

The Wait Is Over: Take A Look At The Future 2 World Trade Center



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The Outside View of the Future 2 World Trade Center Building, released today by Danish Designer Bjarke Ingles

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After Rupert Murdoch's News Corp and 21st Century Fox signed a non-bidding lease to move into 2 World Trade Center last week, the renderings for the future tower have been revealed. Danish designer Bjarke Ingles today released his team's illustrations for the new building, slated to open in September 2021 — the 20th anniversary of the terror attacks that brought down the former Twin Towers.

The asymmetrical design of the 1,340 foot tower will make it the the second tallest of the rebuilt World Trade Center Complex. It will rise 80-plus stories, creating an illusion of stair steps amid a glassy exterior.

The 2 World Trade Center building will provide 2.8 million square feet, along with a public plaza at the base of the tower.

The design — code named "Project Gotham" before it went public — attempted to include attributes that would respectfully honor the attacks, yet allow the building to become a future trademark of New York City.

“We have tried to incorporate that duality,” Ingels told Wired, which first published the pictures. “On one hand it’s about being respectful and about completing the frame around the memorial, and on the other hand it’s about revitalizing downtown Manhattan and making it a lively place to live and work.”

One of the aspects placed in the design is the preserved view of St. Paul's Chapel, where many went for rest and refuge during the attacks, along with some projected angles to make the towers appear as one structure.

"From the World Trade Center, the individual towers will appear unified, completing the colonnade of towers framing the 9/11 Memorial. Horizontal meets vertical. Diversity becomes unity," said Ingles.

Renderings include possible studios for Fox News if it does decide to move into the tower after its lease in Midtown at Avenue of the America's expires in 2020. Other pictures of the future building illustrates a gym, open work spaces, and views looking both up towards and down the tower.

Ingles has also be behind designs such as the future New York City "Dry Line" and "The 57th Street Court Scrapper."