

## URBAN LAND INSTITUTE NEW YORK RECOGNIZES FINALISTS FOR ITS 2025 AWARDS FOR EXCELLENCE IN DEVELOPMENT AHEAD OF APRIL GALA

*Projects include a celebrated addition to the American Museum of Natural History; New York City's first all-electric tower powered entirely by local renewable energy; an innovative extension to Manhattan's greenway; and New York City's largest office-to-residential conversion*

NEW YORK – January 8, 2025 – The Urban Land Institute New York (ULI NY) is pleased to recognize 17 projects as finalists for its ninth annual Awards for Excellence in Development. Seven winners in as many categories will be announced and honored at ULI NY's Awards Gala on April 23, 2025, at Cipriani South Street.

The Awards recognize exceptional development projects in the private, public, and nonprofit sectors across New York State that best exemplify ULI's commitment to shape the future of the built environment for transformative impact on communities worldwide. These prestigious awards recognize the full development process of a project, including that of architecture and design, and reflect best-in-class development. Awards are open to ULI New York members and non-members who have completed private, public, and non-profit projects. To learn more about the finalists, visit the Awards website [here](#).

Over the coming months, the Awards Jury will tour and evaluate finalist projects and select the winners. The Awards for Excellence Jury is comprised of ULI New York members who span the spectrum of all segments of the New York real estate industry. They include owners, developers, investors, architects, brokers, urban planners, attorneys, and lenders.

"ULI New York's Awards for Excellence celebrate the achievements of real estate and land use professionals who have triumphed over industry challenges to enrich the community, foster sustainability, prioritize preservation, and advance diversity, equity, and inclusion through their work. Their unwavering passion and commitment contribute to the creation of vibrant, thriving communities across New York City that set a standard for the future," said Helen Hwang, chair, ULI New York and senior executive managing director of the Institutional Investment Sales Group at Meridian Investment Sales, LLC.

"The Awards for Excellence provide a pivotal opportunity each year for the industry to come together and honor the remarkable achievements of those shaping the built environment. These awards highlight outstanding practices in design, development, and sustainability," said Jared Epstein, Committee co-chair and president of Aurora Capital Associates. "Navigating New York's real estate market is no small feat, requiring the ingenuity and creativity of today's top professionals to envision, construct, and deliver projects that push the city's architectural legacy forward."

In April, ULI New York will celebrate nominees in the following seven categories: adaptive reuse, affordable housing development, hotel development, institutional development, market-rate housing development, office development and urban open space. Finalist projects under consideration for this prestigious recognition are listed below. More information about each project is forthcoming.

**2025 Awards for Excellence in Development Finalists**  
**17 Projects Nominated by Awards Category**

**Excellence in Adaptive Reuse:**

- Pearl House – New York, NY (Developer/Owner: Vanbarton Group)
- Pier 57 – New York, NY (Developers: Young Woo & Associates, RXR, Owner: Hudson River Park Trust)
- The Refinery at Domino – Brooklyn, NY (Developer: Two Trees Management Company)

**Excellence in Affordable Housing Development:**

- Gotham Point – Queens, NY (Developer/Owner: Gotham Organization, Developer: Riseboro Community Partnership)
- Sendero Verde – New York, NY (Developers/Owners: Jonathan Rose Companies, L+M Development Partners, Acacia Network)
- The Peninsula – Bronx, NY (Developers: The Hudson Companies, Gilbane Development Company, Mutual Housing Association of New York [MHANY])

**Excellence in Hotel Development:**

- Hotel Barrière Fouquet's New York – New York, NY (Developer: CBCS Washington Street LP)
- The Fifth Avenue Hotel – New York, NY (Owner: Flaneur Hospitality, Founder/Proprietor: Alex Ohebshalom)

**Excellence in Institutional Development:**

- Far Rockaway Library – Queens, NY (Developer: New York City Department of Design and Construction, Owner: Queens Public Library, City of New York)
- Richard Gilder Center for Science, Education, and Innovation at the American Museum of Natural History – New York, NY (Owner: American Museum of Natural History)

**Excellence in Market-Rate Housing Development:**

- 505 State Street – Brooklyn, NY (Developer: 100 Flatbush Developer, LLC [Alloy Development])
- Claremont Hall – New York, NY (Developer: Lendlease, Equity Partner: Daiwa House Texas, Inc.)
- Ruby – New York, NY (Developers: Joint venture between MAG Partners, Safanad, Atalaya Capital Management, Qualitas)

**Excellence in Office Development:**

- St. John's Terminal – New York, NY (Developer: Oxford Properties Group, Owner: Google LLC)
- Trinity Commons – New York, NY (Developer/Owner: Trinity Church NYC)

**Excellence in Urban Open Space:**

- East Midtown Greenway – New York, NY (Developer: New York City Economic Development Corporation, Owner: New York City Department of Parks & Recreation)
- Manhattan West – New York, NY (Developer, Manhattan West: Brookfield Properties, Developers, High Line-Moynihan Connector: Empire State Development, Brookfield Properties, Friends of the High Line)

**ULI New York Awards for Excellence in Development Jury Members:**

- **Lauren Cahill**, Senior Vice President, Grubb Properties
- **Julie Canter**, Partner, PWP Landscape Architecture
- **Marc Ehrlich**, President, Rose Associates
- **Drew Fung**, Managing Director, Clarion Partners
- **Anne-Sophie Hall**, Northeast Region Practice Area Leader, Senior Associate, Gensler
- **Jeff Hébert**, Chief Executive Officer, HR&A Advisors
- **Helen Hwang**, Senior Executive Managing Director, Meridian Capital
- **Brian Masuda**, Principal, Ennead Architects
- **Adam Meister**
- **Mehul J. Patel**
- **Lucas Posada**, Director, New York Office, bloomimages
- **David Quart**, Northeast Region Real Estate Market Leader, VHB
- **Sujohn Sarkar**, Managing Director, Asset Management, Trinity Church Wall Street
- **Robert Schiffer**, Executive Vice President, Development, SL Green Realty Corp.
- **Mary Serafy**, Managing Director, Design and Construction, BRP Companies
- **Kirsten Sibilia**, Managing Partner, Dattner Architects
- **Aida Stoddard**, Senior Vice President of Development, MAG Partners
- **Steve Trapp**, Executive Vice President – Development and Construction, Columbia Property Trust
- **Jay Valgora**, Principal and Founder, STUDIO V Architecture
- **Robin Zeigler**, Founder and Chief Executive Officer, MURAL Real Estate Partners

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The mission of the Urban Land Institute is to shape the future of the built environment for transformative impact in communities worldwide. ULI New York carries out this work in the greater New York area by promoting an open exchange of ideas, information, and experience among industry leaders and policy makers dedicated to creating sustainable, resilient, and inclusive communities. Our volunteer experts also serve local communities through simulated urban planning workshops in classrooms, and by providing pro-bono expert guidance to city agencies prior to complex zoning, mass transit, and community revitalization projects. The organization invests in the professional and personal development of the next generation of community and real estate industry leaders. ULI is a global non-profit

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