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## Tallest single-family residence in SoMa goes up for sale

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On a quiet alley in the South of Market neighborhood lies an architectural oddity a head taller than its nearest structural peers.

Designed by San Francisco architect Olle Lundberg and built in 2007 for \$3 million, the four-level building, which stands as the tallest single-family residence in the area, features four bedrooms and 3.5 bathrooms. It recently came on the market for \$4.99 million.

"It was shocking they were able to get this thing approved," said listing agent Frank Nolan, co-owner of Vanguard Properties. "If you were to build this today with planning it would far exceed this price. It's one of those properties that only comes to the market once or twice a year."

The architect said the area where the house is located, Sheridan Street, is unique as it allowed buildings one level higher than other structures in the same area. "That block is an anomaly," Lundberg said.

Building the slender four-story house, which took three years to plan and one year to construct, was also tricky, said Lundberg, who employed a foam-insulated technology more commonly used for commercial buildings. He said to make the building work seismically, he had to go with a design where the building is wrapped in steel panels. That design also allows all insulation to be on the exterior of the frame.

"The entire structure is wrapped in insulation," he said. "It's very energy efficient."

The entry level includes an artist's studio and additional living room that has its own separate entrance. The artist studio opens onto a garden with a fountain and bamboo trees. A Japanese tatami bedroom with en-suite bathroom is on the second level, along with an additional bedroom overlooking the studio space.

"People are very curious who the owners are because it comes through in the design," Nolan said, emphasizing the Japanese touches.

The house is owned by Bay Area mixed-media artist Dana Kawano and her husband, John Dunham, a serial entrepreneur who founded Caw Networks in 1999, Sauce Labs in 2008 and sold Cloud9 IDE to Amazon in 2016. Dunham sold Caw Networks, which made network testing appliances, in 2002 and the couple set out to fulfill their dream of living in the city with an art studio.

"Long before we met, we both lived in S.F. but life and careers pulled us each away," Kawano said. "Part of what motivated the 55 Sheridan project, after having looked at 50-plus properties and coming up empty handed, was a deep desire to return to the city we both loved in the most authentic way possible."

The main entertaining level on the third floor includes double height floor to ceiling windows that open onto a large



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terrace with a professional outdoor kitchen designed in consultation with Charles Phan of the popular Embarcadero restaurant, The Slanted Door.

The center staircase is delicately wrapped around a steel box beam which acts as the home's backbone and allows one to gaze from the ground floor all the way to the roof level. The steel framework coupled with the steel-clad panels utilized on the siding deliver a home that is both highly energy efficient and insulated from noise.

A roof deck shrouded with bamboo planters also features a 360-degree-view of the city.

"I think the interesting thing about this structure is every level has a different relationship with the exterior — it changes from level to level," Lundberg said. "You get a more expanded view of the city as you go up. That's my favor thing about the building."

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