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# Castle in the Sky

This newly renovated Park Avenue penthouse is fit for a king

An exceptional prewar building on Park Avenue is crowned with a magnificent penthouse occupying the entire 17th floor. Approximately 4,500 square feet, the space has recently undergone a complete and stunning renovation. Designed by renowned architect Stephen Wang and decorated by Nicole Freezer Rubens of NFR Consulting, the apartment now offers all the comforts of state-of-the-art technology within a beautiful, traditional architectural setting. "I have so much respect for the prewar bones of the apartment," Rubens says, "and wanted to emphasize that while creating an elegant atmosphere that's truly user friendly for a family living in New York City today."

Wang's inspirations for the design were light and air—"a true rarity in New York City apartments," he says. Thus, the interior of the penthouse is bright and spacious, accentuated by a 4,000-square-foot terrace. Wrapping around all four of the apartment's exposures, this outdoor space showcases the skyline's most iconic views, including Central Park, the East River, the Empire State Building and the Chrysler Building.

Accessible from every room comprising the residence's entertaining areas plus some bedrooms, the landscaped terrace helps create a seamless fusion of indoor and outdoor space. "There are 1,000 things to see outside a New York City window," notes Ruben, "yet this view is a beautiful cohesive unit, all reflected in the design of the home."

The apartment itself is divided into two distinct areas—the aforementioned entertaining space and the private quarters—

separated by a gallery with a sunny eat-in kitchen. No detail has been overlooked, from the Baltic black and Thassos marble floors in the gallery to the fully equipped media room featuring Triad speakers and James Power Pipe subwoofers.

The private area of the penthouse features an inviting family room and an eat-in kitchen. The stunning master bedroom includes a wood-burning fireplace and custom closets for him and her. Its windowed bath is both functional and luxurious, with a double-sink vanity and steam shower, Whirlpool Jacuzzi bath and heated Calcutta marble walls and floors. The three spacious children's bedrooms are equipped with large closets and custom cabinetry throughout, and have access to a play area on the terrace. A laundry room and staff room with a full bath complete the private quarters.

Thanks to an impressive renovation and the stunning integration of modern comforts and conveniences, this Park Avenue penthouse has become an ideal residence for the sophisticated New York family. "With some creative thinking and a willing client, this apartment was transformed into a well-proportioned space that perfectly suits an apartment of this scale," says Wang. ♦

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**Above:** The bright gallery featuring French doors and stunning skylights **Below, left to right:** Spacious sitting room; fully landscaped terrace; expansive master bedroom featuring a wood-burning fireplace

