

Woolworth Residences

New York, NY



Extraordinary conversion of the historic Woolworth Building's top 30 floors into 32 luxury residences including a single five level townhome within the pinnacle at the top of the building. Work at this 792-foot, National Historic Landmark involved restoration of the façade, gut renovation and structural reconstruction of core elevator shafts and stairwells from floors 29 through 58; shaft space on the 2nd through 28th floors, and new ground floor entrance and lobby, cellars, and sub-cellar amenities.

Architect of Record

SLCE Architects LLP, New York, NY

Designer

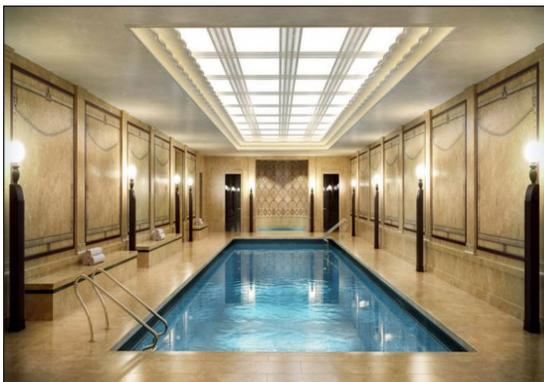
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Owner-Developer

Alchemy Properties Inc., New York, NY

Features

- renovation included approximately 110,000 SF (net) of condominiums; completely new MEP infrastructure; two designated residential elevators and ground floor lobby; amenity space in the sub levels (the restored Woolworth pool, wine storage); lounge on the 29th floor; and gym on the 30th floor
- one or two residences per floor
- a portion of the landmarked lobby and sub-cellar are part of the residential condominium, allowing for a dedicated entrance and amenity space
- the tower floor penthouse, the Pinnacle, has been converted into a five-level living space
- exterior work included façade maintenance and new windows on the landmarked façade
- the dramatic Park Place lobby for owners features an original coffered ceiling, restored and relocated from Frank W. Woolworth's private office



Challenges

- vertical transportation was especially complex; our team coordinated worker transportation and material deliveries with access to only one operating indoor hoist (within new elevator shaft) or one operating elevator at any time, with both shafts side by side
- extensive renovation of the top 30 floors of a National Historic Landmark while the lower condominium floors continued to operate as an office building

Special Interests

Designed by famed architect Cass Gilbert, the Woolworth Building was once the world's tallest building. It opened in 1913.

Services

Construction Management

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