

RXR Starrett-Lehigh Building - Historic Window Replacement 601 West 26th Street, New York, NY

RXR Realty, owners of the Starrett-Lehigh Building, acquired this Individual NYC Landmark in 2011, and prioritized the replacement of the historic windows for energy efficiency.

The windows are striking and distinctive, running in a continuous horizontal pattern, curving at the inside and outside corners of the building, creating the “ribbon-style” appearance. A subtle feature of the 1931 window design is the operable vent window, which has an alternating vertical placement yielding a “bouncing ball” effect, across each floor and façade.



- Defining project parameters, including a review of the NYC Landmarks Preservation Commission guidelines for replacement windows
- Evaluation of window manufacturers, materials and performance requirements as part of the product selection process to ensure that all work complied with the NYC Landmarks Preservation Commission’s guidelines
- A detailed survey of the existing conditions, to document vents, louvers and HVAC equipment at the 5,000 windows
- With the RXR team, coordinated the logistics of deliveries, on-site storage and the installation over a two-year period, in the (200) occupied tenant spaces
- This project was the recipient of the prestigious 2019 Lucy G. Moses Preservation Award from the NY Landmarks Conservancy

