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The world's tallest copper-clad towers will be linked by a sky bridge that's also a lap pool

American Copper Buildings, a rental tower being built by JDS Development, will also be storm-proof

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Rendering of the pool area on the skybridge at the American Copper Buildings.

The battle to win over apartment renters soared to new heights Wednesday morning during the press tour of a twin-towered development on First Avenue and East 36th Street.

There, the nearly 1 million-square-foot American Copper Buildings will be connected by a three-story sky bridge that will allow tenants to swim from one tower to the other (and back as many times as they'd like) in a 75-foot-long lap pool on the 29th floor.

Meanwhile, there will be an infinity pool on the roof of one of the towers, and natural-gas-fired generators on the roof of the other—the perfect amenity for the post-Superstorm Sandy era. The generators will keep the buildings' systems, as well as tenants' cellphones, via one dedicated outlet in each unit, running in the event of an emergency.



American Copper Buildings under construction.

Such precautions, which also include ground-floor flood barriers and electrical systems housed on the second floor, are now commonplace for the project's designer, SHoP Architects. SHoP is designing a half-dozen projects along the East River, including towers at the South Street Seaport and the Domino Sugar site in Williamsburg.

American Copper Buildings are the tallest copper-clad towers in the world. The towers' developer, JDS Development, have a lot riding on such a distinction. In fact, it is also constructing the tallest condo spire in the Western Hemisphere—a [1,428-foot project on West 57th Street](#). That development, currently only 30 feet tall, is rising over the old Steinway piano building. JDS will market that tower's sweeping views of Central Park, which have boosted condo prices at One 57, down the block, to more than \$100 million.

There will be 761 units in total at the American Copper Buildings. Of that total, 20% have been designated as affordable, and the rest will be market-rate. JDS will start marketing units by year-end.

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