

Meet the architects bringing NYC's biggest 2018 projects to life

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In a new analysis, *TRD* has compiled a list of the top architecture firms of 2018, based on the square footage of their ground-up projects initiated this year. For the purposes of this ranking, *TRD* went by the architect of record listed on new building permit applications pre-filed this year. In some cases, the design architect will be different than the firms listed on documents filed with the city Department of Buildings.



Saky Yakas & 555 West 38th Street, Ariel Aufgang & 3875 Ninth Avenue, and Jonathan Marvel & Far Rockaway

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Aufgang Architects
Number of projects: 8
Square feet: 1.6 million

The largest of Aufgang's new projects this year was [3875 Ninth Avenue](#), a 30-story, 614-unit mixed-use project to Inwood. [Madd Equities and Joy Construction](#) are developing the building, which is expected to span nearly 600,000 square feet — most of which will be dedicated to residential use. The Suffern-based firm was also tapped to design Arker Companies' 894 Fountain Avenue in East New York. The mixed-use project will rise nine stories and 95 feet tall, contain 422 residential units and span just over [411,320](#)

The top 10 most active NYC architects

Rank	Architect	Square Feet	Number of Projects
1	SLCE Architects	1,800,000	9
2	Aufgang Architects	1,600,000	8
3	Marvel Architects	1,400,000	7
4	Skidmore, Owings & Merrill	1,360,000	4
5	GF55 Partners	1,224,000	7
6	FXCollaborative Architects	1,100,000	5
7	Dattner Architects	1,000,000	5
8	Perkins Eastman	916,488	2
9	Hill West Architects	810,989	6
10	Handel Architects	772,218	4

square feet. In last year's ranking of architecture firms working on the most projects by square feet, Aufgang ranked fifth with 1.5 million square feet of new work.