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Winged Victory for a Historic Preservation Project



Restored cupola at 48 Wall Street
Courtesy Swig Equities

Repair and restoration work on the 11-foot-high gilded copper eagle atop the 36th floor of 48 Wall Street, formerly the Bank of New York building, has been completed. Built in 1927 and designed by Benjamin Wistar Morris, the NYC landmark-designated office tower features a multi-leveled crown, ornamented with classical detail, Doric columns, bronze grilles, and topped by the eagle. The restoration process was overseen by Swig Equities, Hoffman Architects performed the work — using both historic and modern architectural and construction practices, advanced technologies, conservation science, restoration draftsmanship, and architectural history.