

Watch Herzog & de Meuron's 56 Leonard Rise in an Incredible Time-Lapse Video

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There is certainly no shortage of eye-catching new (and in-the-works) skyscrapers in Manhattan. From Rafael Viñoly's cloud-puncturing 432 Park Avenue to SHoP's 111 West 57th Street to AD's own headquarters in Skidmore, Owings & Merrill's One World Trade Center, the city has seen a boom in building over the past decade. One fan favorite of lower Manhattan is Herzog & de Meuron's 56 Leonard, developed by Alexico Group and completed late last year in partnership with Hill West Architects. Affectionately dubbed the "Jenga tower" for its structural similarity to the wood-block game, the building stands out in a packed skyline with its graphic, geometric shape. A new video produced by [EarthCam](#) shows the building's growth, from its groundbreaking in 2014 to its top-out in December 2016. It's a stunning representation of one building's effect on a neighborhood and an entire skyline.

