

## Station North Apartment Building To Begin Construction This Summer

A \$20M apartment building one block from Penn Station is expected to break ground this summer and open its doors fall 2017, developer **Ernst Valery** says.



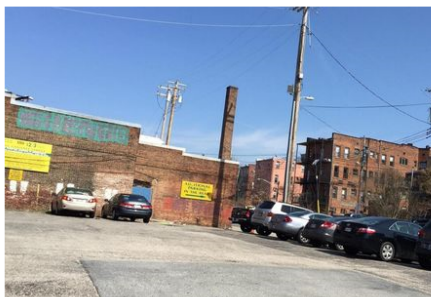
The eight-story **Nelson Kohl Apartments** in the Station North Arts and Entertainment District will contain 103 mostly market-rate units, with studio, one- and two-bedroom units. SA+A Development, Ernst's firm, will also offer some reduced-rate apartments for **artists**.



The company will also commission artists to outfit its eight lobbies with **paintings**, sculptures and other visual displays.

"Since it's the arts and entertainment district," Ernst says, "we wanted to **engage artists** and help get them into the building before opening it up. We want **artists to develop the lobbies** instead of having a cookie-cutter look."

He's pictured here in his office inside the **Chesapeake** building, which he and partner **Michael Shecter** redeveloped in 2012.



SA+A has hired **Kinsley Construction** as the general contractor and **LSC Design** as the architect of the project at **20 E Lanvale St**, now an empty parking lot (pictured) behind the Chesapeake.

The ground floor will house a yoga studio and a **Milk & Honey** cafe and market, the second one that Ernst and wife **Dana Valery** operate. Baltimore City's **Urban Design and Architecture Review Panel** signed off on the project in October. A green roof with vegetation will top off the building.

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