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A render of Médano El Pinar in Montevideo, Uruguay, due to be completed in 2027

When the multi-award-winning Uruguayan architect Rafael Viñoly died in March last year, he left a global legacy of buildings stretching from Tokyo to Buenos Aires. His works include the masterplan for London's Battersea Power Station and, more controversially, thanks to building issues, one of the first skinny "needle" buildings of his adopted New York home at 432 Park Avenue. For his final project, completed after his death by his son Román, a partner at Rafael Viñoly Architects, he returned to Montevideo, the city of his birth.



A render of Médano El Pinar near Montevideo, Uruguay

Médano El Pinar is a low-level and curvaceous apartment building set immediately behind the dunes on an oceanfront plot 15 minutes out of town. Most of the 120 apartments have elevated private gardens and they all overlook either the beach or the neighbouring lagoon. The building claims to incorporate lessons from the pandemic – no communal lobbies

and an emphasis on outdoor private spaces – and eco credentials include the aim of being the first “nearly zero-energy building in the region”. Médano El Pinar is set for completion in 2027 and is for sale through Knight Frank, from \$421,000 for one- to five-bed homes.

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