Off the market: Revisiting condos, co-ops we've featured for sale over the past year

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The Palm Beach Daily News revisits four of the Midtown apartments it featured in its weekly "On the Market"

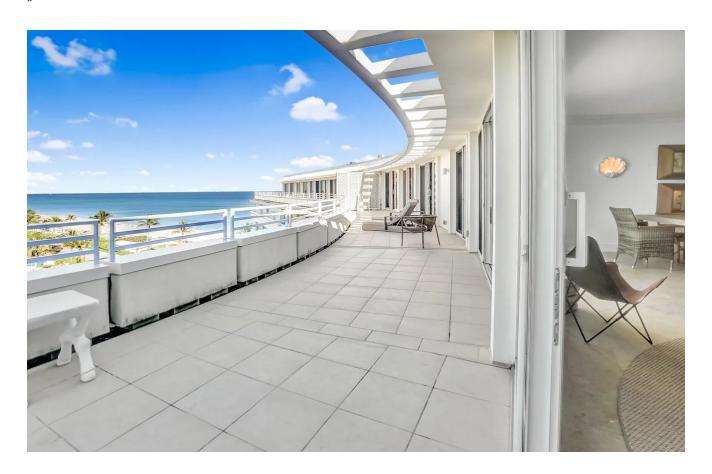
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The bustling real estate market has included <u>a rebound in Palm Beach's</u> <u>condominium market</u>, driven in part by buyers who have had difficulty finding a single-family home amid limited options.

"The Palm Beach sales boom officially extended to the condo and townhouse market this past quarter," said the Corcoran Group's John Hackett in a statement accompanying his agency's third-quarter sales report.

Here's a roundup of four Midtown condominiums and co-operative units featured over the past year in the Palm Beach Daily News' weekly "On the Market" feature — and an update on their sales.



Ocean views from every room — and that balcony!

In April, Greenwich, Connecticut, residents Eugene and Carolyn Mercy sold their Sun & Surf penthouse, <u>PH 10 at 100 Sunrise Ave.</u>, for \$4.885 million. Thanks to its northeast exposure, the seventh-floor unit delivers ocean views from every room.

With two bedrooms, three-and-a-half baths, and 2,991 square feet of living space inside and out, the apartment had been listed for \$5.995 million with agent Hazel Gwen Schultz of William Raveis South Florida.

Previously on the market: Redone Sun & Surf condo now 'sunny, bright'

Carolyn Mercy, an interior designer, had carried out a renovation that revamped the kitchen, updated the bathrooms, and honed the existing onyx and marble floor. Other projects included installing a sophisticated sound system and simplifying the living room by removing heavy drapery and cornices.

"It was sold to someone who already had a condo in the building and wanted to upsize," Schultz said.

Kathryn B. Gandal bought the condo as trustee of a revocable trust in her name, according to courthouse records. Broker Christian Angle of Christian Angle Real Estate represented the buyer.



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A double condo with an expansive patio

Via a \$5.65 million deed recorded Sept. 1, Paula Leed parted with her <u>double condominium</u>, <u>No. 118</u>, at the <u>Winthrop House</u>. The four-bedroom, three-and-a-half-bath apartment has 4,784 square feet of living space, inside and out, at the oceanfront building at 100 Worth Ave.

Leed had listed her apartment for sale with agent Crissy Poorman of Sotheby's International Realty, who had it priced at \$6.25 million when it sold.

Leed, a concierge boutique jeweler who co-owns Royal Jewelers in Andover, Massachusetts, was attracted to the Winthrop House 30 years ago, when she visited a friend who lived in the building.

"I thought that it was the ultimate place to live and wanted to live there someday," she said.

Previously on the market: <u>Double condo in Winthrop House comes with expansive garden patio</u>

The condo came with an unusual amenity: Glass doors open to a garden terrace large enough to entertain a party of 100. Leed also noted that she appreciated the Winthrop House's white-glove service.

Buyer Nadine Netter was represented by Beth Cole, an agent with the Corcoran Group.





Condo was 'right in town' on Australian Avenue

Judith and Achille Guest sold their Casas de Carlos townhouse at 345 Australian Ave. for a recorded \$4 million in June.

"During COVID, our children brought their friends here from school, and we found that we really wanted more room and outdoor space," Judith Guest said before the sale.

With their plans finalized, the couple bought a home on Sandpiper Drive on the North End and listed their three-bedroom, three-and-a-half-bath townhouse — with 3,447 square feet of living space inside and out — through agents Liza Pulitzer and Whitney McGurk of Brown Harris Stevens. They set a price of \$4.4 million.

"We loved being right in town," Judith said, adding that she also enjoyed the apartment's high ceilings.

Previously on the market: Couple has enjoyed gracious living in their Midtown condominium

The unit was already in good condition when the Guests bought it in 2013, she added. "The previous owners, Sissy and Byron Thomas, had renovated it, with decorating help from (Palm Beach-based decorator) Leta Austin Foster. I just made some aesthetic changes," she said.

Douglas C. Simmons is the new owner, public records show. He was represented by agent Suzanne Frisbie, then of Premier Estate Properties but today affiliated with the Corcoran Group.

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Avenue co-op looks out to the lagoon

In July, Earl and Christy Powell sold their lakeview co-op at The Villas, 425 Worth Ave., for a recorded \$4.8 million.

Planning to upsize, the Powells had <u>listed No. 3E</u>, their three-bedroom, three-and-a-half bath co-op with 2,925 square feet of living space, inside and out. Agent Ashley Copeland of Brown Harris Stevens priced it, furnished, at \$5.95 million.

Working with Ken Lewis of John G. Mitchell Inc., the sellers carried out an extensive renovation project after they bought the unit in 2012.

"My husband is an accountant, and everything has to be perfect, and Ken and his team did a totally amazing job," Christy Powell said.

Previously on the market: Renovation at The Villas on the lake in Palm Beach suited couple's needs, tastes

The project rearranged the floorplan to carve out space for a powder room and create a study with custom built-in cabinetry. Crews also redid the kitchen and bathrooms.

"It sold for the highest price for a two-bedroom in The Villas at that time," Copeland said.

The buyers of the Powells' apartment were Mariana and Dr. Nido Qubein, courthouse records show. Agent Elaine M. Edwards of Brown Harris Stevens handled their side of the deal.