

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.

TADAO ANDO



Building: 152 Elizabeth Street

Expected occupancy: Spring 2017

Starting price: \$5.75 million

Tadao Ando's glass-and-concrete 152 Elizabeth Street brings the architect's Japanese sensibilities to Nolita. Photo: Handouts; Rendering by Noe' & Associates and The Boundary

Designer details: A Pritzker Prize-winning master of refined, deceptively simple design, Japanese architect Ando combines iron, glass, a vast green wall and his signature concrete to make seven light-filled Nolita apartments on seven floors for developer Sumaida + Khurana. "I would like to create something that only a Japanese person could do," says Ando of the building in a promotional video. "To be very sensitive, to be able to treat water like a living thing, to treat light as a living thing."

Get a piece: Ando's curving "Dream Chair" for Carl Hansen telegraphs a refinement and simplicity similar to 152 Elizabeth (from \$6,340 at danishdesignstore.com).