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**Tapering Begins As 111 West 57th Street
Reaches For 1,428-Foot Pinnacle**



Rendering of 111 West 57th Street. Credit: Hayes Davidson and SHoP Architects

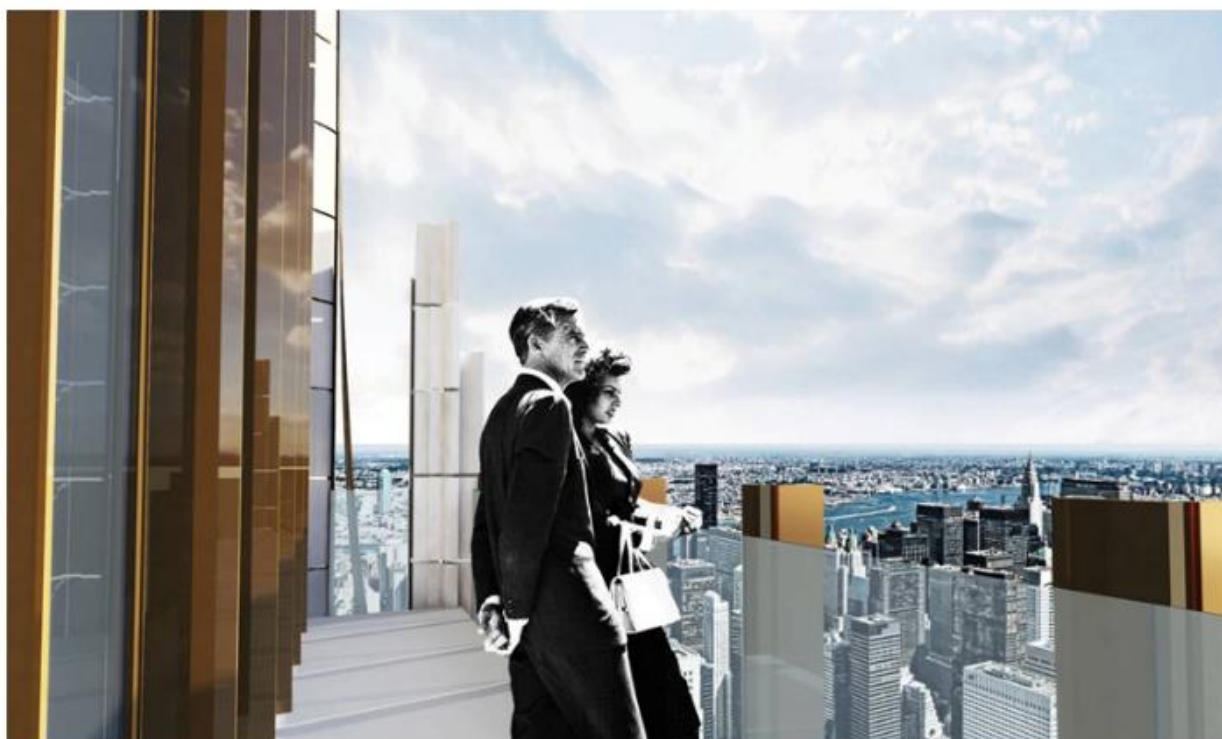
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Construction on the most slender skyscraper in the world has been advancing at lightning speed, and now, YIMBY can confirm that 111 West 57th Street has reached another major milestone. Our last update, [just over a month ago](#), missed an obscure but significant achievement. With additional progress since, we can see that the [Midtown](#) project has officially passed its first setback, on the 45th floor. This is the first of twelve setbacks that will end with the steel truss cap, which will ultimately define the striking silhouette of 57th Street's second-tallest supertall.



111 West 57th Street closeup of the setback, image by Andrew Campbell Nelson

The setbacks on the 82-floor tower will make space for several unique outdoor terraces.



111 West 57th Street terrace, rendering courtesy SHoP Architects

SHoP Architects is responsible for designing the tower. The engineering masterpiece is covered on the northern and southern facades with a transparent curtain-wall glass, with the west and east facades decorated by bronze and terracotta cladding. The terracotta is shaped deliberately to interact with the sun and create a sweeping play of shadow and light. This interaction with the sun is already starting to be evident.



111 West 57th Street from 6th Avenue, image by Andrew Campbell Nelson

Façade installation is about a dozen floors beneath the setback. A massive 800-ton tuned mass damper will crown the project, designed to minimize movement and vibrations. It will be the heaviest in the world, surpassing Taipei 101's 730-ton tuned mass damper.

111 West 57th Street's damper will have the equivalent weight of just over three and a half Statues of Liberty.



111 West 57th Street viewed from Central Park, image by SHoP

JDS Development and Property Markets Group are responsible for the project. The 1,428-foot tall structure will yield roughly 400,000 square feet within, and create 60 condominiums. Prices start at \$15.5 million, with the penthouse listed for \$59 million. The projected total sellout is \$1.45 billion.

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Incredibly, despite being less than three hundred feet away from supertall-status, the building has not yet made a prominent mark on the skyline. Observing the midtown skyline from Downtown Manhattan, the structure is easily confused with the nearby and recently topped-off 53 West 53rd Street. However, this is likely to change substantially over the next few months, as SHoP's design begins to puncture the Midtown Plateau more thoroughly.



Under construction 55w53 (left) and 111 West 57th Street (right) from across Sheep Meadow, image captured in March, by Andrew Campbell Nelson

The structure will reach supertall heights between the third and fourth setbacks. An estimated completion date has not been announced, but can likely be expected during 2020. JDS optimistically expects occupancy as early as 2019.

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