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NYC’s 20 most expensive homes sold in 2018

Move over 432 Park Avenue, there’s a new star in town

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For past two years, 432 Park Avenue has dominated the list of the most expensive homes sold—but this year, the skinny supertall had some major competition. The Robert A.M. Stern-designed 520 Park Avenue was home to the two most expensive sales in 2018, coming in at a whopping $73.8 million and $62 million, respectively. As for 432 Park, there were just three units to make the list this year and didn’t grace the top slots, with a $42 million dollar condo tying for tenth place with a condo at One57.

Other homes on the list include megamansions, opulent condos, and penthouses galore. And unsurprisingly, all of the properties that made the list are in Manhattan.

520 Park Avenue, #DPH60

Sold for: $73.8 million

James Dyson, inventor of pricey vacuum cleaners and hair dryers, was the buyer behind the most expensive home sold this year. Dyson purchased an apartment in the Robert A.M. Stern-designed tower for a cool $74 million. The penthouse comes with six bedrooms and more than 270 square feet of outdoor space.

520 Park Avenue, #DPH52

Sold for: $62 million

According to The Real Deal, an anonymous buyer listed simply as “520 Park PH52 LLC” closed on duplex penthouse 52 at 520 Park Avenue in November for $62 million. The condo spans nearly 9,200 square feet and was once asking as much as $73 million.

503 West 24th Street, #PH

Sold for: $59.06 million

In May, the triplex condo at the High Line-hugging building the Getty sold for $59 million, making it the priciest downtown purchase in the city's history. The apartment is reportedly a combination of the building's two-story penthouse, and another unit below that. The unit features 10,000 square feet of space with six bedrooms, seven bathrooms, and 2,700 square feet of outdoor space, including a swimming pool.

70 Vestry Street, #PHS

Sold for: $56.01 million

The most expensive penthouse at 70 Vestry, the Robert A.M. Stern-designed Tribeca condo, closed for $56 million. When the apartment first hit the market, it was asking $65 million, so the buyer got a pretty decent discount.

157 West 57th Street, #85

Sold for: $53.97 million

In April, Canadian billionaire and vintage Ferrari collector Lawrence Stroll sold his 85th-floor apartment at One57 for a significant discount. The 6,240-square-foot condo was originally asking $70 million; however, it failed to attract a buyer at that price.

15 Central Park West, #1617B

Sold for: $50 million

Legendary musician Sting and his wife Trudie Styler managed to unload their überpricey 15 Central Park West condo, albeit for $6 million less than their original asking price. Karen Lo, heiress to Hong Kong’s Vitasoy beverage empire, is the new owner.

443 Greenwich Street, #PHA

Sold for: $43.79 million

443 Greenwich's most expensive penthouse—a five-bedroom apartment encompassing 8,569 square feet—sold for quite the discount. The pricey pad once wanted $58 million, but ended up selling to tech entrepreneur and Diapers.com found Marc Lore for just under $44 million. Among its highlights are a private elevator entrance, a 41-foot-long living room, a huge outdoor terrace, and a private pool.

160 Leroy Street, #PHN

Sold for: $43.5 million

Billionaire Michael Rubin, co-owner of the Philadelphia 76ers and CEO of the e-commerce company Kinetic, became the new owner of half of an erstwhile $80 million penthouse. The $43 million condo measures 7,750 square feet and comes with five bedrooms, five full bathrooms, and nearly 5,000 square feet of private outdoor space including a 27-foot outdoor swimming pool.

157 West 57th Street, #77

Sold for: $42 million

According to PropertyShark, One57's 77th floor condo finally managed to find a new owner after a mystery buyer relisted the apartment just two years after purchasing it. The four-bedroom, four-bathroom home, once asking $52 million, sold for much less, though $42 million is nothing to scoff at. Its new owner can enjoy 6,240 square feet of space, a private elevator entrance, interiors by Thomas Juul-Hansen, and direct views of Central Park.

432 Park Avenue, #77B

Sold for: $42 million

Back in February, two units perched on the 77th floor of 432 Park Avenue entered into contract at the same time, sparking rumors that the two apartments would be combined to create a massive, full-floor unit. One of those was apartment 77B—a four-bedroom spread with south-facing views. That apartment sold for $42 million.

110 East 76th Street

Sold for: $40.25 million

After trying to sell an Upper East Side mansion for $51 million, developer Joseph Chetrit managed to unload the 15,000-square-foot-property for $40.25 million. The home is one of three adjacent Upper East Side homes developed by Chetrit. This particular one has eight bedrooms, 10 bathrooms, a home gym, elevator, security room, and tons of outdoor space.

16 East 69th Street

Sold for: $39 million

Billionaire tech honcho Tianqiao Chen scored a deal on the Upper East Side's historic Vanderbilt Mansion, owned by late Johnson & Johnson heiress Libet Johnson. The five-story, 12,000-square-foot home wanted $55 million but Chen paid a cool $39 million for it. The mansion was constructed in the 1880s and features seven bedrooms, five wood-burning fireplaces, a gym, a landscaped garden, and two terraces.

37 West 10th Street

Sold for: $37.2 million

After selling for just over $37 million, this five-story Greenwich Village townhouse became the most expensive townhouse sold in downtown Manhattan, surpassing a record set by another building on the same street back in 2007. The nearly 10,000-square-foot house comes with an attached carriage house, a home theater system, a radiant heat system, including on the stoop, that helps melt snow, a home gym, a wine cellar, and a courtyard.

995 Fifth Avenue, #15

Sold for: $35 million

This full-floor eight-bedroom, 10-bathroom abode quietly sold in February. Its highlights include ceiling moldings, inlaid wood floors, and sweeping views of Central Park, the skyline, and the Metropolitan Museum of Art.

432 Park Avenue, #71B

Sold for: $34.75 million

Back in June, The Real Deal reported that an anonymous LLC purchased two condos on the 71st floor of 432 Park Avenue. This particular one spans more than 8,000 square feet and has six bedrooms.

30 Park Place, #PH80

Sold for: $32.64 million

Developer Larry Silverstein made a new home in his own development at 30 Park Place and purchased the building's full-floor penthouse for just over $32 million. The 6,200-square-foot condo encompasses the entire 80th floor of the building and now serves as the primary residence for Silverstein and his wife.

150 Wooster Street, #PH

Sold for: $32.58 million

150 Wooster Street's 6,770-square-foot penthouse sold for $32.6 million, making it the second priciest condo ever sold in Soho. The unit comes with four bedrooms, 5.5 bathrooms, and a whopping 3,500 square feet of outdoor space. It was originally asking $35 million.

432 Park Avenue, #94B

Sold for: $32.42 million

A buyer listed as Soarhigh Global Ltd. purchased penthouse unit 94B at 432 Park Avenue for $32.4 million, reports The Real Deal. The mystery buyer managed to get an $8 million discount, considering the condo was asking $40.5 million.

4 East 74th Street

Sold for: $31.95 million

The sprawling Beaux-Arts mansion on 74th Street between Madison and Fifth avenues, owned by Moroccan-born billionaire and Milwaukee Bucks co-owner Marc Lasry, has sold for $31.95 million. The six-story townhouse has been home to many a notable name over the year, including artist Marc Chagall and the late Michael Jackson, and spans 12,745 square feet with at least eight bedrooms, nine bathrooms, three sitting rooms, a media room, a cellar, a home gym.

520 Park Avenue, #36

Sold for: $31.5 million

A full-floor apartment on the 36th floor of Zeckendorf Development's 520 Park Avenue sold to a mystery buyer for $31.5 million in October, reported The Real Deal. The unit within the Robert A.M. Stern-designed building spans 4,628 square feet and offers four bedrooms.