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Exclusive: The Ritz-Carlton could be coming back to Houston. Here's what we know.

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A rendering of a planned Ritz-Carlton Houston project, at 2120 Post Oak in Uptown. Houston developer Deiso Moss said it plans to bring the storied brand to the city for the first time.

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A Houston developer is planning to bring the Ritz-Carlton back to the city.

Real estate firm Deiso Moss told the Houston Chronicle it is working with Marriott International, the Ritz-Carlton's parent company, to develop a 44-story Ritz-Carlton hotel and branded residences at 2120 Post Oak Boulevard near the Galleria.

Deiso Moss's plans, as shared with the Chronicle, call for a hotel with 154 guest rooms as well as 114 private residences, "envisioned as gracious homes

in the sky," beginning at 2,200 square feet. Hotel guests and condo owners will share 50,000 square feet of Ritz-Carlton restaurants, lounges and amenities. Residence owners will also have a private motor court, lobby, elevators and 27,000 square feet of exclusive amenities.

A spokesperson for the project said that the Ritz-Carlton will operate the hotel, while the condos will be available via a licensing agreement with Marriott International.

A [website launched Wednesday](#) allows people to register their interest in the residences.

This week, the firm was not yet ready to give a timeline for when the project will be completed or when sales will begin, or to specify what pricing will look like. The spokesperson declined to comment on the financing for the project.

As planned, the project at 2120 Post Oak would be the only Ritz-Carlton hotel in Houston, and the third in Texas, as well as the first Ritz Carlton- branded property in the city itself. Houston previously had a Ritz-Carlton hotel in River Oaks, which [hosted the late Queen Elizabeth II](#) when they toured Texas in 1991, but it was [stripped of its name in 1997](#) along with three other Ritz-Carltons in New York, Washington, and Colorado.

There is a Ritz-Carlton hotel in Dallas as well as a Ritz-Carlton resort in Las Colinas, northwest of Dallas. Meanwhile, the Houston-based developer Howard Hughes broke ground on [a Ritz Carlton-branded condominium tower in The Woodlands](#) in October last year, after reporting record-breaking sales in its opening week, in April: half of the planned residences [went under contract](#) that first week, Howard Hughes said, for sales of more than \$250 million.

Founded in 2018, Deiso Moss bought the 2120 Post Oak property in 2021 for an undisclosed sum, calling it "[an irreplaceable trophy piece of land.](#)" Its [earliest plans for the two-acre site](#), as described to the Houston Chronicle in 2022, called for a luxury mixed-use development in a 43-story high rise, featuring top-flight amenities for residential and office clients as well

as ready access to the shopping, dining and entertainment options of Uptown and the Galleria.

The Ritz-Carlton tower will be designed by Pickard Chilton with Ziegler Cooper Architects, interiors by [Rottet Studio](#), and construction by Houston-based Harvey Cleary.

In a statement, Deiso Moss founders Andrew Deiso and Taylor Moss said they are "honored" to be working with Marriott on the project.

"This project belongs to the city," they said. "It is conceived for Houston's world-class residents, its future, and the generations who will look to Houston not only as the energy capital of the world, but as a place of refinement, culture, and enduring excellence."

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