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New Midtown Condo Tower of Glassy, Askew Boxes, Revealed!

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Euro Properties has officially demolished a four-story building on **59th Street between Lexington and Park** avenues to build a 38-story condo tower with just **29 apartments**.

While discussing the project's status as the first building to be **entirely developed** (rather than co-developed or financed) but a **Chinese firm**, the *Times* has the first look at the entire facade (click for big). (We'd seen interior renderings before, as well as a hazy silhouette behind the Euro Properties' founder but this is first honest-to-goodness look at what will rise at 118 East 59th. Singaporean architect Soo Chan, who may be better known for his High Line project with "neo-tropical" individual private pools, is responsible for the "facade that **recalls the pressed-down buttons on an old-fashioned tape recorder**, with sections that are beveled, at slight angles." Each apartment will be at least one floor, most will have two bedrooms, and about **half will have Central Park views**.



Euro Properties also told the *Times* that the foundation will get poured next months and sales will launch in **September**, and that amenities will include a gym, "treatment rooms for massages and a lounge with outdoor gardens." Asking prices—of perennial interest, of course— "will be **consistent with ultraluxury developments in the area**." Let's hope that means the many other Midtown East projects and not, well, 432 Park Avenue.