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111 West 57th Street Luxury Manhattan Condominium Tops Out

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Impressions: **90,000**

111 West 57th Street is a bold yet graceful residential tower that soars perfectly centered over Central Park in Midtown Manhattan. The tower, the second tallest residential building in the Western Hemisphere, which was designed by SHoP Architects with interior architecture by Studio Sofield, has officially topped out at 1,428 feet following the installation of a 300-foot decorative steel crown, paying homage to the most iconic and celebrated skyscrapers of Manhattan's pre-war Golden Age. The first completed residence has been unveiled on the 43rd floor with interior architecture and décor by world-renowned firm Studio Sofield. The extraordinary full-floor residence spans the full width of the tower, offering a grand living space over 50' in width and unparalleled views of Central Park to the north and the city skyline in all directions.



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The design of the slender 91-story tower accentuates its setbacks along 57th Street with a series of elegant steps that delicately taper the south façade as it reaches skyward. Each step corresponds with a layer of terra-cotta pilasters cladding the east and west facades.



The tower incorporates the highest strength concrete in the world at 14,000 psi, paired with over 5.5 million feet of rebar. An efficient structural core provides the broadest floorplates possible, with over 14 feet in ceiling height. A large mechanical penthouse houses an 800-ton tuned mass damper to minimize the movement and vibrations of the tower, atop which rests a majestic and awe-inspiring crown by SHoP. With only one residence per floor, the design of each of the tower's 46 full floor and duplex residences maximize the astounding park and skyline views.



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The interiors of 111 West 57th Street luxury tower are designed by Studio Sofield. Helmed by William 'Bill' Sofield, the firm is known for its work designing for Tom Ford, Salvatore Ferragamo, Sotheby's Diamonds and Harry Winston. It took inspiration from the original architecture of the Warren & Wetmore-designed building as well as the landmarked rotunda to design the new amenities, lobby spaces, and interiors of the tower.



Studio Sofield served as interior architect for the residences and furnished the first completed residence on the tower's 43rd floor. Priced at \$28,750,000, the full-floor, 4,492 square foot, 3-bedroom, 3.5-bathroom home features a formal entrance gallery with white macauba stone floors and clear views to the north and south. Gracious double doors open into the spectacular Great Room, which spans 50 feet and features a full wet bar in gray bitlis marble complete with additional refrigerated wine storage and ice maker.

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The open kitchen is appointed with custom-designed cabinetry finished in hand-rubbed plaster and chateau gray oak. Appliances by Gaggenau include convection and steam ovens, a gas range with pot filler and vented hood, a fully integrated coffee machine, dishwasher and refrigerator, wine cooler and freezer.



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The master and guest bedrooms are located to the south of the residence.



The expansive corner master suite features two generous walk-in closets, a dressing hall and a windowed master bath with walls and floors in veined white onyx. Custom bathroom fixtures include a freestanding polished nickel bathtub designed by Studio Sofield and crafted by William Holland, exclusive Studio Sofield-designed bronze fittings hand-cast by P.E. Guerin, and glass-rod sconces.

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The separate glass-enclosed windowed shower features dual showerheads and body sprays in bronze. The two full guest bathrooms are finished in crystallo gold quartzite and silverian pearl marble. The powder room features a jewel onyx stone vanity, walls and wainscoting.

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Residents at 111 West 57th Street can enjoy an access to an array of amenities and services, including an 82 foot two-lane swimming pool with private cabanas, separate sauna, steam and treatment rooms, a double-height fitness center with mezzanine terrace, a private dining room and a chef's catering kitchen, a residents' lounge with expansive terrace, meeting rooms and a study, 24-hour attended entrances and a dedicated concierge service. The lobby features opulent accents in limestone, marble, blackened steel and velvet, and restored, original end-grain wood flooring from Steinway Hall.

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Tower residences are available from \$16 million to more than \$57 million, with sizes ranging from 3,873 to 7,128 square feet, including expansive duplex penthouses, several with private outdoor space.

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