

Million-Dollar Babies

Four Downtown Dream Homes That Are on the Market Now

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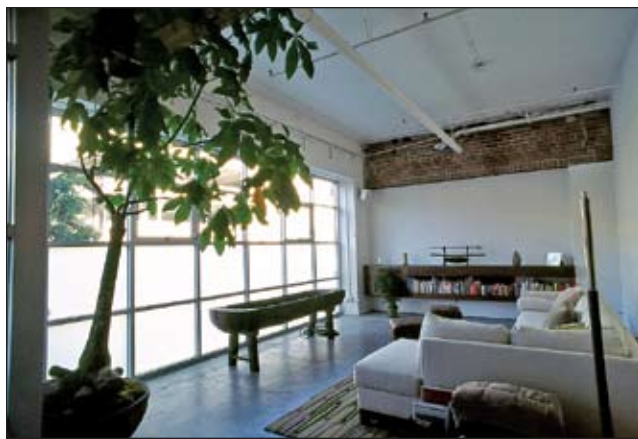
Sure it's a down market, but that doesn't mean you can't dream. While hundreds of Downtown condos and lofts are for sale or soon will be, a select few stand in a class all their own.

The four properties below represent just a few of the awe-inspiring penthouses and homes that are on the market across the Central City. We'll call them our million-dollar babies, the properties we cut out of the paper and tape to our refrigerator as incentive to work harder, or that we simply drool over for their stunning interiors and to-die-for views.

And if you are lucky enough to afford one, you may just end up with Johnny Depp as your neighbor. One can dream.

Designer Arts District Haven

Place: Molino Lofts, 500 Molino St.
Contact: (213) 626-5000 or 213loftcompany.com
Unit: #108
Price: \$1.1 million, rent \$4,000 month
Square Feet: 2,766



Details: If you're looking for a real Downtown loft living experience, this Molino Lofts property with two bedrooms and 1.5 baths is it. Located in the Arts District, it's a striking open space with architectural details galore (massive wood beams, concrete and hardwood floors, aged brick, high ceilings), a kitchen with walk-in pantry, a master suite with a raised sleeping area, walk-in closets and endless living areas. A wall of windows off the living room opens to a patio. The building also has a rooftop pool deck and private rooms for business use.

A Million-Dollar View, Literally

Place: 1100 Wilshire
Contact: (877) 452-5638 or loftlivingla.com
Unit: #2902
Price: \$1.375 million
Square Feet: 1,765



Details: Like a Downtown island unto itself, each residence in this building is surrounded by windows on all sides and unobstructed views. This unit on the 29th floor features two bedrooms, two baths and vistas from Long Beach to Santa Monica to the Hollywood Hills. Glossy, white marble floors line the entire space, reflecting all the natural light pouring in. Building amenities include a skydeck infinity pool and barbecue area. If you lay down the cash, they'll also throw in all the stunning model furniture. Two covered parking spaces are included.

An Art Deco Penthouse

Place: Eastern Columbia, 849 S. Broadway
Contact: (877) 452-5638 or loftlivingla.com
Unit: #1211
Price: \$1.45 million
Square Feet: 1,883



Details: We don't like to name drop, but the Downtown rumor mill (and a lot of other rumor mills) says actor Johnny Depp calls this historic Broadway building home. Whatever the case, this turquoise Art Deco stunner plays the starring



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role here, and one of its luxe penthouses happens to be for sale (its price was recently reduced). The tri-level condo features two bedrooms, two bathrooms clad in black granite, two floors of living space and a large balcony off the first floor. The cherry on top is a private rooftop with fireplace and city views. You also get two parking spaces. The building's common areas are courtesy of hip designer Kelly Wearstler.

A Soft-Loft in the Sky

Place: Elleven, 1111 S. Grand Ave.
Contact: (213) 291-3252 or loftway.com
Unit: #PH2
Price: \$1.3 million
Square Feet: 2,035



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Details: Downtown's first new condominium high-rise in decades, Elleven is part of a trio of towers that make up the community dubbed South. You'll immediately notice the dark hardwood floors that lead into the lofty space with two bedrooms, 2.5 baths and a spacious kitchen with light wood cabinets and a marble island. Check out the city lights from the private balcony. There are also two side-by-side parking spaces and a concierge. It just so happens the penthouse next door is for sale, so if you've got the big bucks you can buy both and have the largest space in the building.

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