

## Ellis Diversified ups HQ space

A real estate company said it plans to quadruple its space as it builds itself a new headquarters.

Ellis Diversified said it is moving to 400 North Andrews Ave., in Fort Lauderdale's Flagler Village district, just east of the site where the developer and investment firm said it plans to create a residential high-rise community.

"We are expanding our scope with a strong focus on redeveloping high-potential, underused sites throughout South Florida, to create innovative, well-crafted places to live and enjoy life," said Jim Ellis, EDI founder and president.

The firm was previously based at 401 East Last Olas Blvd., where it had 4,000 square feet.

For its new headquarters, EDI said it is renovating a three-story, 16,000-square-foot office building.

"Historically, Andrews Avenue was downtown Fort Lauderdale's main north-south street," Ellis said. "With the accelerating redevelopment of Flagler Village, we expect North Andrews to continue to emerge as a vibrant gateway to downtown."

The company said it has received Fort Lauderdale City Commission approval for a planned 28-story residential and retail development on 1.4 acres at Brickell Avenue (Northwest First Avenue) and Northwest Third Street.

EDI's recent development projects include Wilton Station, a mixed-use project with 272 condominium units, resort-style amenities and related retail under construction on the site of a former distribution center in Wilton Manors.

The firm also purchased and completed the condominium conversion of The Tides at Bridgeside Square - a 15-story waterfront residential, retail and office building with 246 residential condominiums on the Intracoastal Waterway in Fort Lauderdale

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