



2023 Women in Construction: Nandar Godoy-Dinneen, PJCArchitecture

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What was a pivotal point in your career? In 2006 I moved from Ecuador to New York to pursue my master's degree. What I thought was going to be a two-year adventure turned into a whole new life. After 16 years of living in New York, I'm still awestruck and giddy to wake up in the greatest city in the world. As an architect, the unique first-hand experience you can encounter on every street, and in every building, museum, and gallery is incomparable. I can't emphasize enough how greatly New York City has influenced my life, career, and worldview.

What is your favorite building in New York? The Chrysler Building, an Art Deco masterpiece! The building's crown and its seven radiating terraced arches make it so distinctive even within the crowded city skyline. It's an outstanding piece of design and engineering.

In the past year, what project or accomplishment are you most proud of? The 700 s/f "tiny house" we recently completed in Ecuador brought me great pride and excitement, not only because we had the chance to create something unique and sustainable, but also because of the opportunities yielded by its success. We were lucky to find this design-sensitive client who wanted to honor the environment as much as we do, and entrusted us to deliver the ultimate sanctuary. This project also holds a special place in my heart on a personal level since the design and construction took place while I was pregnant during the pandemic.

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