

El-Gamal to build luxury condo at 45 Park Place

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Sharif El-Gamal and 45 Park Place

Sharif El-Gamal's Soho Properties is filing plans today to begin work on a new condominium tower at 45 Park Place, the developer announced today. The as-of-right tower will rise to a height of 619 feet and is being designed by Michel Abboud of SOMA Architects.

"We are thrilled to contribute to the continued renaissance of Lower Manhattan and the new Downtown skyline," El-Gamal said in a statement. The number of units in the tower wasn't disclosed.

The developer previously sought to build a 15-story Islamic cultural center at the adjacent 51 Park Place site, which is located two blocks from the World Trade Center site. Critics of the Park51 project [termed it the "Ground Zero mosque,"](#) given its proximity to the site of the September 11 attacks. Soho Properties will now build a [three-story museum dedicated to Islam at that site.](#)

Construction of the tower will kick off this year and be completed in 2017, according to the developer. – *Hiten Samtani*

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