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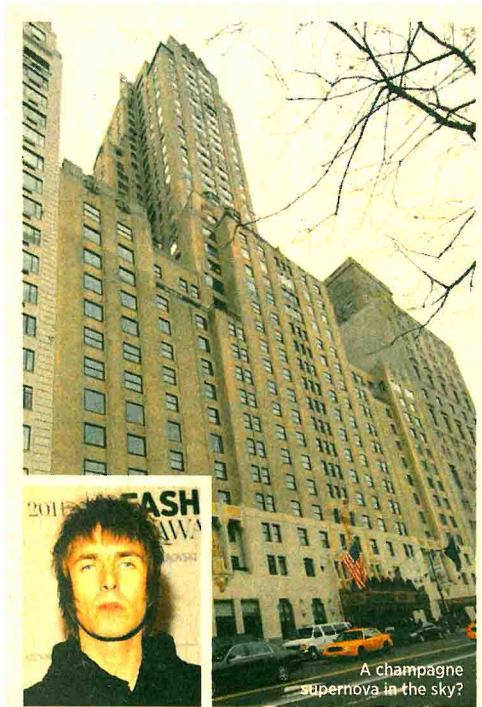
As the front man for quintessential British rockers Oasis, **Liam Gallagher** made no secret of his dislike for U.S. concertgoers. But apparently Mr. Gallagher has changed his tune, or at least taken a liking to a two-bedroom condo in the Essex House at **160 Central Park South**, which he bought for **\$2.5 million**, according to city records.

Fortunately, on the 17th-floor, the musician won't have to get very close to adoring, or not-so-adoring, fans. The apartment, listed for \$2.9 million with Stribling broker **Mary Ellen Cashman**, features a large foyer, living/dining room and open kitchen (not many walls, wonder or otherwise, in this apartment).

Rock-star touches include a kitchen with a wine cooler for 40 bottles, in-building laundry/valet and 24-hour room service. When Mr. Gallagher goes on tour with his new band Beady

Eye, he'll have a place to stay in the States.

And while the location of Mr. Gallagher's pied-à-terre, purchased from **Readman Property NYC LLC**, may surprise his die-hard British fans, it's not so surprising to learn that he succumbed to property lust. After all, this is a man who allegedly refused to go on Oasis's first big American tour because he wanted to go house shopping with his wife in England.



A champagne supernova in the sky?