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Company that built the Contemporaine plans another forward-looking building for downtown

CMK DEVELOPMENT, a Chicago company that has made a habit of developing forward-looking contemporary-styled condo buildings, has another of-the-moment project going up in River North, not far from its distinctive and award-winning Contemporaine.

CMK's latest project, 630 North Franklin, is not as progressive as Ralph Johnson's Contemporaine (at 516 North Wells Street), with its jutting balconies and exposed concrete, but it is easily as sleek. Designed by the architectural firm Brininstool + Lynch to slyly fit in with River North's characteristic early 20th-century commercial loft buildings, 630 North Franklin mimics its neighbors' big repeating banks of windows and blocky shapes, but its glassy facade makes the whole structure appear lighter.

Contemporaine is kind of our mantra, says Scott Hoskins, CMK's managing broker. It is the type of architecture we appreciate, and we have found that there is a market segment that is really drawn to it. At press time, 135 of the building's 165 units had already been sold. Prices on the remaining units range from \$165,900 for a 530-square-foot studio to \$499,900 for a three-bedroom, two-bath condo with 1,600 square feet of space. Buyers should begin moving in during autumn 2005. ■