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Construction starts on \$25M assisted living center



The new Palace Gardens will have 200 assisted living memory care units.

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The Palace Group has launched construction of a \$25 million assisted living and memory care center in Homestead.

The Miami-based developer acquired the 10-acre site at 3100 N.E. Eighth Street from Baptist Health South Florida for \$3 million in 2013. It's near Homestead Hospital.

The Palace at Homestead will have 200 residences and 55,000 square feet of

amenities in four stories. That breaks down to 110 assisted living apartment and 90 memory care suites.

The 158,000-square-foot complex will replace the existing Palace Gardens.

"There is an unserved need for assisted living and memory support in the Homestead area which our existing community could no longer accommodate," Jacob Shaham, president of the Palace Group, said in a news release. "We needed to plan a

community that will incorporate many new technologies for operational needs and residents care for now and into the future."

Its amenities will include a theater, dining room, ice cream parlor, beauty salon and physical therapy room.

It's expected to open in winter 2015. It was designed by Salazar Architectural Group and Directions in Design Inc.