

Historic Downtown pier to reopen after \$36M revamp

Restored structure will feature photo gallery, 600-seat catering hall

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From left: Rendering and exterior of Pier A

One of the city's historic piers, located on the Hudson River in Lower Manhattan, will reopen this summer following a five-year renovation.

The three-story building on Pier A, which first opened 126 years ago and served as the headquarters for the New York Harbor Police and Department of Docks, was gutted and repaired by the Battery Park City Authority in 2009 and later turned over to the Poulakakos family and the Dermot Company for restoration, as previously reported. The project also hit a snag when Hurricane Sandy hit, according to the pier's website. Refurbishing the building, which has been vacant since 1992, cost the Poulakakos family and Dermot about \$36 million.

The 39,000-square-foot building's revamp, slated to finish this June, is headed by Irish designer Danny McDonald, Tribeca Tribune reported. The vintage structure will house an oyster bar, information center, upscale restaurant, historic photo gallery, event space and a 600-seat catering hall, with a pedestrian plaza surrounding the exterior. —*Angela Hunt*