

Twin New York Style Towers

1468 Alberni St. (Application Approved)

An entire city block in downtown Vancouver's West End will be demolished and replaced with two residential towers that provide the city centre with a highly unique faux-heritage architectural flair that also achieves a new green standard.

Earlier this week, Vancouver City Council approved a rezoning application by Landa Global Properties and Asia Standard Americas to redevelop 1468 Alberni Street into two residential towers reaching 442 ft (48 storeys) and 405 ft (43 storeys).

View cones crossing through the site do not permit taller heights. Both towers are connected at the base by a multi-storey central podium.

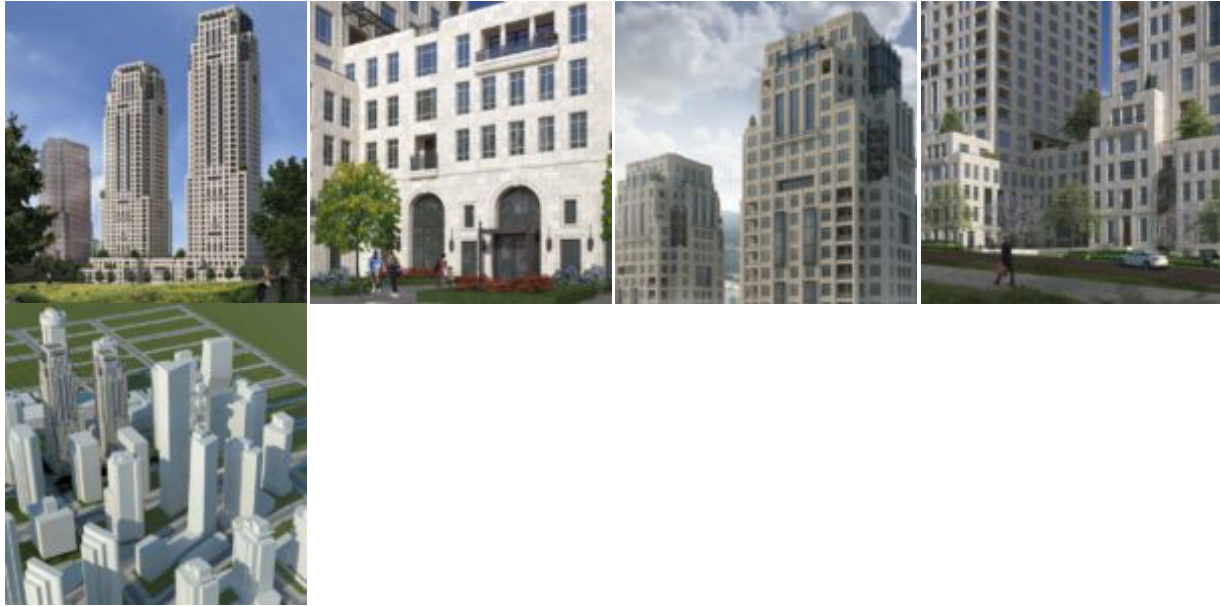
The development site, spanning an area of over 43,000-sq-ft, is framed by Alberni Street to the north, Nicola Street to the west, Broughton Street to the east, and the laneway north of Robson to the south. The site is currently occupied by the 70s-built apartment and office buildings.

The project is designed by New York-based Robert AM Stern Architects, with local firm MCM Partnership acting as the architect of record.

“The proposed design celebrates the diverse architectural styles in the city and provides a unique contrast to the Vancouverism style of glass towers,” reads the architect's design rationale.

“A key material element that is unique in contemporary Vancouver high-rise design is the use of limestone cladding on the whole project – providing a direct link between the proposal and the historic Vancouver architectural icons from which it draws its inspiration. This materials strategy of quality and authenticity is carried forward into the other major materials such as granite accents, rubbed bronze spandrels and steel details.”





Additionally, the developers have called this project the tallest Passive House towers in the world. They will be built to a rigorous German building standard that drastically improves the building's energy efficiency and comfort while also reducing its ecological footprint.