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Poised in a high-profile section of downtown Miami, the angular 35-story 1450 Brickell office tower's highest point and strongest visual statement is at the intersection of Brickell Avenue and Broadway. The sculptural silhouette of the blue-tinted glass building is produced by untraditional planes and angles – vertically and horizontally. The building, owned by Rilea Group, slopes inward as it rises. Horizontally, the footprint mimics the lines of Broadway and Brickell, which meet at a narrow angle, says architect Bruce Brosch of Nichols, Brosch, Wurst, Wolfe & Associates in Coral Gables. The structure's highly reflective surface is designed to offer a faceted prismatic effect, Brosch says. While most of the building offers traditional office space, the area adjacent to the parking garage houses five loft-like units, each with 5,500 square feet. Especially striking, Brosch says, is the 35th floor, with its 20-foot-tall ceilings and panoramic view of the Miami skyline and Biscayne Bay.