

## Competing condo sites try for a modern look

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Streeterville is becoming a showcase for modern architecture. That guru of modernism, **Helmut Jahn**, is the designer behind a condo tower proposed for 600 N. Fairbanks, and now a developer has come forward with plans for a high-rise with similar appeal just a block away.

**Sutherland Pearsall Development Corp.** plans a 26-story building at 550 N. St. Clair, the site of the Cambridge House restaurant and a parking garage. The firm hired architects **Brininstool & Lynch** to design a contrast to the faux classicism so prevalent on the Near North Side.

**Mark Sutherland**, principal at the development firm, said the building will have 10- and 11-foot ceilings with glass top to bottom. It also will have recessed balconies, with some overlooking Michigan Avenue.

Pre-construction prices for the 112-unit building range from about \$250,000 to more than \$1 million. Sutherland, whose firm has the property under contract, said he hopes construction can begin late this year. Part of the building's pitch to the design-conscious, he said, will be unit layouts that can be configured in many ways depending on buyer tastes.