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These architects designed the most new dev in NYC this year

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It's been a busy year for projects in the outer boroughs, and some architects have been especially active.

In fact, the architectural firms designing the most new development in the city this year had projects in all five boroughs, with more than half outside of Manhattan.

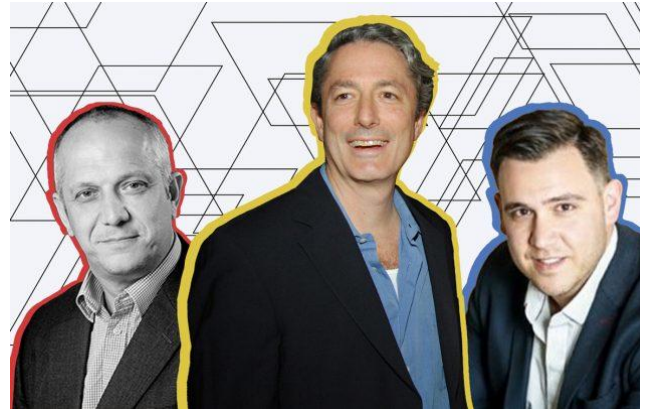
Their work included an office building for Disney, a Staten Island warehouse for Amazon and a new high-rise in Midtown East for New York luxury housing stalwart Zeckendorf Development.

TRD ranked architecture firms based on the square footage of their ground-up projects initiated this year. For this ranking, TRD went by the architect of record listed on new building permit applications pre-filed in 2019. (The design architect may be different from the firms listed on documents filed with the city Department of Buildings.)

Here they are:

3. Aufgang Architects | 14 projects | 1,638,262 square feet

This powerhouse firm has made the top half this list for three years running. Aufgang filed plans mostly for projects in the Bronx and Queens this year, but there may be changes at one of its Manhattan developments. For developers Madd Equities and Joy Construction, Aufgang had planned a 30-story, 544,000-square-foot project with 611 residential units and about 62,000 square feet of commercial space at 3875 Ninth Avenue in Inwood.



From left: Adamson Associates' Alan Tearle, Handel Architects' Gary Handel, **Aufgang Architects' Ariel Aufgang** (Credit: Getty Images, iStock, Adamson, Aufgang)

Now the developers say they might **axe that plan** for affordable and low- or middle-income units, which depended on a **2018 rezoning**, in favor of an as-of-right industrial project, in light of a Manhattan judge **overturning** the rezoning this month.

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