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125 West 57th Street Continues To Ascend In Midtown, Manhattan

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125 West 57th Street. Rendering courtesy of Neoscape.

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The 28th-tallest building on our annual year-end construction countdown is [125 West 57th Street](#), a 26-story commercial building currently rising along Billionaires' Row in [Midtown, Manhattan](#). Designed by [FXCollaborative](#) and developed by [Alchemy-ABR Investment Partners](#) and Cain International, the 440-foot-tall structure will yield 260,000 square feet with 185,000 square feet of Class A office space, 7,000 square feet of retail space, and an updated home for the Calvary Baptist Church, which has operated on the site since 1883 and sold the land to the developers in 2017 for \$150 million. Leading Builders Group is the general contractor for the property, which is located on an interior lot between Sixth and Seventh Avenues between [Christian de Portzamparc's One57](#) and [SHoP Architects' 111 West 57th Street](#).

Construction has progressed steadily since [our last update](#) in early May, when the reinforced concrete superstructure was just beginning to emerge above street level. Since then, the entire podium has been formed and crews are now building the office levels above with the aid of a yellow tower crane. Metal clips are in place along the edges of the floor plates signaling the imminent arrival of the glass curtain wall, which could begin installation sometime this winter.



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The rendering in the main photo shows the southern elevation along West 57th Street. The podium is depicted with a distinctive array of metallic fins, some of which split in a teardrop-shaped geometry, and is topped with a landscaped terrace. Above, the tower rises with a more traditional façade broken up with thin black mullions.

The office entrance is positioned on the western corner beneath a canopy, leading to a double-height atrium adorned with the building's address. The retail space occupies the middle of the frontage with more transparent glass, and the entrance to the Calvary Baptist Church is located toward the eastern end of the building, indicated by a cross-shaped cutout in the curtain wall.

The below interior rendering of a typical office space on one of the upper levels showcases the views looking north at Central Park.

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The office floor plates will span around 10,000 square feet with ceiling heights of over 14 feet. On-site amenities will include a lounge, a meeting space, a board room, and over 4,000 square feet of outdoor terrace space. Construction is expected to cost around \$350 million and offices will start 180 feet above street level. [JLL](#) will be in charge of leasing and marketing, which will launch in early 2024.

125 West 57th Street's completion date is scheduled for June 2025, as noted on site.

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