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CONSTRUCTION and engineering company Crest Builder Holdings Bhd is looking to finally kick-start its long-awaited mixed development, The Galleria, in September, sources say.

"The original physical works were supposed to commence in 2013 with expected completion this year. I am not sure what caused the project to be placed on the backburner until this year," one of the sources says, adding that some notable changes have been made to the original design, including the artist's impression of the project.

Located in Jalan Ampang, Kuala Lumpur, opposite the Great Eastern Mall, The Galleria may also see a name change. The project then had a gross development value (GDV) of RM1.33 bil.

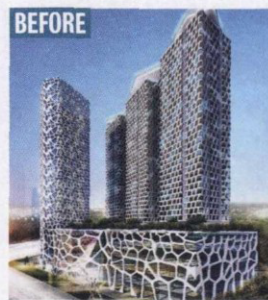
According to the original specifications, the project includes a six-storey luxury mall with over 500,000 sq ft of retail space, a 28-storey office tower and commercial suites, and three blocks of 33-storey luxury serviced residences.

A key feature in the original design was the double-storey sky park that connects the three towers at the rooftop and has various facilities such as a fitness centre, sky bar and lounge.

According to a source, the project will now comprise a 22-storey office tower, a seven-storey carpark, two 43-storey serviced apartment blocks



An artist's impression of the revamped Galleria



The original design of Galleria is significantly different from the revised one

and one 42-storey serviced apartment block with a common facilities podium. The mall component was removed from the plan.

It is uncertain if the planned connecting bridge to Great Eastern Mall will materialise. **FocusM**