



■ An architect's impression of Aquarius on Table View's beachfront.

New beachfront buildings 'on target'

CONSTRUCTION is under way on Aquarius, a 14-storey residential and commercial building that will form part of an "architectural portal" to the Table View/Blouberg beachfront.

The building at the junction of Blaauwberg Road and the shoreline road, Otto du Plessis Drive, rises from a 2 000m² site next to Horizon Bay, the first of several new buildings planned for this commercial-zoned sector of the coast.

Chris Bam whose practice, Bam Architects, is responsible for the design of both buildings, says the notional gateway to the beachfront formed by several planned multi-storey buildings adheres to the metropolitan structure plan for the area.

Aquarius, which is about two-thirds the height of the 21-storey Swish Property Group development Horizon Bay, creates a visual transition between the largely low-rise resi-

dential flatlands of Table View and the highest point of construction on the beachfront. Both buildings, in accordance with the commercial zoning, have ground floor and upper floor accommodation for retail outlets, restaurants and offices.

Bam says Aquarius will have 63 apartments, including the top floor penthouse.

The orientation of the building and its design takes full advantage of the ocean views, and the outlook over the Tygerberg and the Rietvlei wetland area of Table View.

The building will be constructed in two towers, with a view corridor between them. Parking and utilities are accommodated in the basement below the commercial floors, he says.

"Development on the coast is a fact of life, and where one is responsible for elements of it, it's essential to ensure that it is aesthetically pleasing, functional and exciting," said Bam.