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## Revealed: The Waldorf Astoria's exclusive NYC swimming pool



Laps of luxury: The historic Waldorf Astoria in Midtown will sport a residents-only pool when renovations are complete in 2022. [Noe & Associates/The Boundary](#)

Dive in to the new Waldorf Astoria!

When renovations are complete in 2022, the storied Midtown property will house apartments to buy for the first time in its history. (Three hundred seventy five of them, to be precise, in addition to 375 revamped hotel rooms.)

And one major perk for the new owners — in what's called the [Towers of the Waldorf Astoria](#) — will be a brand-new swimming pool. It's currently under construction at the Park Avenue site and revealed via renderings for the first time here.

A key part of the intricate conversion of the hotel, originally opened in 1931, was the removal of four air-conditioning cooling towers that were previously installed on a terrace atop the 25th floor.

They are being replaced by a row of skylights, which hover 19 feet above what the developers are calling the Starlight Pool, a residents-only amenity. The space was once the Starlight Roof, a private nightclub that debuted in the 1930s and hosted the likes of Cole Porter, Frank Sinatra and Marilyn Monroe.

The art deco-style oasis, lined by lounge seating and a row of floor-to-ceiling arched windows, also includes touches of greenery, thanks to plantings installed on a terrace just outside.

It's a winning combination, says senior sales director Dan Tubb, of Douglas Elliman Development Marketing — which is repping the just-launched development with prices from \$1.7 million for a studio.

"Light is coming in from all sides, and you're surrounded by green space on Park Avenue," he adds.



The pool for the residents of the Towers of the Waldorf Astoria will be skylit and look out to a planted terrace via a series of arched windows facing Park Avenue. [Noe & Associates/The Boundary](#)

The 82-foot-long pool is just one facet of the Waldorf's 50,000 square feet of amenities reserved for residents only. (The hotel portion will have another 100,000 square feet of them, which residents can also use.)

Beyond the pool, flanked on either end by a sculptural fountain and a winter garden, there's a fitness center that overlooks it. Elsewhere, there will be a billiards room, a gaming room with a bar and a cinema with a stage that can also be used for live performances.

The perks reach a level that the even the ritzy Waldorf Astoria — which has been closed for its makeover since 2017 — hasn't hosted before.

"The hotel always had incredible meeting spaces," as well as a grand ballroom, says Frank Mahan, associate director at Skidmore Owings & Merrill, who's leading the building's redesign, but "really nothing in the way we think of amenities today. [This] part of the project is ... new."

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