pritzker Laureate, Eduardo Souta de Moura, Zyscovich, and Gabellini Sheppard to create a singular piece of architecture," said Saif Sumaida, Founding Partner, Sumaida + Khurana.

"Miami Beach and the South of Fifth enclave has emerged as one of the most sophisticated neighborhoods in the world. We felt that it was imperative to create a timeless building that reflects the evolution of the City through a unique design collaboration with Souta de Moura, Zyscovich, and Gabellini Sheppard," said Amit Khurana, Founding Partner, Sumaida + Khurana.



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The project will enhance the modern office experience with a design that emphasizes poetic architectural forms through simplicity, beauty, and exquisite detailing. These

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hallmark qualities, for which Eduardo Souta de Moura is renowned, will be showcased throughout the building. The design utilizes authentic and genuine concrete, glass, and pink coral stone materials. The building's concrete slabs and fins will gradually reduce in size on each floor, culminating in a knife-edge slab at the roof. Reveals between all fins and concrete slabs will articulate walls and ceilings as floating volumes, creating a sense of lightness more felt than seen—a nod to the tactile architecture of Eduardo Souta de Moura. A unique lighting installation will offer visitors a sublime experience upon entering the porte-cochère.

The project will be presented to the Miami Beach Planning Board on April 25.

The Fifth Miami Beach, the firm's other Class A+ office project, is being developed in partnership with Bizzi + Bilgili. It is located two blocks from the proposed site and captures the ethos of an exquisite jewel box. Cain International recently provided a \$47.25 million construction loan, and 25% of the building is already pre-leased.

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