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Condo Doubles for Tennis Star

Top-Ranked Caroline Wozniacki Buys Pair of Apartments for Nearly \$9 Million



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When the U.S. Open begins in August, Caroline Wozniacki, the top-ranked woman tennis player, won't have to worry about a place to stay.

Ms. Wozniacki paid just under \$9 million for a pair of two-bedroom apartments at 15 Union Square West, the new glass-clad luxury condominium in the one-time home of Tiffany & Co.

The apartments have soaring cast-iron arches that date back to construction of the original Tiffany building in 1869. The arches and 16-foot ceilings are encased behind a box-like wall of dark glass.

The Danish Ms. Wozniacki is the daughter of two athletes originally from Poland, and lists her residence as Monte Carlo in Monaco. The New York apartments were purchased as pied-à-terres, brokers said.

The purchases were made through two limited-liability companies, but the sales documents for both were signed by Ms. Wozniacki's mother, Anna, who played on Polish women's national volleyball team.

The closing took place in May, less than two weeks before the start of the French Open, where Ms. Wozniacki was the top seed. But she lost in the third round, and may be at risk of losing her No. 1 ranking in the Women's Tennis Association.

Shlomi Reuveni, a broker at Brown Harris Stevens, who is marketing the building, declined to comment on the transactions.

Sales in the boutique building, which has 36 condos, were launched in the spring of 2008, but stalled during the financial crisis. For a time, the building was taken off the



Caroline Wozniacki GETTY IMAGES

market. But since December, Mr. Reuveni said activity had picked up sharply, and now close to half of the condos in the building have been sold.

The building once had a painted cast-iron facade. But in the 1950s after a piece of the facade fell off and struck a pedestrian, the building was encased in white brick.

One of Ms. Wozniacki's apartments faces Union Square Park and overlooks a colorful farmers market that is open four days a week. The other faces north toward East 15th Street.

Email messages left with Ms. Wozniacki's management team weren't returned.

The building has a number of athlete-friendly amenities, Mr. Reuveni said, including a 50-foot lap pool and spa with saunas, treatment and massage rooms, a gym and a yoga room that doubles as a boxing training room.

But there are no tennis courts.

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