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Here's the view from Winthrop Center, which will be one of Boston's tallest towers

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More than a year after Millennium Partners' local development arm clinched a \$775 million construction loan, work is rapidly progressing on what will become one of Boston's tallest towers.

The 53-story Winthrop Center will also be home



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to what Millennium bills as the largest Passive House office in the world. Passive House standards measure a building's energy efficiency, which developers and designers handle by creating an airtight building envelope. MP Boston, the local affiliate of Millennium Partners, says the Passive House technology at Winthrop Center will reduce the building's energy consumption by 65% of the Boston average.

The project comes as Boston officials are pushing for greater responsibility from commercial real estate owners when it comes

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to a building's carbon emissions. All buildings spanning more than 20,000 square feet will have to be reduced to net zero emissions by 2050. Financial penalties for not cutting emissions begin as early as 2025.

Recently elected Mayor Michelle Wu, who has pledged Boston will be a Green New Deal city, on Monday ordered the city to divest from fossil fuel industries buy 2025.

On a recent fall morning, the Business Journal got a sneak-peek tour of the \$1.3 billion Winthrop Center tower as construction crews worked steadily. The office portion of the 53-story tower has topped off, and the residential pool was installed earlier this month. Click through the slideshow above for a look from high above Boston's Financial District.

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