

First Atton hotel in the US to open mid-2016 in Miami's Brickell

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Chilean hospitality company Atton Hotels will open its first U.S. property by June 2016 in Miami's Brickell, CEO **Francisco Levine** said in an interview with the *South Florida Business Journal*.

Levine offered an update on the plans for the \$65 million project, which have grown since it broke ground May 2014. The property will open with 275 rooms ranging from 323 square feet for a standard room to 969 square feet for a suite. Its views will look down at Simpson Park.



The 12-story property, at 1500 S.W. 1st Ave., will have 4,207 square feet of meeting space, a gym and a 90-seat Latin American restaurant that will serve breakfast, lunch and dinner.

It will be the first Atton Hotels property developed with a rooftop pool and bar, Levine said. Room rates will be announced closer to the hotel's opening date, but are expected to be middle-market prices.

"This is a hotel for today's business and leisure travelers to Miami that choose to come to the thriving Brickell area," Levine told the *Business Journal*. "We have been observing Miami for the past three years and every day it is unleashing more of its potential as a global destination for tourism and business. For us, it was very easy to make the decision to invest and develop here."

Atton Hotels is actively seeking more sites in Miami, Levine added. The company is prepared to acquire existing hotels or vacant sites for new construction. He did not confirm a timeline for when those sites would be secured.

Atton Brickell Miami hotel reached its highest point of construction last month and has begun seeking applicants for about 100 positions, Levine said.

Fort Lauderdale's **Moss & Associates** is the general contractor for the project and Miami-based Revuelta Architecture designed the Miami resort. Once open, it will be Atton Hotels' seventh property since the company

was founded in 2000. The firm has three other hotels in development. Outside of Miami, Atton Hotels' portfolio includes properties in Santiago, Chile; Bogota, Colombia and Lima, Peru. The company aims to open 20 hotels by 2020.

There are thousands of hotel rooms in the pipeline for downtown Miami, including the [1,800-room Marriott Marquis Miami Worldcenter opening in 2018](#), the 263-room East, Miami hotel [opening in Brickell City Centre](#) this winter, and the 140-room Hotel Indigo [that broke ground in October](#).