

New deck to top view from Empire State Building

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The Hudson Yards development will have the tallest outdoor observation deck in the Big Apple, beating out the view from the Empire State Building by 50 feet, project developers revealed Thursday.

The deck will be 1,100 feet in the air and stretch more than 5,000 square feet, boasting spectacular 360-degree views of Manhattan and beyond, said Joanna Rose, a spokeswoman for the Related Companies, which is developing a 27-acre development complex on Manhattan's Far West Side.

Related expects several million visitors a year to its observation deck, which will be a part of the 92-story skyscraper 30 Hudson Yards, the fourth-tallest building in the city when completed in 2019.

The Empire State Building's 86th-floor Observation Deck is 1,050 feet high.

The deck will have something for adrenaline junkies, too — a “thrill-seeking element” — the details of which are still being worked out, a Related executive said on a tour of the construction site on Thursday.

A restaurant and bar are also in the works for the deck, a Related exec said.

Construction at the \$20 billion redevelopment project began about three years ago. It will eventually include about 17 million square feet of residential and commercial space in an area west of 10th Avenue from 23rd to 42nd streets.

The entire project will be self-sufficient, thanks to a cogeneration plant that will keep the complex running “even if the entire Eastern Seaboard shuts down,” noted one Related exec. Garbage bins will be replaced by chutes that will send waste flying at 45 mph to one central location.