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Sales Launch at Shigeru Ban's Cast Iron House in Tribeca

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After architect Shigeru Ban won the Pritzker Prize in March, interest in his Metal Shutter House went through the roof, so it's probably safe to say that the award will have the same effect at the Cast Iron House, which launches sales today. When Ban's designs for the condo conversion and addition at 67 Franklin Street were approved two years ago, words like "magical" and "breathtaking" were used to describe the project, and now we finally get to see if buyers feel the same way. The interior of the 132-year-old cast iron building has been completely reconfigured, with 11 duplexes on the lower floors and two duplex penthouses on top. Currently five condos are listed. The least expensive is a 2,990-square-foot 3BR/3BA on the second floor that's asking \$4.975 million, while the priciest pad is the east penthouse, listed for \$12.95 million. It's a 3,809-square-foot four-bedroom with 1,531-square-foot terrace.



The penthouses are "suspended by a cantilevered Vierendeel truss" so they appear "to float above the building's neoclassical façade." They have "large telescoping walls" that can be completely opened to the outside, "creating a sense of fluidity between the penthouses' interiors and the surrounding cityscape."

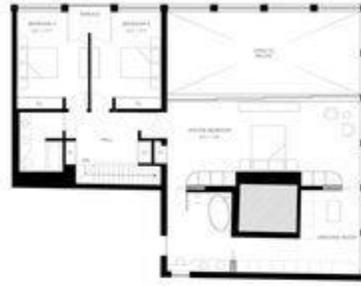




CAST IRON HOUSE

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EAST PENTHOUSE



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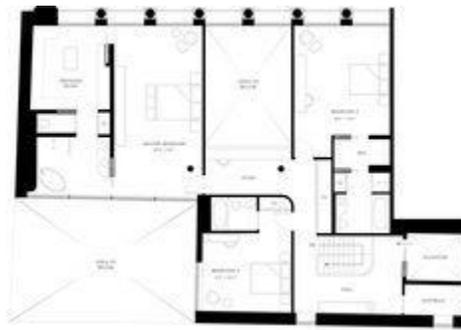
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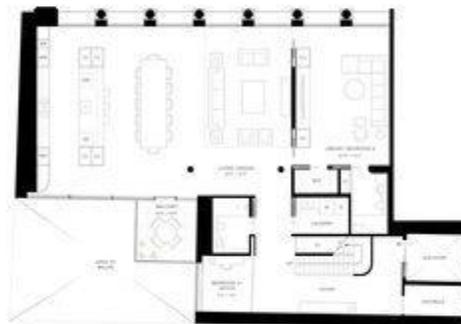
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6C



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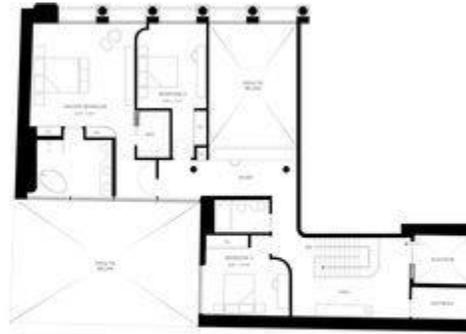
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SECOND FLOOR

EXPLANATION & INFORMATION

TOTAL AREA

3,194 SQ. FT. / 295 SQ. M.

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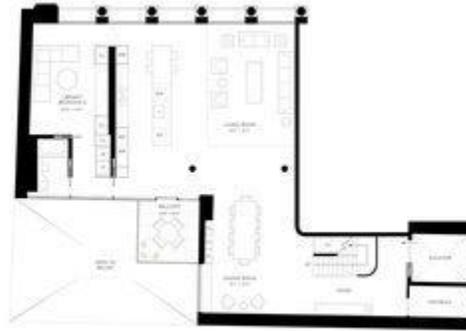
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SECOND FLOOR

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All of the homes have double height living rooms, with ceilings ranging from 17- to 25-feet tall. Both penthouse have large terraces, and a few other units have private balconies, like the five-bedroom unit 6C, listed for \$11.25 million. The interiors will be very bright and white, with white lacquer cabinets in the kitchen and master bathrooms with radiant-heated floors and custom counters. Building amenities include a hydrotherapy spa with a "water room" and sauna, a 24-hour doorman, fitness center, a lounge, playroom, storage, and a courtyard with a green wall.

Though the exterior of the landmarked building could not be altered, it was completely revamped. Developer Knightsbridge Properties spent three years restoring the facade, bringing some 4,000 ornamental pieces back to their original beauty. Ban's team has described the whole project as "a ship within a bottle," as they created an entirely new inside without changing the building's skin.