

Executive Domains

Boston's top waterfront home offers views, space

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If you're going to live in a luxury condominium on the waterfront, there are two things you'll want: fabulous views and a deeded marina slip to berth your boat.

Penthouse 12 at Burrough's Wharf has all that and much more.

"It is the single best residence on the waterfront. There isn't anything else that compares to it," said broker **Carmela Laurella** of **Otis & Ahearn Real Estate**.

Laurella, who specializes in waterfront properties, said, "This has everything: the location, 4,500 square feet of space, the views. Every single room in this home — even the bathrooms — have spectacular harbor views. And the features of the custom build-out are unique."

The home is being sold by U.S. Secretary of Energy **Samuel W. Bodman**, who, in his long career in Boston, has been a professor at the **Massachusetts Institute of Technology**, president and COO at **Fidelity Investments** and chairman and CEO of **Cabot Corp.**

Bodman's former home is a three-level, custom-built condominium created by combining two penthouse units. It is located on Burrough's Wharf, which is



Burrough's Wharf Penthouse 12, with 4,500 square feet of living space and waterfront views, is on the market for \$7.5 million.

where Battery Street ends on the other side of Commercial Street. The asking price is \$7.5 million.

The home's most spectacular room is an enormous combined living and dining area, with detailed crown moldings that frame the space, and a coffered ceiling. Multipaned windows look out over the water, and French doors lead to a

step-out balcony. On a sunny day, the dark walnut floors reflect water views.

A two-sided, wood-burning fireplace on one side of the room extends through to the kitchen.

There's also a pass-through to the kitchen, convenient for entertaining. But for guests, the best way to move between the rooms is via a wide hallway

with a built-in wet bar.

Spacious and European-style, the kitchen sports its own balcony facing the south side of the harbor.

Centered in the kitchen is a furniture-style walnut island with a breakfast bar on one side and a halogen cooktop and grill on the other. Hanging overhead is a polished brass vent hood, and three pendant light fixtures.

Some of the most interesting rooms in the residence are one level down. A mahogany paneled library in the shape of an octagon makes a grand statement, accentuated by similarly shaped medallions on the custom carpet. Bookcases are integrated into the walls and a brass chandelier hangs from another coffered ceiling.

A soundproof home theater has several screens and a great sound system. The garden room down the hall has a soapstone sink, limestone and marble on the floor, and fish swimming around in a large aquatic tank.

All of the four bedrooms in this home are attractively designed.

Since waterfront dwellers need a place to park their rides, the unit comes with three deeded garage parking spaces. An easily accessible deeded marina slip is right downstairs.