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New York City Building With 'Pool in the Sky' to Open This Year

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By next year, the wealthiest New Yorkers will be able to swim 300-feet in the air in a swimming pool suspended between two towers.

The 49-story American Copper Buildings will be completed next year at 626 First Avenue in Manhattan with a three-story skybridge. Residents in the copper-clad towers will have stunning views of the [Empire State Building](#) and East River. It will be the first major new skybridge in New York in 80 years, according to the developer JDS Development Group.



A rendering of the American Copper Buildings shows the view from inside the skybridge that will link the two towers of the development.

Some of the wealthiest New Yorkers are expected to live in the 761 residences, though 150 apartments of those are set aside as affordable housing. Prices haven't been announced yet. The residences range in size from studios to three bedrooms, the developers said. Over 5,000 copper panels make up the facade.

A 75-foot lap pool and a hot tub will be located on floor 28, one of three floors on the skybridge. A lounge and bar will take up part of the 29th floor.

If the skybridge pool isn't enough, there will be an infinity pool, outdoor shower, dining and grilling on the rooftop. The development will also have a fitness center with climbing wall.



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The architectural firm SHoP Architects, which created the Barclays Center in Brooklyn, is behind the design. A spokesman for the firm said the building will open later this year but will be completed in 2017. The pool will be open early next year.



A rendering provided by the developers shows a suspended swimming pool planned for the Embassy Garden development in London.

This is not the only pool built in a skybridge. Last year it was announced that the world's first all-glass swimming pool will be suspended between [two buildings in London](#) at the Embassy Gardens.

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