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A Landmark Case



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Cast Iron House, a new residential complex set in a 132-year-old building in TriBeCa, is commencing sales this month for its new duplexes and penthouses. The 13-unit project from Knightsbridge Properties melds modern interior design with a historic facade that includes more than 4,000 pieces of the building's original cast iron, which was the material of choice for construction before the Industrial Revolution gave rise to steel production. It took the New York-based developers more than three years to remove and ship the ornamental cast iron to an Alabama foundry, where each piece was recast to restore its original detailing.

Within the nine-story landmark are 11 duplexes, offering three to five bedrooms in a range of sizes from 2,850 to 4,980 square feet, and two penthouses—one with four bedrooms and one with five—that measure 3,800 and 4,560 square feet respectively and feature private terraces with sweeping skyline views. Pritzker-winning architect Shigeru Ban and his professional partner Dean Maltz worked together to design the contemporary, light-filled spaces, which feature double-height ceilings, solid quarter-sawn white oak flooring, Gaggenau kitchen appliances, heated marble slab floors in the master bathrooms, and white mosaic glass tile bathroom

walls. The building's amenities include a 24-hour doorman, concierge services, an enclosed garden courtyard, private elevator access for each of the 13 residences, and a spa with a sauna and a steam room. The building's completion is scheduled for summer 2015, and units will range from \$5 million to \$15 million.
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