

boldfaced buys

FROM NOMAD TO CENTRAL PARK NORTH, CHELSEA CLINTON, GISELE, ICHIRO, AND CARMELO ANTHONY OPT FOR LAVISH DIGS WITH LEAFY VIEWS. BY SALLY GOLDSTEIN

Gotham's luxury real estate market is still red hot and shows no sign of slowing down as buyers continue to snap up homes at sky-high prices. Former first daughter Chelsea Clinton and her ski-loving hubby, Marc Mezvinsky, signed a contract to buy a brand-new luxury prewar condo across the street from Madison Square Park for \$10.5 million. The 5,000-square-foot home is at The Whitman, 21 East 26th Street, listed by Melanie Lazenby and Dina Lewis at Douglas Elliman Real Estate (26 W. 17th St., 212-727-6131, 212-727-6129; elliman.com). Chelsea even brought Mom and Dad to tour the apartment before signing on the dotted line. Former Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton and former President Bill Clinton then posed for photos with construction workers on-site.

Chelsea, 33, and Marc, 35, love the Flatiron neighborhood—they were renting nearby and found the home on their own while out walking one day. They love the fact that the building is small, which means lots of privacy and not a lot of neighbors, but still a lot of security. It's also roomy enough to support a family, when Chelsea is ready. The sprawling full-floor unit, which stretches across an entire city block, has four bedrooms, six and a half baths, and a full view of the park from the family room. Chelsea is known for taking SoulCycle classes, but the building also has a private gym, so she could always buff up at home.

Neighboring NoMad is also trendy right now. Restaurants, like the NoMad Hotel's are hot and the area is attracting other celebrity house hunters as well, including supermodel Gisele Bündchen and her hubby, Patriots quarterback Tom Brady. The two recently checked out a three-bedroom condo at One Madison Park for \$11 million. The building hopes to put its rocky history—including lawsuits and financial troubles—in the past now that reputable Related Companies has taken over the

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The NoMad district's classic architecture, beautifully represented here by The NoMad Hotel's façade, is a celebrity lure.



ABOVE: The upper end of Fifth Avenue has seen a lot of action with foreign buyers and boldfacers buying units at 1280 Fifth Avenue. LEFT: The Whitman at 21 West 26th Street offers four residences, all with views of Madison Square Park.



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square feet. It offers stunning views of the park and 10-foot ceilings, good news for Anthony, who is 6-foot-8. Broker Lisa Graham of Core (*673 Madison Ave., 212-500-2103; corenyc.com*) had the listing. Also

on Central Park North, Yankee left fielder Ichiro Suzuki hit a home run by renting the entire floor of 111 Central Park North, which was asking \$23,500 a month. The full-floor condo had also caught the eyes of both Yankee captain Derek Jeter and slugger Alex Rodriguez.

Suzuki, who finalized a \$13 million deal for two years with the Yankees last December, is living in a 5,400-square-foot space that the building's developer, Rodney Propp, had bought and designed as a surprise for his then-wife, Eleanor, in 2007. (The two have since divorced.) The six-bedroom, six-and-a-half-bath condo comes with 100 feet of terraces and unobstructed views of Central Park to Midtown. Yankees love the building because it's fairly close to Yankee Stadium by car and comes with a paparazzi-proof parking garage. There's lots of entertaining space and an eat-in chef's kitchen that includes two big refrigerators, two dishwashers, and a six-burner stove. Adam Modlin of The Modlin Group (*200 W. 57th St., 212-974-0740; modlingroup.com*) represented the listing.

Divorced couple David Duchovny and Téa Leoni played a game of musical chairs—or rather condos. Leoni just bought her own Upper West Side home, a three-bedroom, two-bath unit for \$5.1 million. The 2,560-square-foot condo at 190 Riverside Drive includes a library with Hudson River views, an eat-in chef's kitchen, along with some

old-fashioned bay windows in the master bedroom. For the übercurious, Leoni's full name is on the deed: Elizabeth Tea Pantaleoni.

Duchovny also ended up on the Upper West Side, where he bought a \$6.25 million pad at The Ardsley after checking out another trophy apartment at the Eldorado. Although the couple divorced in 2011, they are still trying to sell the Upper East Side triplex where they once lived. That home is a stunning maisonette at 170 East 78th Street, which recently had its asking price chopped from \$9.25 million to \$8.5 million. Melissa Ryan Kaiser and Laurie Silverman Diamond at Stribling (*924 Madison Ave., 212-570-2440; stribling.com*) have the listing. **G**

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building and plans to relaunch sales soon. (The attractive duo have great taste in real estate—Bündchen previously owned a triplex penthouse at West 11th Street, which she sold for \$4.4 million, and Brady had a condominium at the Time Warner Center, which he sold for \$17.5 million.)

The upper end of Central Park is also seeing action these days. After taking some hits in the press on their marriage, Knicks superstar Carmelo Anthony and his wife, La La, came back stronger than ever. To prove it—after living apart for some time—they moved into new digs together on Museum Mile.

The \$29,000-a-month condo comes with five bedrooms and four bathrooms and totals a roomy 4,022

LEFT: Gisele Bündchen and Tom Brady are as well known for their real estate acumen as their good looks. FAR RIGHT: Brady sold his Time Warner Center condo for \$17.5 million in 2011.



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