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The Sky's The Limit

Once again, the city is bursting with new residential developments—here's a list that families will love

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Amazing new buildings are cropping up all over New York City, and from a Brooklyn condominium with private individual outdoor spaces to an Upper West Side building with a communal room just for tweens, many of these new developments also include impressive arrays of family-friendly amenities, adding to the ever-growing list of typical building features. “Children’s playrooms, lounges, media rooms, game rooms, storage rooms, bike rooms, state-of-the-art gyms, conference rooms, and concierge services are all standard features in new, high-rise condo buildings,” says [Valerie A. Lettan](#), a licensed associate real estate broker with [Douglas Elliman](#). And, if you’re hunting for that elusive Manhattan three-bedroom, don’t give up hope. “I see a trend in more three-bedroom units since there is a demand for them,” Lettan says.

Wondering whether to buy or rent? If you’re positioned to buy, now’s the time. “If you have savings for the down payment and are pre-qualified for a mortgage, definitely buy,” advises [Klara Madlin](#), licensed associate real estate broker and founder of Klara Madlin Real Estate. “The market is very competitive, so you need to bid aggressively on any apartment you want to purchase.” For those building up their savings, Madlin says there are rental deals available in uptown areas like the Upper East Side. We’ve rounded up a selection of some of the hottest new buildings, alongside some classic family properties, to help apartment-hunting families find their next home.



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50 West

Situated in the Financial District, 50 West is one of the neighborhood's most highly anticipated 64-story glass towers, and boasts amenities, schools, and green space just perfect for families. Residents will have exclusive access to a children's playroom, kids' studio, a game room with ping pong and foosball tables, swimming at the Water Club, an arts and crafts room and library as well as a theater with stadium seating. In partnership with American Leisure, 50 West is in talks to offer courses taught by certified nutritionists in the demonstration kitchen for children and adults looking to maintain a healthy lifestyle, as well as a series of interactive children's books and writing workshops working with a literary agency founded by the developer's family. In addition, the tower is located steps away from Battery Park, which offers more than 25 acres of greenery, miles of waterfront, and an ample selection of public and private educational institutions. Two-bedrooms start at \$3.23 million, three-bedrooms from \$4.69 million, and four-bedrooms from \$6.75 million. 50westnyc.com