

The world's biggest architects are now building in NYC

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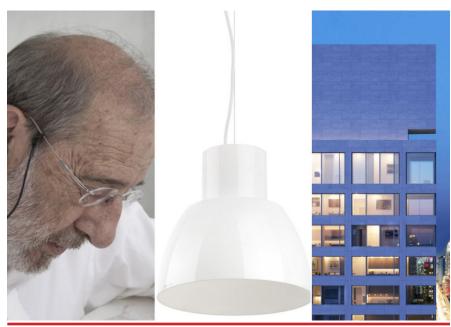
New York City is having a big, global architecture moment. Some of the most intriguing luxury apartments under development in the five boroughs feature designs by a who's who of blue-chip international architects working here for the very first time — or at least on their first residential projects in town. Here, the designer debuts to know about.

Building: 611 West 56th Street

Expected occupancy: 2019

Starting price: Not available

ÁLVARO SIZA VIEIRA



The Portuguese architect Álvaro Siza Vieira brings rectangular rigor to 611 West 56th Street.

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Designer details: This 80-unit, 34-story gridlike tower — topped by a sun deck, a roof garden and private terraces — comes from Portugal-based octogenarian Siza, also a Pritzker Prize winner. "Siza brings a purity of design to the building," says Saif Sumaida, founding partner of Sumaida + Khurana, which is leading the project with development firm LENY. "It's in a developing neighborhood, and we had an open canvas for pure architecture, elegance and refinement in an area that is defining itself."

Get a piece: Siza's "Lorosae" pendant lamp reflects his forthcoming building's clean lines and unadorned elegance (price upon request at reggiani.net).