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Big Ticket | Sold for \$9.79 million

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A five-bedroom penthouse at the **Laureate**, a new condominium at Broadway and 76th Street, was the biggest sale of the week, going for \$9.79 million, according to city records.

Emulating the success of 15 Central Park West, the **Robert A. M. Stern** building a few blocks away, the **Laureate** is nearly sold out, and some apartments have commanded more than \$3,000 per square foot. Which seems to support the thesis that when it comes to luxury living, retro is all the rage on the Upper West Side.

The 3,500-square-foot penthouse was designed to resemble the kind of elegant apartment built in the neighborhood a century ago, with a grand foyer, oversize rooms and soaring ceilings. The listing also describes a chef's kitchen designed by **Deborah Berke** with white painted cabinetry, a quartzite counter, a stainless-steel backsplash and top-of-the-line appliances.

Shlomi Reuveni, who is leading the sales team for **Brown Harris Stevens**, declined to comment on the sale. The apartment was bought anonymously through a limited-liability company, according to city records.

Big Ticket includes closed sales from the previous week, ending Wednesday.