

Moishe Mana to bring university to downtown Miami

New Jersey developer [Moishe Mana](#) will welcome the Miami International University of Art & Design to downtown Miami for a campus in one of his buildings, which will also host companies in the creative industries.

This is the first major initiative for Mana's roughly 1 million square feet of property along Flagler Street in downtown Miami. It's modeled after Mana Contemporary, a massive art and creative space in Jersey City.

The Miami International University of Art & Design (MIU) will relocate its campus to the office building at 155 S. Miami Ave., said [Eugene Lemay](#), president of Mana Contemporary. The university will lease about 70,000 square feet, or almost half of the building. Mana will completely gut the building to house the campus, and prepare space for other uses, Lemay said.

The 13-story building is 39 years old.

MIU will move from its current campus at 1501 Biscayne Blvd. The new campus could be ready in summer 2020.

The university signed an agreement with Studio Enterprise to help with the campus relocation and help its students find job opportunities. MIU's programs include fashion, interior design, media art, video game art, animation and film production.

"MIU has been an integral part of building and transforming the Miami design and arts communities for more than 50 years and we look forward to furthering that footprint with our new partnerships with Studio Enterprise and Mana," said [Erika Fleming](#), president of Miami International University of Art & Design.

[Glenn Kalison](#), founder and chief content officer of Studio Enterprise, said Mana Contemporary is a great partner for MIU because it can connect students with professionals in the creative industry. The idea is for people in the industry to be present in the building alongside students.

"It will serve the current student population in a way that's revolutionary," Kalison said.

Lemay said at least 75 percent square feet at 155 S. Miami Ave. will be leased to creative and technology companies that Mana Contemporary is working to bring to Miami. He's focusing on gaming and animation companies.

"You need the students to collaborate with companies and find their future and stay in Miami," Lemay said. "The problem in Miami is they go to school here, and then have to go to New York or Chicago or Los Angeles for jobs. We are trying to make this the community where the jobs are."

The first floor will have a food and retail store, with products created by MIU students for sale, Lemay added. The fifth floor will also have space for a restaurant.

In addition, Mana plans to redevelop the Flagler Station building at 48 E. Flagler Street into a technology hub, Lemay said. This project, which could take 2.5 years, is in the design stages, he added.

Mana is also working to build a [trade and technology hub in Wynwood](#), where he's [working with Florida International University](#).

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