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BEACHY SURROUNDINGS AT BEACH HOUSE 8

Boutique development Beach House 8 offers seclusion surrounded by city life.

Sometimes it's hard to decide to take a few days away at the beach because you don't want to miss what's going on in the city. But what if your whole life was just Beach House relaxation within walking distance of urban buzz? Usually quite the achievement. But while the residences in Morabito Properties' new development, Beach House 8, will be as spacious and high-end as any apartments you've ever imagined, with walls for windows and nothing but big blue ocean to stare at from morning to night, the real appeal of this boutique build is the opportunity to live in seclusion in the heart of Miami.

"It is a different lifestyle from the other stuff on the beach, and that was the intent - to create something incredibly private," said Valerio Morabito, head of Morabito Properties. You'll be able to feel like you have this striking building, all intersecting rectangles and glistening glass, all to yourself.

There are only nine floors and 8

apartments in Beach House 8, and each residence occupies its own floor with the penthouse topping out the top two floors. You won't have too many neighbors, which is exactly how Morabito wants it. "I have a lot of friends who have apartments in beautiful buildings in Miami, but they don't like running into 15 different acquaintances from the building every time they go to the pool or beach," he said. Morabito knows that real luxury comes not just from ample square footage, a picturesque swimming pool, and top-of-the-line Italian marble (although Beach House 8 has all of those things). You also might need that beautiful pool to feel like a peaceful sanctuary that's there just for you. "What differentiates us from anybody else is the fact that we are very exclusive," said Morabito.

It's not just the limited number of units that make Beach House 8 seem so secluded and homey. Along with the building, you really get a lot of beach. It's like having a house

with a backyard, except your backyard is white sand and crystal clear waters. Beach House 8 is surrounded by greenery and carefully groomed lawns, while situated right on the water without any other buildings crowding into your personal space.

Everything has been designed with an emphasis on peaceful retreat and access to the breeze. "We have outdoor space attached to the residences ranging from 1,400 to almost 3,000 square feet," said Morabito. "There are very long balconies because of the architecture of the building." The penthouse has almost 6,000 feet of balcony space, and that's before we even start talking about the outdoor terrace or the rooftop pool.

With all that room to lounge with the sun on your face and the wind in your hair, you might never want to go inside. It's going to be difficult though, because these spacious residences are beautifully designed to integrate with the view and the outdoors. They

might just draw you in. And while Morabito may have left Italy behind, he's filled these interiors with the finest Italian stone and wood. "It was important to bring in all this Italian quality," he said. What materials for the interiors were not imported from Italy you wonder? When pressed, Morabito had to think about it: none. "Almost everything, I guess, is made in Italy," he mused.

We are talking real old-world craftsmanship. "Our furniture is made in Florence by this little old man," said Morabito. And it's that personal touch that makes it the best. "They have this love and passion for what they do, and everything is handcrafted," he said.

Beach House 8 seems to be offering the very best of life on the beach, with all those special little touches that allow a really perfect home to turn everyday life into everyday holiday.

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