

First apartment in Tadao Ando's 152 Elizabeth Street revealed



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A model residence has been completed inside Tadao Ando's apartment block in New York, offering a glimpse inside the Japanese architect's first residential building outside Asia.

The Pritzker Prize-winning architect's 152 Elizabeth Street development – also his first project in the city – is nearing completion in the Nolita district of the US city.



Developers Sumaida + Khurana and Nahla Capital have unveiled a \$6.1 million (£4.7 million) two-bedroom home designed by architect Michael Gabellini in collaboration with Ando, named Residence 3E.

It features nine-foot-high (2.7 metres) white ceilings and matching walls, naturally illuminated by six-foot (1.8 metres) operable windows.



Danish oak is used for the flooring, master-bedroom doors and some feature wall panels.

"A soft and serene neutral colour palette as well as a variety of stones and textures creates a deeply luxurious yet comfortable ambiance," said the developer.



Pocket doors and integrated air-conditioning vents keep surfaces as minimal as possible.

The home is furnished and accessorised by New York stores DDC and Atelier Courbet respectively, and features artwork by Chelsea-based Yossi Gallery.



The building accommodates seven residences, between two and five bedrooms, along with a large rooftop terrace featuring a shallow reflective pool.

Gabellini's firm Gabellini Sheppard will be responsible for all of the interior design, and is also acting as architect of record for the project.



Ando's design for the seven-storey building features his signature use of cast in-situ concrete – seen in projects from a house in Sri Lanka to a fashion store in Milan – and copious amounts of glazing across its facades on Kenmare and Elizabeth Streets.

In a video released last year, Ando said he wanted to "create something that only a Japanese person could do" with the building.



The design was first unveiled in June 2014, then more images were released in March 2015.

Ando has been tapped to design the Tokyo outpost of members club Soho House, while plans are underway to demolish and replace his concrete pavilion in Manchester.