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108 Leonard condo renovation with interiors by Jeffrey Beers International with SLCE and facade restoration by Howard L.

Zimmerman Architects. Credit: DBOX.

Counting the Hours: The Clock Tower Building to be transformed into residential condo

The Clock Tower Building at 108 Leonard Street in Tribeca is being transformed into a residential condominium, slated to open for occupancy in early 2019. Designed by McKim, Mead & White and built in 1894 as an office building for the New York Life Insurance Company, it has undergone a complete restoration of its Italian Renaissance Revival façade by Howard L. Zimmerman Architects. The landmarked, 419,000-square-foot, 13-story building is being converted to 150 luxury condominium apartments designed by Jeffrey Beers International, with SLCE serving as architect-of-record. The restoration will complement the history of the building, juxtaposing classic details including oversized moldings and chevron-patterned oak floors with contemporary touches. Apartments, which range from one-

to-four bedrooms, boast flowing layouts and ceilings of ten to more than 14 feet. The project contains over 20,000 square feet of amenities, including a 75-foot lap pool, an entertainment suite with a demonstration kitchen, and a rooftop sundeck with a reflecting pool. In 1967, the city acquired the building and moved several city agencies and a courthouse into it. After the building lay vacant for several years, the Elad Group and Peebles Corporation purchased it in 2013. The building was added to the National Register of Historic Places in 1982; the exterior, interior and three-story E. Howard Company clock were all designated New York City landmarks in 1987.

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