

[House Porn, Big Apple Style: A Garage Is A Big Deal Here](#)

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So I'm up here in New York City where everyone has been complaining about 90 degree heat — wimps, yes but it IS humid. I did get out of class to check out the latest coolio condo project in Manhattan: Sky Garage. Here is, just for my Dallas voyeurs, a shot of the custom kitchen in the unit I toured. That beautiful wood counter top folds down into the base of the kitchen island, and the entire kitchen can be walled off.

The 19-story building at 200 Eleventh Avenue is nicknamed Sky Garage because of the auto elevator/garage that allows residents to drive in, hop the lift and park their cars on their own floors, right next to their town home — the units are two stories each.

Of course, if they lived in Dallas, they would have no need for this nonsense.

If you don't have a car, you can use the garage space as storage or a studio. If you have a driver, as many celebs do, you can also get dropped off at your door and the driver can take the lift back down and drive off. And celebs really love this place because they can drive in discreetly right off Tenth Avenue and never seen seen.

The unique structure has German engineering and clean design all over it — really reminded me of a Robert A.M. Stern approach. But it was designed by “starchitect” Annabelle Selldorf, sales were launched in 2007. Further proof that Manhattan is becoming an isle of zillionaires: only one is left. Two penthouses were purchased by designer Domenico Dolce of Dolce & Gabbana for a reported \$29 million last year and I saw all the stuff they are tearing out of the units they are re-doing. (Anyone need a great \$25,000 bathtub?) Other owners include celebrity designer [Jamie Drake](#), and two high-profile musicians (I am sworn to secrecy).

[\\$5.95 million is the asking price for the last available unit at the Sky Garage.](#)

The last available unit, No. 5S, is listed by [Leonard Steinberg](#) of Prudential Douglas Elliman. Steinberg has not only marketed the development but are you ready for this — he used to live and work in Dallas with designer Victor Costa. What a small, small world. (When we met, he asked, do you work for D Magazine?)

Leonard, now one of NYC's foremost real estate brokers, reportedly paid \$2.76 million for a two-bedroom, two-and-a-half-bathroom spread in the building with unobstructed views of the Hudson, 16-foot ceilings and a 159-square-foot terrace. It's the cheapest unit in the building and the only one without access to the sky garage but I saw the views of the Hudson and sunset — honestly, unless you are Madonna, who needs the garage?

The property graphic says Sky Garage duplexes face Chelsea Cove and the Hudson River Park, with 3 exposures and unobstructed, protected, sunset views which I saw first-hand. It includes teak floors, central air-conditioning, which I would hope for \$5.9mm (and even more so this week), and those uber high-caliber finishes. We passed several art galleries when we walked off to dinner in Chelsea and confirmed: it's a great neighborhood.

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- **Rod D @** August 9th, 2010 at 10:01 am

Great picture. I have been following this building forever on curbed new York. I bet the square footage is tiny on these. For that amount of money they could pretty much buy anything condo wise here in Dallas

- **Lisa @** August 9th, 2010 at 10:15 am

Wow. Someone's been watching “The Fifth Element” on cable again.

- **Highrise Honey @** August 9th, 2010 at 3:02 pm

I love it! Look at that Kitchen. Everything you need, and nothing else. I even like how the counter has been formed from cutting into the island. Purrfect!

- **s @** August 10th, 2010 at 7:50 pm

yes, please!

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