

## 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.

### ÁLVARO SIZA VIEIRA



**Building:** [611 West 56th Street](#)

**Expected occupancy:** 2019

**Starting price:** Not available

The Portuguese architect Álvaro Siza Vieira brings rectangular rigor to 611 West 56th Street. Photo: Courtesy of FG SG Fotografia de Arquitectura; Courtesy of the designer; Alvaro Siza - Noe & Associates with The Boundary

**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](#)).