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425 Park Avenue's Exterior Nears Completion In Midtown East, Manhattan



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The final pieces of the glass curtain wall and gray paneling are being installed on 425 Park Avenue, a 897-foot-tall commercial skyscraper in Midtown East. Designed by Norman Foster of Foster + Partners for L&L Holding Company, Tokyu Land Corporation, and co-managing partner BentallGreenOak, the 47-story building will yield around 667,000 square feet largely dedicated to offices, as well as a ground-floor restaurant run by Chef Daniel Humm, proprietor of the Three Michelin-starred Eleven Madison Park. The property is bound by Park Avenue to the west, East 55th Street to the south, and East 56th Street to the north, and is expected to achieve LEED-Gold certification and debut as the city's first WELL-certified building.

Recent photos show the state of progress on the exterior since <u>our last update</u> in January, when 425 Park Avenue was awarded a temporary certificate of occupancy, or TCO, from the Department of Buildings. Since that time, most of the remaining glass panels have been installed on the lower floors of the building.



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The afternoon sunlight brightly reflects off the metal and glass panels and highlight the sleek geometric lines around the sloped columns and setbacks. The crane and exterior hoist have been fully disassembled, and only a few of the floor-to-ceiling panes of glass await installation.



















At sunset the three fins warmly glow over Midtown, and LED arrays on their outer surfaces have begun to be illuminated at night.



The building features a 45-foot-tall lobby with stone flooring, interior glass walls, and state-of-the-art elevator systems. These lower floors are still obscured with sidewalk scaffolding and construction boards, but these will likely be disassembled in the coming months.



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Citadel Enterprises is planning to occupy 331,800 square feet spread across 16 full floors, including the penthouse office floor, mezzanine, and one of the signature three-story diagrid floors at the setbacks. YIMBY also last reported that interior work is progressing on a triple-height amenity floor near the top of the tower that will feature more than 3,000 square feet of outdoor terraces, an art installation by Japanese contemporary artist Yayoi Kusama, meditation facilities, dining area, and more.

425 Park Avenue is estimated to be finished later this year.