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The world's best architects turn their talents to NYC's residential skyline

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Big-name architects, record-breaking prices, sky-high towers with helicopter views and amenities worthy of a five-star hotel—it's clear that sexy New York real estate is booming. To be fair, for some time critics have been asking if the Big Apple—specifically Manhattan—is becoming a home for the super-rich since 2015, when One57, on midtown's West 57th Street, made headlines for closing a \$100.5 million penthouse deal. Whether or not that's the case, two things are certain: development of trophy towers borough-wide shows no sign of slowing, and all the new construction is changing both the face of Manhattan and its iconic skyline. Here, we take a neighborhood-by-neighborhood look at the new buildings that stand to make the biggest cosmetic impact.

53 WEST 53RD STREET

Jean Nouvel and Thierry Despont's skyscraper will rise 1,050 feet above MoMA. The interiors of the residences, which start at \$3 million, are works of art themselves, with bespoke touches like custom glass cabinetry by Despont and floor-to-ceiling windows with Central Park views. Purchase of an apartment includes a special MoMA membership.

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