A dramatically twisting 26-story tower has topped out alongside the busy Brooklyn Bridge and the BQE in Dumbo.

Located at 60 Front Street, the facade has reached about midway up the slim tower that grows out of a broader base, and work is ongoing on the ground floor. Since Brownstoner last visited the site earlier this year, the building has gained the name Olympia Dumbo.

With its exaggerated curvature, the design of the building on Front Street stands out significantly from its neighbors. Nearby buildings are more traditional in style — or at least more rectangular — reflecting the area’s industrial past.
The new building will have a total of 76 units, according to DOB filings, and will be condos. A gym, yoga room, sauna and bowling room will be included underground, along with 73 parking spaces (an additional 46 will be included off site).

According to a story in The Real Deal, these could be the priciest condos in Brooklyn at $3,000 a square foot.
A school will occupy the fourth and fifth floors of the building, according to filings. There will be a pool and tenant recreation area on the sixth floor and a roof terrace at the top.

The tower and its rendering match; only 25 stories are visible in person and on the rendering. The filings with the DOB specify the building will be 26 stories.
The building stands on what was formerly a triangular-shaped parking lot at the base of the Brooklyn Bridge owned by the Jehovah’s Witnesses. It was acquired by the developer Fortis in December 2018 for $91.113 million. It is not part of the Dumbo Historic District.

Hill West Architects filed an application for a new building in January 2019, and they got the go-ahead to start work on the foundation two months later. The project broke ground in June of the same year. Fortis is also developing the former Long Island College Hospital in Cobble Hill.
A parking lot next door at 66 Front Street was refashioned into the Dumbo Market grocery store by the developer Two Trees in 2017, and is currently dwarfed by construction at the rising development.
In 2011, the Witnesses started putting their considerable Brooklyn holdings up for sale, estimated to be worth well over $1 billion, in preparation for a move upstate to Warwick, N.Y. The parking lot at 30 Front was their final piece of property in Brooklyn.

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