

Leasing begins for ambitious Tampa redevelopment project's new apartment complex

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TAMPA — Leasing has begun for the Trio at Encore, the second apartment complex in downtown Tampa's ambitious 40-acre redevelopment project. Scheduled to open in April, the \$29 million complex will house 141 one- to four-bedroom apartments priced between \$850 and \$1,310 a month. It will host an open house for prospective residents from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday at 1210 Ray Charles Blvd. Encore, a public-private venture by the Banc of America Community Development Corp. and the Tampa Housing Authority, is scheduled to include hundreds of millions of dollars in newly constructed, mixed-income apartments, condos, stores and office space. Encore's first complex, the seven-story Ella, opened to seniors last December with 160 apartments, a fitness center and space for restaurants and shops.

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