

## Foster + Partners wins New York tower competition

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Foster + Partners has been selected to design a new commercial tower at 425 Park Avenue, New York, for a partnership of L&L Holding Company and Lehman Brothers Holdings.

The tapered steel-frame tower rises to meet three shear walls that will be illuminated.

The internal arrangement allows for three graduated tiers of column-free floors.

Each of the three tiers – low, medium and high-rise – is defined by a landscaped terrace offering panoramic views across Manhattan and Central Park.

At the street level, the conceptual design for 425 Park Avenue offers the potential for a large civic plaza marked by significant works of art.

Lord Foster said: “I have a personal connection with New York, which has been a source of inspiration since my time at Yale, when the new towers on Park Avenue and its neighbourhoods were a magnet for every young architect.

“Seeing first-hand the works of Mies van der Rohe, Gordon Bunshaft, Eero Saarinen and Philip Johnson was tremendously exciting then – I am delighted to have this very special opportunity to design a contemporary tower to stand alongside them.

“Our aim is to create an exceptional building, both of its time and timeless, as well as being respectful of this context – a tower that is for the city and for the people that will work in it, setting a new standard for office design and providing an enduring landmark that befits its world-famous location.”

Foster + Partners was selected following an international competition, a six-month process involving many large architecture firms.

L&L Holding Chairman and CEO David Levinson and Lord Foster will make a presentation on the conceptual design during the Municipal Arts Society’s third annual Summit for New York City on 19 October.

The conceptual design will serve as the framework for a two-year collaborative process with L&L Holding’s project team to create a fully formed architectural and construction plan.

L&L Holding anticipates the start of construction in 2015 with the new 425 Park Avenue tower to be completed by the end of 2017.