

## More apartments to go up at Highlands development



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Encore at Forest Park, a \$51 million apartment project announced Wednesday, will complete the Highlands at Forest Park development in St. Louis.

Balke Brown Transwestern, the Highlands developer, said Encore will be a six-story building of 246 apartments. The structure will

go up on a 3-acre site between the \$42 million Cortona apartments, opened last year, and a medical office building at the southern end of the 26-acre property.

The developer hopes to break ground in April and have the building ready for tenants in 2017.

Balke Brown Transwestern has spent 15 years developing the Highlands at Forest Park on the site of The Arena, which was imploded in February 1999.

When Encore opens, the Highlands will have 725 apartments, 126 hotel rooms, 300,000 square feet of office space and 20,000 square feet of stores, including Comet Coffee and Yoga Six studio.

Encore's name and design are a nod to the nearby Cortona apartments. The new building will have 37 studio, 79 two-bedroom and 126 one-bedroom apartments, plus four "penthouse" three-bedroom units with views of Forest Park.

Humphreys & Partners, of Dallas, is Encore's architect. Construction will be by Holland Construction of Swansea.