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HOME PORTRAIT

In the South End Duplex enhanced by outdoor space



Unit 1 at 28 Worcester Square in the South End, a duplex with a wood-burning marble fireplace, is on the market for \$1.55 million PHOTO BY PENELOPE LANE

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Worcester Square, one of Boston's beautiful garden squares, is known for its elegant bowfront brick and brownstone homes with graceful staircases and cast iron railings that rise one full story to the parlor level.

In recent years, these largest residences have been found to be particularly well suited to conversion to condominiums.

A nice example of such a conversion can be found at 28 Worcester Square where Unit 1, a first floor and garden-level home, is currently on the market. Peter Dassau of Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage has listed this property at \$1.55 million. It is one of five units in the owner-occupied building.

The front door to this home is tucked under the grand front entrance, next to a pretty little landscaped garden. It opens to a nice foyer that expands into a welcoming space that is made even warmer by the rosy color of exposed brick and the richness of unique custom cherry cabi-

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Midtown penthouse duplex is amazing

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The twin towers of the Metropolitan at 1 Nassau St. rising above a downtown area that was not so desirable a few years ago signal a changing city. This quadrant bounded by Harrison Avenue, Kneeland Street and the New England Medical Center belongs to the Theatre District and Chinatown, but the area has spilled over old boundaries and become a new district—Midtown in the redeveloped downtown Boston.

Built in 2004, the Metropolitan at 1 Nassau St., also known as Sun Yi Da Ha, the mansion of trust and brotherhood, includes condominiums on upper floors and rental apartments on lower ones. The crown jewels, naturally, are the penthouse units at the very top of the building.

Art Rawding and Lynne Zekis of Otis and Ahearn Real Estate have listed one of these penthouses, Unit 2208, for \$1.149 million.

Not just anyone can ascend to the penthouse levels from the lobby. The elevators are locked off, and you must use a key to advance from the concierge-attended lobby to the 22nd floor, providing a secure feeling of privacy. Enter Unit 2208 and you feel further protected because there is no



A sculptural spiral staircase is a lovely detail in Unit 2208 at 1 Nassau St. in Midtown, listed at \$1.149 million.

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noise, no hubbub, although Boston lies sprawled out at your feet.

And on a clear day, you can see forever from this height. Look, there's the Boston Harbor and the Harbor Islands, the Southeast

Expressway, the whole South End, the train tracks leading into South Station.

A perch in the sky, Unit 2208, a duplex with two bedrooms and two-and-a-half

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Elegant Back Bay home is understated

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The magnificent living room has a lovely gas fireplace with a sandstone mantelpiece, especially carved for this home. Crown molding and wainscoting add fine details. COURTESY PHOTO / GIBSON SOTHEBY'S INTERNATIONAL REALTY

In 1891 Peabody and Stearns designed a Classical style home for W. Minot Jr. at 24 Charlesgate East. Constructed of white limestone, it has large windows and abundant light.

Although the front door faces Charlesgate East, at some point the address was changed to 419 Commonwealth Ave.

It bore that address in 1960 when Garland Junior College applied to have it changed from a single-

family residence to classrooms and a dormitory. In 1976 Garland closed and Simmons College began using the building for one of its graduate schools.

In 2005 Simmons sold the building and the two adjacent buildings at 413 and 415 Commonwealth Ave. to TerraGreen LLC, which created 13 highly praised luxury condominiums called the Meads on Commonwealth.

Unit 1 at 419 Commonwealth is now on the market. It is a spectacu-

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