

## Manny Ramirez benches broker, cuts price on Ritz condo

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Ex-Red Sox slugger Manny Ramirez has struck out - at least in the Boston real estate market.

Ramirez, now a Los Angeles Dodgers left fielder, has slashed the price on his Boston penthouse to \$7.9 million after six months on the market failed to attract a buyer.

That's down from the \$8.5 million previously asked by Ramirez, who's had the 37th-floor condo up for sale on and off since 2005.

Manny being Manny, Ramirez has also switched listing brokers for a third time.

His latest agent, Otis & Ahearn's Carmela Laurella, told the Herald she's "optimistic" about a quick sale because "it's a magnificent apartment and the views are extraordinary.

Laurella also claimed the unit "has always had a lot of offers at different points in (Ramirez's) life, but he wasn't ready to sell."

Located just steps from Boston Common in the ultra fancy Ritz-Carlton Residences, the four-bedroom condo features a wraparound private terrace that offers perhaps the Hub's best views.

The spread also includes a private master-bedroom suite, six bathrooms, 10-foot ceilings and three valet parking spaces. The unit's roughly \$5,800-a-month condo fee provides access to 24-hour housekeeping, room service from the Ritz's three restaurants and other upscale amenities.

Boston officials assess the penthouse at just \$4.4 million for tax purposes - well below even Ramirez's reduced asking price.