

On the market in Palm Beach: Tour an updated Sloan's Curve condo with dramatic water views

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Dr. Michael and Grace Khalife's sleekly updated condominium in Sloan's Curve captures dramatic sunset vistas over the Intracoastal Waterway as well northeast views of the Atlantic.

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When you renovate your own home, being an architect is a big plus.

Just ask New Yorker and architect Grace Khalife, who redesigned the Sloan's Curve condominium she shares on the South End of Palm Beach with Dr. Michael Khalife, her surgeon husband.

She has bought, renovated and sold apartments during her 30 years as a seasonal visitor to Palm Beach. But the Sloan's Curve unit she bought at 2100 S. Ocean Blvd. is special, she says. It was love at first sight.

"I fell for the right one," she says. "This one is my home."

That was in 2015, and while she was considering buying it, she visited at night. She immediately was taken by the unit's northwest-corner wraparound view, the lights of West Palm Beach sparkling beyond the Intracoastal Waterway.

"It was breathtaking, and I gave my offer right then and there," Grace Khalife says.

Although the apartment was in good condition, she renovated it to reflect her taste. She removed walls; repurposed rooms; updated the bathrooms; and replaced the electrical, plumbing and air-conditioning systems.

She also focused on the kitchen.

"I like to cook, and since the kitchen was closed off, I opened it up to see the spectacular view, which makes me happy when I cook."

Her changes appear seamless.

"I didn't want the formal dining room, so I used that space as a guest bedroom. And I also took down a wall in the foyer for immediate water views," she explains.

She and her husband enjoy hosting their three children and grandchildren on visits. To better accommodate their family's needs, the Khalifes are looking for a four-bedroom unit in the same development.

"I cannot leave this view just to go anywhere," Grace Khalife says.

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As such, the three-bedroom, three-and-a-half-bath condo, No. 504N, has been offered for sale. Listing agent Nino Fernandez of Coldwell Banker Realty's East Atlantic Avenue office in Delray Beach has set the price at \$6.895 million. The unit has 3,150 square feet of interior space and another 750 square feet on its wraparound balcony.

In the reworked floor plan, a gallery from the foyer leads to the living area, with the kitchen just adjacent. To one side of the apartment are two guest-bedroom suites, a powder room and the laundry room. The primary suite is on the opposite side of the apartment.

Aesthetically, Grace says, she wanted to create a "beautiful modern style that was nice, simple, clean and (would keep) the focus on the view," she says.

Floors throughout are covered in Italian porcelain tile, and walls of sliding doors from every room open to the wraparound balcony, which captures wide views of the Intracoastal Waterway. The ocean also can be seen from the main bedroom and from a portion of the living area.

The new kitchen is oriented around a large work island with pull-up seating and a quartzite top. “The countertop is so large, we had to hoist it up over the balcony,” she recalls.

She often entertains but does not host formal sit-down dinners. “My guests sit everywhere, but they especially like to sit at the big counter,” she says.

The kitchen is fitted with high-gloss custom Eucucina cabinetry and counters that match the top of the work island. The backsplash is covered in mosaic glass, and she chose professional-grade appliances.

“I love to sit at the island facing the water when I cook,” she says, adding that her kitchen is organized to keep necessities close at hand.

The main bedroom features custom-built cabinetry, an electric fireplace and a breakfast bar. The nearby dressing area is fitted with custom cabinetry to store clothing. And the bathroom — with its double vanities, walk-in shower and spa tub — is appointed with marble and glass mosaic tile.

The other bathrooms also are finished with glass-tiled walls. “I did not cut corners,” she says. “Even in the laundry room, the backsplash is mosaic tile.”

Built in 1981, the complex — known as 2100 South Ocean Boulevard at Sloan’s Curve — comprises twin north and south buildings with a total of 96 condos. With resort-style pools, the buildings offer maintenance, door and gate staff and well as on-site management and a tennis pro for the Har-Tru courts and shop.

Other amenities include exercise facilities and private beach access for residents.

For Grace Khalife, parting with the apartment is bittersweet: While it’s exciting to look for a new place big enough to host her children and grandchildren, she considers her neighbors family, too.

“I have met a lot of good, warm friends. We barbecue, eat and go out together. I’m trying to find something in the same building.”

She adds: “I love the location. I love everything about our home.”

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