

Woolworth \$79M penthouse in NYC boasts private elevator and luxury views

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The Woolworth spire is ready to be transformed into a luxury penthouse, for a buyer with a vision and \$79 million.

Sitting on top of the world indeed!

The Woolworth Pinnacle Penthouse awaits a buyer with vision and \$79 million.

The five-floor spire located 727 feet in the sky is at the top of the Woolworth building, which was the tallest building in the world when it was built in 1913, according to the developer's website.

Now, the 9,680-square-foot space with panoramic views is the definition of potential — just steel beams, unfinished interiors painted white and staging furniture to help buyers imagine the layout.

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Optimizing its a 400-square-foot observatory terrace, the development team prepared the space by adding 125 windows, 24-foot ceilings and a private elevator, according to the listing.



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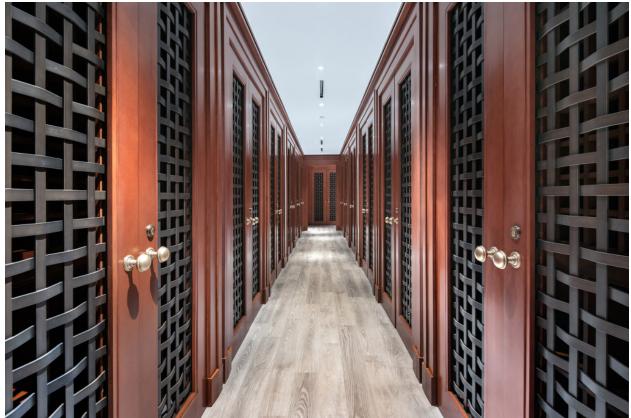
"When we bought the building, the Pinnacle was a great space. It was always used as an observatory deck, but because it didn't have sufficient windows in its current state, it couldn't be used as a residential space," Horn told The Post.

The buyer can customize the penthouse's finishes, and an alternate design (which would require buying an additional floor) by the Skyhouse Penthouse and 150 Nassau Street designer David Hotson is also available.

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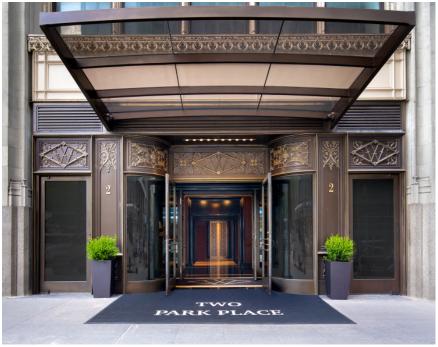
The 32-condo building offers a lounge, a pool, a gym, a wine cellar, a tasting room, a bike room and a resident-only lobby. The first 28 floors are office and commercial space, according to the website.

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The building has a resident-only lobby, and most units (including the spire) have private elevators. Travis

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