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## Luxury Comes to 14th and U

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Twenty years ago, you'd be **hard pressed** to find developers willing to take a risk building along the **14th** or **U Street** corridors. **Yesterday**, a **ultra-highend project** got underway.



At the corner of 14th and U, we snapped brothers **Barry** and **Sia Madani** of **Madison Investments** with Hoar Construction's **Mike Sloan**. The group had just **broken ground** on **Elysium Fourteen**, a 56-unit luxury apartment building around the corner. Sia and Barry believe both the 14th and U Street Corridors are ready for luxury residential, which is why they're going **all out** with the finishes at Elysium, including **large unit sizes** (average of 750 SF) and **real-time public transit monitors** in the lobby. (Nothing says "I'm luxurious" like not running after a train.) They'll go for LEED cert when construction wraps in **late 2015**.



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Here's the PGN Architects design of Elysium. Madison will construct the building around and over two older buildings that'll be **renovated** and **restored**. Those buildings will also be part of Elysium's **ground-floor retail mix**, and Sia tells us Madison is in discussions with "a fantastic **international tenant**" to take most of that space. Though the Elysium units will be high-end, **amenities** will not be plentiful because Madison believes the neighborhood is an amenity unto itself. You might know Madison from its other boutique residential projects like **Trevelyan House** in Columbia Heights and **1020 Monroe** on 11th Street.



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It's Madison's biggest project to date and Hoar's **first project** in the District. And residents won't have to go far to get what they need—across the street is a **Trader Joe's** on the ground floor of the Louis at 14th apartment building (on the right). Sia tells us nearby apartment projects like Louis and **The District** raise the bar for Elysium. Oh, and we asked Barry what the name Elysium was all about, and he says it's about keeping the residents happy: "It means a state or place of **ideal happiness**."

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#### Ritz Banc Celebrates in Georgetown



Last night, Ritz Banc Group celebrated the summer—and a big new deal—at the Ritz Carlton Georgetown. Snapped here: Ritz Banc co-founder Nasr El Hage (second from right) with GW professor Dr. Georges Jabbour, Lebanese Taverna's Najib Adwan and Dany Abi Najm, and Kalorama Dental Arts' Dr. Habib Mitri.



That big deal is the purchase of **Avion Lakeside A & D** in Chantilly, a two-property, 116k SF office complex near Dulles Airport that Ritz Banc bought with partner **Lincoln Property Co**. The price was around **\$20M**, and Nasr tells us Ritz Banc is **on the hunt** for more value-add acquisitions.





Our <u>Bisnow NYC Power Women bash</u> Tuesday night drew a big crowd, as we celebrated **50** of the city's most exceptional commercial real estate players. Even a couple **DC friends** were on hand, including architect **Darrel Rippeteau**, snapped here with son-in-law **Hall Oster**, a broker with NYC investment sales powerhouse Massey Knakal. (Was Darrel up there for our event, or to check on his daughter's beau?)



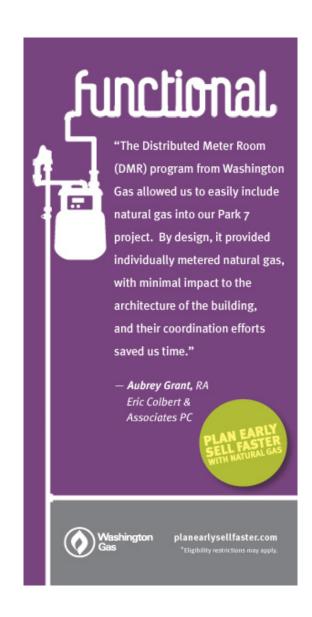
Here's another DCer, Cassidy Turley's **Rocky Kern**, with one of our Power Women, **Michelle Berliner** of Brookfield Property Group.



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