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Construction Tour: The Waldorf-Astoria

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Impressions: N/A



Southwest corner from Park Avenue.

Window replacement is underway at the Waldorf Astoria, the storied 1931 landmark hotel and residence in Midtown that is undergoing an unprecedented renovation. Skidmore, Owings & Merrill (SOM) is leading the renovation of the Art Deco structure, which includes the replacement of 5,356 windows on the building's facade. Over the years most of the original windows had been replaced with windows that reduced the amount of glazing. The current renovation will install new windows based on the original 1931 design, increasing the glazing and daylight by 22 percent. As part of the window replacement, 857 windows will be enlarged.



Looking up at the west facade from Park Avenue.

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When the renovation is complete, currently projected for 2022, the development will offer 375 residences ranging in size from studios to penthouses. Residents will have access to over 50,000 square feet of private residential amenities and 100,000 square feet of hotel amenities. The arrival experience will include a private porte cochere featuring double height vaulted ceilings and two entry lobbies.



Southeast corner from Lexington Avenue.



East facade from Lexington Avenue.

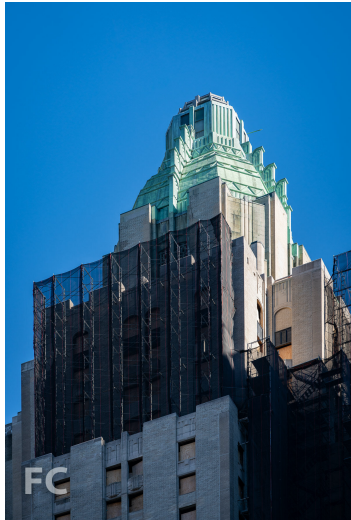


East facade from Lexington Avenue.

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Facade detail.

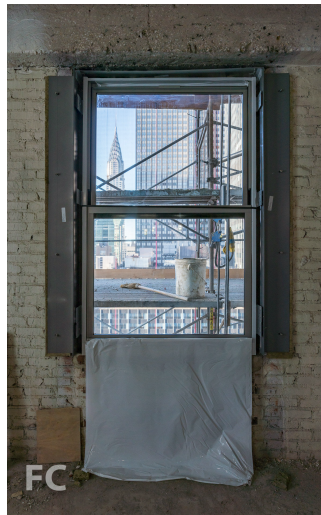


Window opening in preparation for new window installation.

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Newly installed replacement window.

Sales Gallery



Cole Porter's 1907 Steinway piano in the lobby of the sales gallery.

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Spirit of Achievement statue in the sales gallery.



Architectural model of the renovation.



Living and dining room inside the model residence at the sales gallery.

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Kitchen inside the model residence at the sales gallery.

Architect: Skidmore, Owings & Merrill (Renovation Executive Architect), Schultze and Weaver (Original Design Architect); Contractor: Pullman; Window Manufacturer: Architectural Windows Manufacturing Corporation; Interiors: Jean-Louis Deniot (Residences), Pierre-Yves Rochon (Hotel); Developer: Dajia Insurance Group; Program: Residential Condo and Hotel Renovation; Location: Midtown East, New York, NY; Completion: 2022.

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