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Mediterranean restaurant to expand to Miami-Dade mixed-use project

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An artist's rendering of the Aura North Miami Beach development at 16955-17071 W. Dixie Highway in North Miami Beach, Fla.
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Story Highlights

- Kosher Mediterranean restaurant and bakery lead commercial tenants at Aura.
- Aura features 373 luxury rentals and 26,000 sq ft retail.
- Project completion slated for second quarter of 2026.

A Mediterranean restaurant and a bakery, both certified Kosher, are leading an inflow of commercial tenants to a massive mixed-use development under construction in North Miami Beach.

Hollywood's Pala Mediterranean Kitchen will enter the Miami-Dade County market with a 1,400-square-foot lease at Aura North Miami Beach, a nearly 534,000-square-foot project at 16955-17071 W. Dixie Highway. Pala's new space will feature both indoor and covered outdoor dining options.

Florentin Bakery is also expanding from Hollywood with a 2,800-square-foot, indoor-outdoor lease at Aura, which is being developed by local firm Macken Companies in partnership with Dallas' Trinsic Residential Group.

Macken Companies retains the commercial component of the project, while Trinsic oversees the residential portion. Other new commercial tenants include Mimi Yoga, Sonrisas Dental Miami and The Missing Peace, a specialized early childhood occupational therapy center.

"The lineup provides synergistic opportunities across categories, bringing both exciting new businesses to market as well as established names that South Florida

already knows and loves,” Macken Companies CEO Alan Macken told the Business Journal Wednesday.

“Aura is attracting tenants from South Broward to Wynwood to Coconut Grove, and all of them will offer employment opportunities for the area,” he added.

The eight-story Aura project features 373 luxury rental units and 17,000 square feet of ground-floor commercial space, plus another 9,000 square feet of exterior covered retail terrace space.

Designed by Coral Gables’ Corwil Architects, the project is slated for completion in the second quarter of 2026. An affiliate of Macken Companies is the general contractor on the commercial component, while Trinsic is handling construction on the residential side.

Aura is situated at the gateway to North Miami Beach, bordering Aventura and Sunny Isles, and offers easy access to Biscayne Boulevard, I-95 and other major roadways.

Recent years have seen an uptick in construction in North Miami Beach, particularly in mixed-use, multifamily and luxury residential developments.