Promising to reshape the skyline on the city’s Near North Side, One Chicago broke ground in early 2019 with two towers climbing to 76- and 49-stories. There will be a combined 812 luxury residential units situated above a nine-story retail and office podium that features a grocery store, a large rooftop garden, and a host of amenities.

Chicago firm JDL Development’s largest project to date, the towers were collaboratively designed by homegrown architecture firms Goettsch Partners and Hartshorne Plunkard Architecture. The buildings adopt a streamlined, tapering form reminiscent of the iconic Art Deco age of skyscraper design, with setbacks allowing for multiple terraces and a more slender profile as the towers rise. The taller tower will climb to just over 1,000 feet, making it the city’s 6th tallest. One Chicago replaces one of the largest remaining surface parking lots in the downtown area for a vastly improved pedestrian experience. There is one curiosity passerby are sure to notice: how Bella Luna Cafe is absorbed into the development footprint. The decades-old Italian restaurant was a notable hold out back when developers were amassing property, so the one-story structure at the southwest corner of the site had to be accommodated in the plan.

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