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Morris Adjmi's ritzy parish-house replacing condos in Nomad will start at \$1.65M

Get a peek inside the high-end building on East 31st Street
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It's been <u>two years</u> since the parish house of the Madison Avenue Baptist Church was <u>razed</u> to make way for a ritzy condo tower, but the only glimpse we've gotten of the new building—to be designed by the prolific Morris Adjmi Architects—is an <u>exterior rendering</u> showing off the building's crown. But thanks to a <u>New York</u> <u>Times piece</u> about the building, all—or at least some—has been revealed, with new interior renderings and some new details about the project.

Let's get to the latter first: After buying the parish house for \$15 million in 2015, codevelopers Ekstein Development Group and the Pinnacle Group announced plans to construct a 40-story in its place. Adjmi was brought on board not long after, and construction on the building—called <u>30E31</u>—got underway in 2015.

And according to the *Times* piece, Adjmi—who has yet to design a building of this height in New York City—looked to the city's most iconic buildings, as well as the Gothic architecture of nearby churches, for inspiration. That translates to a fairly staid design at the base of the facade, which gives way to a curved design closer to the top of the building.



As for the apartments themselves, they'll be broken down like so, per the *Times:*

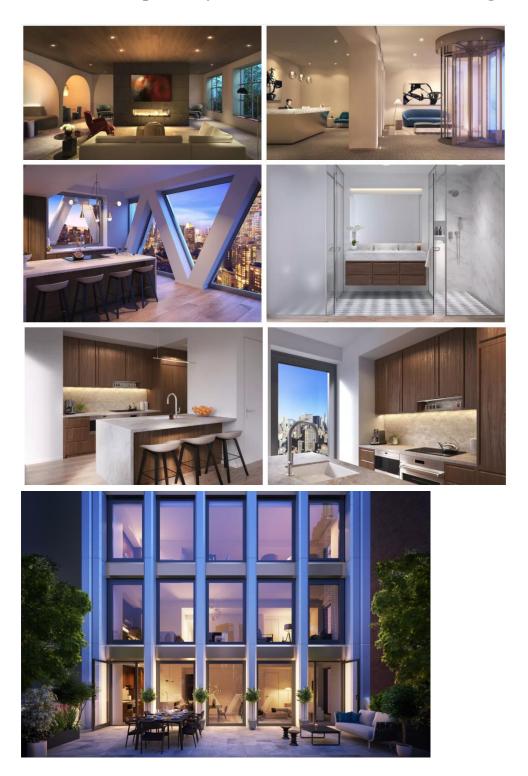
[T]here are 13 one-bedroom apartments on floors 2 through 8, starting at 866 square feet and \$1.65 million. But from the 9th floor up, there is a single 1,677-square-foot two-bedroom apartment per floor, starting at \$3.5 million. At the top, there is a 3,354-square-foot three-bedroom duplex penthouse for \$12 million, where windows look out in all directions through the building's zigzagging structure.

Finishes and amenities are the standard ones found in many high-end condos; the former will include white oak flooring, Calacatta marble-covered bathrooms, and Euro appliances, while the latter includes 24-hour concierge, a private dining room, and a communal garden.

Douglas Elliman, which is leading sales for the building, will also partner with the New York Design Center to bring design-minded clients to the building. "There's an important synergy between luxury real estate and design neighborhoods that nobody is capitalizing on," New York Design Center CEO Jamie Druckman told the *Times*. To do that, the sales team is planning "dinner"

events and panel discussions with designers for prospective buyers and brokers," along with the usual sales gallery.

Sales are <u>expected to launch</u> in the next few weeks, and the building itself is on track to be completed by 2019. And now for those renderings:





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