



s with any desirable city, space is a premium. We spend our days confined in our offices, commuting in our cars and relying on technology, which fits into the palm of our hand. Sometimes we all just need a little space.

But how about a lot of space? A lot of beautiful, gallery-like space flooded with natural light in a penthouse apartment far above the teeming life below?

Well this heavenly sounding property with its unique double height ceilings and 7,600sq ft floorplan can be found in Dubai Marina.

After a stressful working week, can it get any better than to step out of the elevator to breath-taking views of Dubai's most iconic landmarks with a backdrop of the glittering azure waters of the Gulf? We think not.

Found on the 59th floor of Emirates Crown, this expansive penthouse is recognisable from its exterior by the cement structural beams, which make it an architectural wonder. Four balconies ring the property and perfectly celebrate this extraordinary home. It is this industrial, exposed theme, which is continued into the interior of the apartment with its bared beams and metallic finishes.





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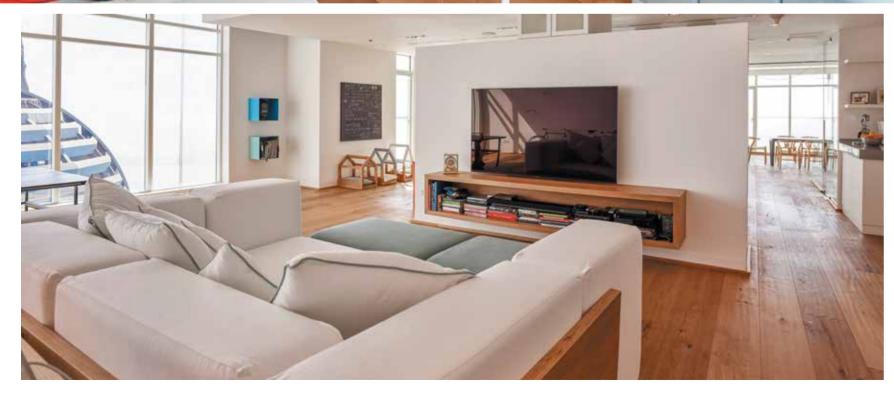


The true uniqueness of this property though is undoubtedly its use of natural light and its glorious command of breathtaking views. Throughout the apartment, floor to ceiling windows reveal stunning beach and desert vistas including the Palm Jumeriah and Dubai Marina itself. It boasts a full skyline of the Atlantis and further down the Dubai coastline to the Burj Al Arab. Full height, pivotal doors have been well-positioned to create unobstructed line of sight whether you are cooking in the kitchen or relaxing in the bathroom. Ergo, you never miss a view and can enjoy a radiant sunrise or absorb the warmth of the day from a brilliant sunset.

"The windows, which allow in natural light throughout the day, and the double height ceilings means the property offers 270 degree views," explains the architect, Marie Laurent. "It was important to us to design a space which showcased its location and meant that wherever you are in the property, you have this incredible vista to enjoy. The dimensions







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of the rooms are large and as open plan as possible, adding to this effect of spaciousness. It is the unique selling point of the property."

With such space, Laurent has also played with the proportions of the furnishings, allowing the rooms to speak for themselves and remain uncluttered. Bespoke seating, from the large-scale sofas, to the brushed metal dining table means that each piece is a work of art reclining within the gallery-like space.

The almost clinical purpose-built kitchen is a focal point to the apartment, complete with cool marble countertops, fitted with Boffi and

Miele appliances and offering maximum storage, although displayed in an unobtrusive manner. A real show-stopper is the walk-in humidified Euro Cave cellar, which can house over a thousand bottles or could double as an ideal space for a cigar enthusiast. Enclosed in glass walls, it means once again there is no obstruction to see through the penthouse.

The two spacious main bedrooms are crisp and cleanly designed with huge walk-in closet space. The covetable shoe rack, perfect for storing your sky high stilettos as well as your Nike trainers you can run around JBR's The Walk in, is so big even Candice Bushell's Carrie Bradshaw would

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be envious. Further accommodation includes an individual studio for a chauffeur and a one-bedroom self-sufficient housekeeping quarter. These are discreetly attached to the property ensuring in-house staff are taken

Three bathrooms, two en-suite, are also offered with one featuring Italian crystalised marble. The bath itself, which appears large enough to float a tender moored up in the Marina below, would be a perfect relaxation point, with the bather able to enjoy the views.

Strategically placed works of art throughout means they are a delightful accent to the interior rather than a dominating factor. However, this is still very much a home so the pieces are playful and personal, adding humour as opposed to an austere feel.

"The idea with the décor was to lend a contrast to the penthouse," continues Laurent. "So vibrant, primary colours; clean, linear furniture; additions of specific art pieces and warmth added through the rich, teacoloured parquet flooring, all of which suit the character of the place."

As would befit such a contemporary space, the penthouse is kitted out in of-the-moment technology with the latest audio, video, airconditioning and security systems. It is the definitive modern home.

There are four allocated parking spaces available and the building's facilities include a private steam room, sauna and gymnasium and a community pool.

Dubai Marina is a desirable location for those who enjoy the great outdoors. With close proximity to the beach, a buzzing fitness community who meet for early morning runs on the waterfront promenade and of course access to yacht moorings, the residents of this area of Dubai relish the sunshine lifestyle. Which is why this property is so fitting. With its abundant use of glass, open planned design and offering arguably some of the best views in the city, this penthouse strives to bring the outdoors, in. (1)

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