

Time-lapse video captures construction of One Vanderbilt

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A stunning, six-year time-lapse video shows [how the new One Vanderbilt skyscraper](#) rose from a patch of dirt in Midtown to a gleaming skyscraper.

The three-and-a-half-minute clip, published Wednesday, was filmed between 2015 and 2021 by EarthCam using eight webcams and about 2.5 million images that documented nearly every moment of the building's construction.

The video starts out by showing how a previous structure was leveled and then shows a deep hole getting dug before the construction slowly rises above its neighbors and into the skyline.

Three crane arms danced repeatedly from the top of the edifice throughout the video until the rough structure was polished into a 77-story complex with floor-to-ceiling windows and an observation deck

The 1,401-foot tower, the tallest commercial building in Midtown, was built by SL Green Realty Corp., with construction completed in late 2020.

It will be home to 1.7 million square feet of space — 89 percent of which is already leased by the city's "leading finance, technology, law and real estate firms," the realty group said in a press release.

The tower, located across the street from Grand Central Station, is home to Michelin star chef Daniel Boulud's new restaurant Le Pavillon, which opened on May 19 and occupies 11,000 square feet on the second floor.

All tenants will have access to luxe amenities like a club-style lounge, a landscaped terrace that overlooks Grand Central Terminal and curated food offerings from Boulud.

Thrill-seeking visitors will be able to ride the building's completely see-through exterior elevator 1,210 feet above Midtown or snap pics from a series of "glass sky boxes" jutting out from the tower.

The observation deck, dubbed Summit One Vanderbilt, and the other public attractions are set to open in October.