



R&B Development tops off 22-story boutique hotel at 16 East 46th St.

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R&B Development Group recently topped off the superstructure on a 22-story, 66-room boutique hotel at 16 East 46th St. between Madison and Fifth Aves. that will feature a 70-seat full service restaurant, balconies for every room and a sky-top yoga room.

The modern-European designed hotel, by C3D Architecture, is slated for completion in early 2010. Developers Jeffrey Bennett and Refik Radoncic of R& B Development Group, plan to turn the hotel into a "destination and popular nightspot." The developers, who recently completed WINDOWSON123, two luxury condominium projects in Harlem, are in talks with a well known boutique hotel management company to manage and name the hotel.

The East 46th St. hotel, that features floor-to-ceiling glass windows and metal trim, is squeezed in between two buildings and gets narrower in height. The second through ninth floors will have four guest rooms per floor; the tenth through seventeenth floors will have three hotel rooms per floor and floors 18 through 22 will have only two hotel rooms per floor. All units will have custom-made furniture, energy-efficient lighting, and luxurious finishes.

R&B Development was formed in 2003 by Bennett and partner Radoncic, a builder whose T&R Construction Corp., has a history specializing in large-scale interiors and ground-up construction, and is the resident construction firm on all projects.

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