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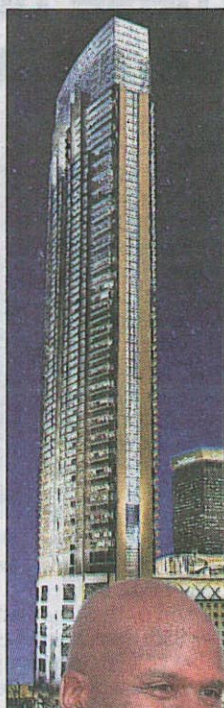
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Shaquille's big deal



WATCH out **Donald Trump**, there's another larger-than-life real-estate biggie on your tail.

Miami Heat superstar **Shaquille O'Neal** has announced that he's formed The O'Neal Group, a real-estate and development company that will "seek to engage in partnerships and joint ventures to acquire, develop and promote select projects across the U.S.," according to his wordy release.

SHAQ ATTACK: O'Neal has built a portfolio of residential and commercial property valued at more than \$50 million throughout his playing

days in the NBA (or less than half of the cost of The Donald's spec mansion in Palm Beach), and now fancies himself as something of a real-estate magnate.

The first big project The O'Neal Group will be involved with is Metropolitan Miami, a billion-dollar mixed-use development in downtown Miami that will have 1,100 residential units. The ambitious project will feature the 866-foot-tall Met 3, the tallest residential tower south of New York.