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1 Manhattan West Rising Quickly, Midtown West

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Midtown West's resurrection into a legitimately urban neighborhood has taken nearly a decade to get fully underway, but as the cranes continue creeping upwards for Related's Hudson Yards mega-project, it is easy to forget the supertall rising one block to the east. Today, YIMBY has an update on Manhattan West thanks to Tectonic, where the site's first office tower continues to make rapid headway towards its 995-foot pinnacle.



1 Manhattan West and Hudson Yards, photo by Tectonic

The building will eventually measure 1.84 million square feet, rising 67 floors to its rooftop. The tower will be joined by a neighbor of a similar scope, though that part currently remains on the drawing boards, and Skidmore, Owings, & Merrill is the project's architect.

The concrete core of 1 Manhattan West rises out of the Manhattan bedrock, but the regularities end there. Most of the site will stand over the formerly open train tracks into Penn Station, and the bulk of the project's ground floor area consists of an enormous platform that spans that formerly gaping chasm. The foundations for the various towers that comprise the development rise out of the Manhattan schist at the site's periphery, but that is a very limited amount of real estate.



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Consequently, the steel floor-plates for 1 Manhattan West span outwards from the relatively narrow concrete core, which is now passing the twentieth floor. The steel is still about fifteen floors behind.



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Completion is anticipated for the fourth quarter of 2019, and Skadden has already signed on for 550,000 square feet of space, which is how the tower got off the ground in the first place. A similar commitment will likely be necessary to see Brookfield begin work on the tower's supertall sibling on the south side of the block.

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