

# Photos: First look at One World Trade Center observation deck

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An artist's rendering, provided by the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey, shows a proposed observation deck for One World Trade Center in New York. The Port Authority of New York and New Jersey announced Wednesday it has awarded the contract for the observation deck to New York-based Legends Hospitality. Former MSG president and CEO Dave Checketts heads the company. The observation area will be on the tower's 100th through 102nd floors and will feature interactive displays, a theater, a gift shop and tours.



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The Port Authority provided the first look at the observation deck on the 100th floor of One World Trade Center Tuesday, and it's a stunner.

The world-class locale will be dubbed One World Observatory, and it will stretch through the 102nd floor, providing panoramic views of the metropolitan area.

When it opens in 2015, guests will take a "Skypod" elevator ride, which promises to provide an "experience which combines state-of-the-art virtual technology along with some of the fastest elevators in the world." The trip from the lobby to the observation deck will take about 60 seconds.

Mezzanine-level dining will be offered, with "contemporary and sophisticated dining options, all with eternal views of the skyline," according to Legends Hospitality, which will develop and operate the observation deck.

There will also be a gift shop, space for special events, interactive displays, and a theater.