

## NYC real estate and architecture experts reflect on 2016's biggest moments

*The year that was, and what to look forward to in 2017*

**T**his may not have been the easiest year for the world at large, but it was a big one for the areas that Curbed NY covers: New York real estate, architecture, urban planning, affordable housing, and the like.

All this week, we've been taking a look back at **the year that was**, examining the **best architecture**, the **biggest stories**, the **most outrageous amenities**, and more. But to get a fuller picture of what happened in New York City in 2016—and to get a sense of where the city is going in 2017—we asked 15 experts in real estate, urban planning, architecture and design to reflect on their year.

They also shared some insight on what innovations and changes New Yorkers should expect for 2017, whether that be more closings of beloved businesses, a bigger focus on sustainable design, or new technology changing the face of urban planning. Read on for more insights.



### **The high expectations on interior design in 2016, according to Cathy Hobbs, founder of **Cathy Hobbs Design Recipes**:**

“Developers remain focused on distinction, making their developments stand out. These days the buyer is extremely discerning and informed. No longer phased by trends, buyers are looking and demanding quality. To this end, I have seen a more concerted effort on the part of developers and the design industry toward European and minimalist design.”