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"Our design for the 520 Fifth Avenue tower combines the setbacks of Hugh Ferriss' 1920's New York with arches arranged in modular bundles – rising to 1,000 feet," KPF president James von Klemperer told Dezeen.

"The architectural expression of stepping volumes echoes the setbacks of midtown towers, while the delicately articulated exterior wall details are inspired by the facade of The Century Association adjacent to our site."

"We also looked to the arches of the landmarks in the neighbourhood, including the New York Public Library and Grand Central Terminal, translating these forms into a modern version of this motif."

The renderings of the project show a tower made of stepped, interconnected rectangular volumes wrapped in arched windows that gradually grow taller towards the top of the building.

The windows are framed in fluted casings which are reflected in an arched colonnade at ground level.



The building's program will be mixed-use, with luxury residences at the top of the building and Class A office spaces flanked by terraces below, pictured in renderings. Construction is already underway on the building with completion scheduled for 2025, according to KPF.

Nearby, KPF is also working on a skyscraper planned for 343 Madison Avenue.

Other recent projects from the studio include a skyscraper with an "aqueous form" in Vancouver and a skyscraper that may become the tallest in Texas.