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Electric Car Company Karma Automotive Plans Dealership near Broward County Convention Center

Electric car company Karma Automotive is coming to Broward County.

The luxury automaker signed a lease to open at 1717 S.E. 17 St. in Fort Lauderdale, just across the street from the Broward County Convention Center, which is in the process of being redeveloped. Construction of a retail building began October 2019, and Karma Automotive will be the sole tenant at the property.

The Irvine, California-based automaker expects to open showroom "in the next few months," according to a statement. It will occupy 4,683 square feet.

Daniel Solomon and Eric Spritz of Katz & Associates, which has an office in Boca Raton, brokered the lease agreement on behalf of the landlord JM Partners LLC, led by Jonas Nordal and Mark Sager. The property last sold for \$2.5 million in 2017.

"We are happy to help this incredible California-based car manufacturer continue to expand their U.S. footprint with this new Broward County location," the brokers said in a statement.

Chad Presnell of Delray Beach-based Waterfront & Estate Properties represented Karma Automotive in the lease agreement.

The building Karma will open in is still under construction.

This will be Karma Automotive's third South Florida location. The brand currently has showrooms in North Miami and Boca Raton. There are 25 locations in the U.S.