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HOUSE OF THE DAY

Zen Party Loft in SoHo

Price: \$16,000,000 Location: Manhattan, NY

This loft-like SoHo penthouse with four outdoor spaces has what its owner calls a 'yin and yang' aspect.—Maya Pope-Chappell



Ian Tarr, the chief executive officer of a biological science database company, owns this custom-designed SoHo penthouse. He purchased the co-op as an empty shell in 2004 for \$4.725 million, according to property records. He said he was attracted to the location. Photo: Michael Weinstein



At the time of purchase, the roof was inaccessible and the home's two terraces weren't conjoined, which presented a challenge for Mr. Tarr and his architects. Mr. Tarr came up with the idea of an interior garden, which is shown here off the master bedroom. Photo: Michael Weinstein



Mr. Tarr worked with Nico Rensch and architect Victoria Blau to create and design the home, according to the listing. A staircase was added to provide access to the rooftop, shown here. Photo: Michael Weinstein



A mezzanine connects the east and west terraces, one of which is pictured here. Mr. Tarr said the changes to the space took more than two years to complete. 'It became a large project,' he said. Photo: Michael Weinstein



The Eastern-influenced co-op has roughly 3,500 square feet of interior space and 2,200 square feet of exterior space. The designers decided that sunken floors, instead of new walls, would define the rooms. The ceiling at its highest point is 29 feet. Photo: Michael Weinstein



There are six rooms, including three bedrooms and two bathrooms. The owner said the apartment has a 'yin and yang' aspect. 'It's a party place [that's] good for entertaining both inside and out. And it's an extremely calming place when you're there alone.' Photo: Michael Weinstein



Mr. Tarr, who lives in London, said he's ready to sell because his latest business venture is based entirely in the United Kingdom. 'If I was still living and working in the U.S., I wouldn't sell it,' he said. Photo: Michael Weinstein



The penthouse, located at 420 West Broadway between Price and Spring Streets, was listed in August for \$16 million. It's a co-exclusive listing shared by Stribling agent Mary Ellen Cashman and Prudential Douglas Elliman agent Robert Morrison. Photo: Michael Weinstein