

36 Gramercy Park East Restoration Update: April 2015

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The very extensive restoration work at 36 Gramercy Park East is nearing completion. The work was undertaken to address serious issues that included the dangerous deterioration of the terra cotta facade and to eliminate water infiltration that had significantly weakened the structural integrity of the building. Importantly, all of this work was undertaken with a view to faithfully restoring James Riely Gordon's 1910 terra cotta masterpiece in a manner befitting the Gramercy Park neighborhood.



With nearly all of the white glazed terra cotta replica units installed, including the signature grotesques, the process of carefully cleaning the street facades has begun. The results of the cleaning are stunning, removing layers of New York City grit and grime to reveal beautiful glazed surfaces that blend seamlessly with the replacement terra cotta.

This large project was designed and administered by CTA Architects and included, among many other sub-projects, a complete restructuring and replacement of the roof and terrace, a major refurbishment of the parapet walls and structural steel frame of the building, the rebuilding of the exterior walls on parts of the north facade, and the restoration of the handsome pressed metal bay windows at the rear facade. While a long and difficult

process, this work will provide for both the safety and uninterrupted enjoyment our neighbors for many years to come.

At the same time as our exterior restoration was progressing, our unit owners have fully gut renovated over fifty percent of the of the interior residential space of the building and we have added a state-of-the-art central air conditioning system which will eventually eliminate all window air conditioning units from our building further enhancing the aesthetics of our Gramercy Park neighborhood.

As always, we remain very grateful for your support.

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