

## BEST HIGH-RISE (20 STORIES OR HIGHER):

### ONE MUSEUM PARK

It's rare when a tower actually lives up to the grace of its early renderings, so we're not ashamed to admit that The Enterprise Companies' One Museum Park, nearing completion at 1215 S. Prairie Ave. in the South Loop's Central Station mega-development, has exceeded our expectations.

Pappageorge/Haymes isn't an architectural firm known for its daring concepts, which makes the successful execution of their rocket-shaped design all the more impressive. Jeff Renterghen, a senior associate at Pappageorge/Haymes, told *New Homes* in August that the firm "pushed for a more modern statement" with One Museum Park, crafting a soaring column of steely blue glass with wing-like flanges, unlike anything else seen in the South Loop.

One Museum Park's crescent-shaped plan of the building ensures that none of the residences have obstructed views to the west; instead, every home will have vistas of Lake Michigan, the sprawling Grant Park and its museum campus, and Chicago's magnificent skyline. As Renterghen says, "There's really no 'back' to the building, and no 'bad' units."

More than 70 percent of One Museum Park's 298 units have sold, and the remaining stock is spread evenly throughout the tower, says Ralph Oliva of Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage. Two-bedrooms on its lower floors start in the \$500s and three-bedrooms start around \$1 million. The largest available unit, a 3,000 square-foot three-bedroom, is priced at \$1.8 million, he says.

