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Soho Home Studio Opens And More In NYC This Winter

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The Waldorf Astoria's iconic facade

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The iconic Waldorf Astoria has undergone a number of changes in the years since it was built in 1931 and, over time, straying from the original architect Schultze & Weaver's vision. Now, through a renovation, architecture firm Skidmore, Owings & Merrill is setting out to restore the Waldorf Astoria's inherently elegant character and grandeur to return it closer to the original design. Because the exterior and several interior spaces are official New York City landmarks, this project is especially complex—every landmark change requires the Landmarks Preservation Commission approval. Through conducting extensive research of the original structure, architects are bringing back aspects such as the well-known abundance of public spaces on the main level and the original cove lights in the Grand Ballroom to return the Waldorf Astoria to New York City's sparkling crown jewel by 2023. "When New Yorkers and visitors from around the world walk through these spaces when they reopen, it will be a revelation," architect Frank Mahan says. *301 Park Ave.*

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