

Getting the lay of Quay: Pier 6's larger tower offers sprawling views, swanky condos, for a pretty penny

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UNOBSTRUCTED: A view from an under-construction room inside Quay Tower on the 11th floor.

They say this tower's views are pier-less!

Developers of the fast-rising condo building at Pier 6 in Brooklyn Bridge Park recently took this newspaper on an exclusive tour of the 28-story, East River-facing high-rise, touting vistas that they advertised as breathtaking whether you're looking through its ground-floor windows or penthouse panes.

"We really wanted to create a building that took advantage of the incredible location and views, and yet offered a great lifestyle," said David Wine from Oliver's Realty Group, the firm constructing the tower and its shorter 15-story neighbor in partnership with builder RAL Development Services. "The skyline is really quite sensational."

Contractors started erecting the two waterfront towers roughly one year ago, in the middle of a years-in-the-making lawsuit over their legality that ended in February when a judge ruled the buildings could rise.

And now, future homeowners are lining up to purchase the 126 units — which include two-bedrooms that start at \$1.9 million and five-bedrooms that start at \$5.5 million, among others — inside the taller high-rise dubbed Quay Tower, according to Wine, who declined to say how many of the in-construction condos have been snatched up since sales began in June.

"We've made some sales, but are not giving really specifics," he said.

Buyers of the building's river-facing units, as opposed to those looking towards Dumbo, Red Hook, or Brooklyn Heights, receive an extra perk with their Marmol Radziner-designed space — use of a private elevator that opens directly into the residences, offering their occupants more intimacy, Wine said.

"Privacy is a really important factor. We created a separate elevator lobby down in the entrance of the building," he said.

Condos overlooking the river offer unobstructed glimpses of the Statue of Liberty and Manhattan skyline, while those gazing through windows in units facing Brooklyn Heights and Downtown can see the landmarked Williamsburgh Savings Bank tower jutting into the clouds — a sight that could be lost if the city green-lights builder Alloy Development’s application to rezone land in Boerum Hill for a massive five-building complex with towers that would obscure the architectural icon.

A model unit inside Quay Tower’s sales showroom — where the developers forbid photos — featured the condos’ luxe trimmings, which include bathrooms with his-and-hers vanities, mud rooms, and kitchens stocked with all home chefs’ necessary appliances, according to Wine’s business partner.

“It’s the full package of appliances, plus custom hardware,” said RAL Development Services bigwig Robert Levine.

The developers also teamed up with retailer Amazon to outfit every unit with so-called smart technology that allows buyers to sync their heating and cooling systems with hands-free Amazon Echo speakers, according to Levine, who said the tower is Brooklyn’s first with such a partnership, and that a concierge service will be on hand to help residents set up the systems.

“We are providing Echos and the basic components with every apartment, and people can expand or utilize what we give them,” he said.

And outside their private residences, all Quay Tower residents can kick back and relax at its two separate communal roof lounges also designed by the Los Angeles–based firm that’s dreaming up the interiors for the condos themselves, the developer said.

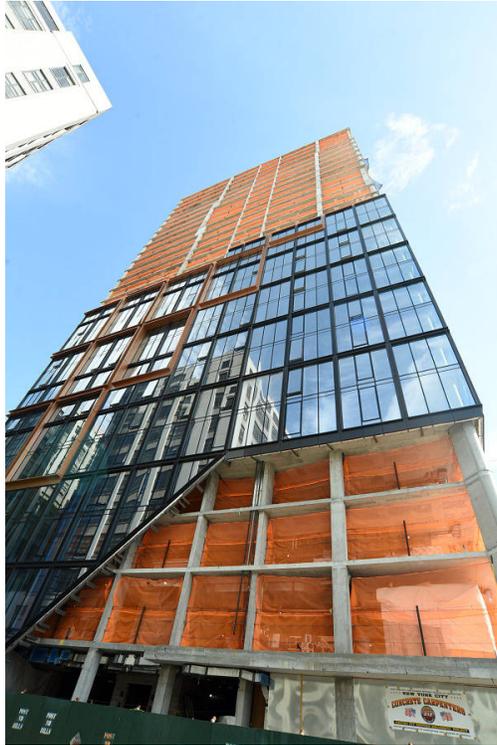
“One is more of a casual, daytime space — we’re calling that the cabana lounge, because our interior designers are from California and we’re bringing a kind of indoor-outdoor living to it,” Wine said. “The sunset lounge is more nighttime, or formal.”

Other amenities inside the high-rise at the corner of Furman Street and Atlantic Avenue include a pet spa, gym, music room, children’s play area, and bike-storage facility, he said.

The developers tapped the tower’s architect — Eran Chen, from firm ODA New York — to design the shorter rental high-rise filled with 140 units, 100 of which are below-market-rate, and expect to reveal more details including its interior designer and name in the fall, according to a rep.



LOOKING DOWN: A view of Downtown and the Williamsburgh Savings Bank from inside Quay Tower



GOING UP: The luxury Quay Tower is topped and builders are working on the interior.



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