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Tallest residential towers outside N.Y. planned

Luxury architect Richardson Robertson III of Robertson Partners, in association with Los Angeles-based Rodmark, has announced plans for what will be the tallest residential development outside New York. The residential towers, The Olympic and The City House, will both in the New Beaux Arts style.

Situated at the corner of Olympic Boulevard and Grand Avenue Downtown in Los Angeles' South Park neighborhood, both The Olympic and The City House will become central landmarks for the new Downtown Los Angeles.

The Olympic will have approximately 150 units in its 49-story tower. With approximately 180 units, The City House will stand 60 stories tall. The City House and The Olympic's facades will be built entirely of golden hued cut limestone featuring profuse limestone architectural detailing and limestone sculptural relief at the tops and bottoms of the buildings. The buildings will also include clay tiled roofs with copper detailing. Both projects will feature true skyline penthouses with views of the mountains, ocean and the entire Los Angeles basin.

The more than 800,000-square-foot mixed-use residential towers will have a five-star restaurant. The secure and full-service buildings will each have an indoor pool, an outdoor pool with terraced gardens, a full-service spa with treatment rooms, steam rooms and saunas, a fitness center, several grand lobbies, tall ceilings, and state-of-the-art soundproofing. Also, a dining and reception hall, wine room and cellar, and private theater. A business center will also be available to residents. First floor retail stores will overlook both streets.

Robertson Partners is widely recognized for its work in the New Beaux Arts style. Richardson Robertson III was winner of the Los Angeles Architect of the Year Award for 2003.

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