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20 EAST END AVENUE

Flouting the trend in needle towers, dean of neo-neoclassical architecture

Robert A. M. Stern is mining the past for his forthcoming project. An intricate, subtly tapered limestone facade and a gated motor court harken back to the discreet luxury of the 1920s, while Gaggenau appliances and heated marble floors bring the building into the 21st century. (Stern has called it an "apartment building for today and tomorrow.") Historical footnotes, including some of the last wood-burning fireplaces in the city, ensure that the 43-residence building will look like it's been there all along. Apartments start at \$4.5 million; contact 20 East End Avenue Sales Gallery, 20eastend.com.