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Chelsea's new home has lots of room for Hillary and Bill.



BB CREATIVE

Chelsea Clinton's new \$10 million apartment at The Whitman, on E. 26th St., features a massive living room (left) the longest hallways in New York (below), and a stylish, high-tech kitchen. And the exterior's not too shabby, either (bottom left). Photos by Craig Warga/Daily News

EXCLUSIVE

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THINK OF IT as a horizontal townhouse.

Most developers hype the sky-high verticals of their new glitzy buildings, but a new condominium called The Whitman – soon to be home to former First Daughter Chelsea Clinton – has a different selling point: It features the city's longest apartments.

The four-unit building stretches an entire block between E. 26th and E. 27th Sts. It takes almost 30 seconds to walk the nearly 250-foot central corridor.

"The hallway is a wow factor," said Douglas Elliman broker Dina Lewis, who shares the listing with partner Melanie Lazenby, daughter of former James Bond actor George Lazenby.

"One spouse can be fast asleep while the other has a huge dinner party. All on one floor."

One person who toured the building joked that some New Yorkers have a shorter walk to the corner store than residents of The Whitman will have to their kitchens.

Overlooking Madison Square Park, the nearly 90-year-old building has just three \$10 million apartments and a \$22.5 million duplex penthouse with four outdoor spaces, including terraces off the living room, a master bedroom and a private lawn-like space on the building's roof.

Two buyers are in contract, including Clinton, whose parents surprised construction workers a few months back on a Sunday when they came to see their daughter's under-construction new digs.

Each home has two dishwashers; two washer-dryers; women's dressing rooms with double-sided vanity mirrors; and his-and-hers, maze-like closet spaces.

"Wives' eyes light up when they see the closets," said Lazenby. "They smile and say they'll need more clothes to live here. Their husbands just shake their heads."

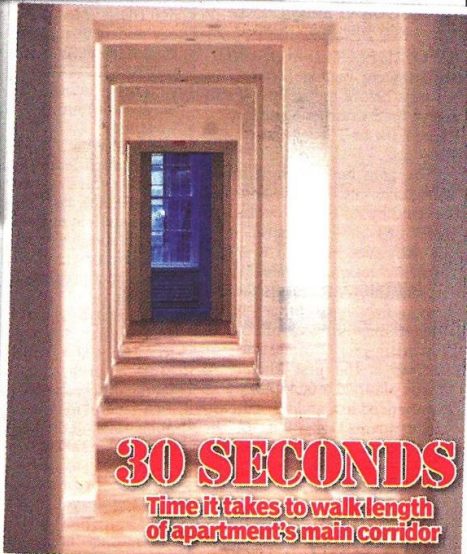
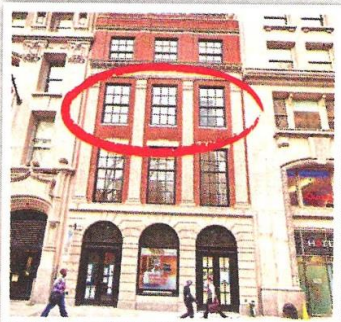
The brick Georgian building was built in 1924 by luxury textile manufacturer Clarence B. Whitman & Sons in a style then popular in London. For years, it was the headquarters of Plumbers Local 1 union.

Other big names are looking at the remaining units, which are billed as among the most secure in Manhattan. "It's like a luxury fortress," said Lazenby.

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Wanna live near Chelsea and get to know Her Majesty's Secret Service? Call Melanie Lazenby (far right), daughter of James Bond actor George Lazenby, who shares listing with Dina Lewis (right).



30 SECONDS
Time it takes to walk length of apartment's main corridor

HER HALL OF FAME

Chelsea Clinton's \$10M buy for city's longest apartment