

A \$12.2 Million Condo for Katie Couric



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[Katie Couric](#) and her husband of almost two years, the financier John P. Molner, bought an apartment on the entire 10th floor of [151 East 78th Street](#), a new limestone and brick condominium on the Upper East

Side. At \$12,168,087.50, the transaction was one of the most expensive sales of the week, according to [city records](#).

Monthly carrying charges total \$8,236.

The most expensive sale took place not far away at another recently completed luxury condominium: [432 Park Avenue](#), between 56th and 57th Streets, currently the tallest residential tower in the Western Hemisphere, topping out at 1,396 feet.

A two-bedroom three-and-a-half-bath sponsor unit there, No. 49C, sold for [\\$15,047,387.59](#) to a buyer whose identity was shielded by the limited liability company 432 Park Avenue 49C. Carrying costs are \$14,224 per month. Macklowe Property Sales and Douglas Elliman Development Marketing handled both sides of the transaction.

Ms. Couric's new home on 78th Street, near Lexington Avenue, has four bedrooms and five baths, plus a library that could easily be converted into another bedroom, spread over 3,966 square feet. The king-size master suite occupies a large portion of the apartment's private bedroom wing on the north end, and features walk-in closets and a spalike bath with radiant heated floors, a private water closet and an eight-jet steam shower with a bench.

The apartment is entered through a central private elevator landing, leading to a marble-clad gallery that opens to the entertaining rooms on the south end. Parisian-style mahogany double-hung windows stretching from floor to ceiling deliver ample sunlight. Other architectural highlights include a chevron-pattern quarter-sawn oak floor that runs throughout the library and the living and dining rooms, and double pocket doors connecting the dining room to the windowed eat-in kitchen.

Ms. Couric will likely be spending plenty of time in the kitchen. She famously enjoys cooking and espoused the importance of family dinners on her former daytime talk show "Katie" and while anchoring the "Today" show, though the [family meal schedule was disrupted](#) when she served as anchor of the "CBS Evening News." She'll get to show off her culinary chops in style: The unit's Smallbone of Devizes kitchen has a coffered ceiling and hand-painted white oak cabinetry, along with two Sub-Zero refrigerators, two Miele dishwashers and a professional Wolf range. There are also an adjacent walk-in pantry and an island with seating.

Perhaps Ms. Couric, who now works for Yahoo News as a global anchor, and her husband, a partner of Brown Brothers Harriman, an investment bank, whom she [married in June 2014](#), will invite some of their new neighbors over for her signature [lemon chicken](#). The music producer Simon Cowell reportedly bought a unit there in 2014.

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The 14-unit building was developed by [Spruce Capital Partners](#) and designed by [Peter Pennoyer Architects](#). Cathy Taub and Alexa Lambert of Stribling & Associates were the listing brokers.

Big Ticket includes closed sales from the previous week, ending Wednesday.

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