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## **The White House Historical Association to Open First-Ever Presidential Library Amenity At Waldorf Astoria Residences New York**

*WHHA to Bring Presidential History to Life at the Park Avenue Landmark with a Curated Library for Residents, as the Waldorf Astoria New York Hotel Marks Its Successful Opening*

**December 4, 2025 NEW YORK, NY** – The White House Historical Association today is debuting the Presidential Library amenities for residents at the [Waldorf Astoria Residences New York](#), as the property celebrates one year since welcoming residents to the exclusive private residences above the iconic Waldorf Astoria New York hotel. This collaboration brings together two institutions long intertwined with the legacy of the American presidency and ushers in a new chapter for residents of the historic address.

For more than nine decades on Park Avenue, Waldorf Astoria New York has stood at the crossroads of global affairs, welcoming every U.S. president from Herbert Hoover through Barack Obama, along with distinguished diplomats and world leaders. Now, the White House Historical Association, a nonprofit devoted to safeguarding and sharing the history of the White House, expands that legacy by shaping its first curated residential library.

A thoughtfully curated selection of volumes fills the Presidential Library, chosen by the historians of the White House Historical Association. Residents will discover the Association's full range of publications alongside seldom-seen biographies of notable figures who have stayed or lived at Waldorf Astoria New York. The library also features several paintings by notable artists, including Georgia O'Keeffe, Andy Warhol, John Singer Sargent, and Claude Monet, that depict presidential life or were owned by presidential families.

The library also highlights works on architectural heritage and Art Deco design, as well as materials celebrating the many United States presidents who made their homes in the hotel's historic towers, including a bust of Herbert Hoover, the longest presidential resident at the Waldorf Astoria. Visitors can also explore Presentation Plates inspired by the Green Room, Red Room, and Blue Room at the White House.

Adding to the significance of this new amenity, the Presidential Library is currently home to President John F. Kennedy's iconic rocking chair, a treasured piece originally gifted to Waldorf Astoria New York in 1962 following his many stays in the hotel's presidential suite. Its presence at the

Waldorf Astoria offers residents a rare and intimate connection to presidential history. This year, the Presidential Library will also feature a holiday tree adorned with the complete collection of Official White House Christmas Ornaments designed annually by the White House Historical Association since 1981.

“We are delighted to share the depth of White House history with the residents of the newly restored Waldorf Astoria,” said Stewart McLaurin, president of the White House Historical Association. “The hotel has long played a meaningful role in the story of the American presidency, and this collaboration allows us to bring that legacy to life in a setting that has welcomed so many national and global leaders. We look forward to offering residents and guests an engaging connection to this remarkable history.”

Founded by First Lady Jacqueline Kennedy, a frequent guest at Waldorf Astoria New York, and chartered in 1961, the White House Historical Association is a nonprofit historical and educational organization that has played a vital role in preserving the White House and recording its unique history for the last 64 years.

“As a resident myself, I know firsthand how extraordinary it is to live above the Waldorf Astoria and experience the hotel’s legendary service as part of daily life,” said Luigi Romaniello, managing director of Waldorf Astoria New York. “The debut of the Presidential Library elevates that lifestyle even further. It is a one-of-a-kind amenity that blends cultural richness with the convenience and sophistication that define this landmark address. There is simply nothing else like it, and it adds another truly special layer to calling Waldorf Astoria Residences New York home.”

For more information, follow the building’s Instagram [@WaldorfNYC](#) and [LinkedIn](#). For additional information on Waldorf Astoria Residences New York, please visit [waldorfastoriareidencesnewyork.com](http://waldorfastoriareidencesnewyork.com) or call 212.872.1200.

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#### **About The White House Historical Association:**

First Lady Jacqueline Kennedy envisioned a restored White House that conveyed a sense of history through its decorative and fine arts. In 1961, the White House Historical Association was established to support her vision to preserve and share the Executive Mansion’s legacy for generations to come. Supported entirely by private resources, the Association’s mission is to assist in the preservation of the state and public rooms, fund acquisitions for the White House permanent collection, and educate the public on the history of the White House. Since its founding, the White House Historical Association has contributed more than \$115 million in fulfillment of its mission. To learn more about the White House Historical Association, please visit [www.whitehousehistory.org](http://www.whitehousehistory.org).

#### **About Waldorf Astoria Residences New York:**

For nearly a century, Waldorf Astoria New York has been a fixture of New York City society, earning its place as a beacon of radiance in the cultural capital of the world. The legendary property is

synonymous with refined elegance, magnetic grandeur, and societal aspiration, long-serving as a distinguished hub for the social elite, world leaders, and captains of industry. Following an extensive restoration, the property will retain the scale and beauty of the original Art Deco architecture, while entering into an era of unprecedented residential luxury on Park Avenue. As part of the substantial reimagination, above the legendary hotel will sit 372 private residences, ranging from studios to four bedrooms, with interiors designed by Jean-Louis Deniot. Residents have access to 50,000 square feet of exclusive private amenities, along with special access to the best-in-class services and amenities found only at the Waldorf Astoria New York hotel, including the 30,000 square foot Guerlain spa, state-of-the-art fitness center and standout signature restaurants.

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