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Manhattan House Debuts New Signature Residences By James Huniford And Celerie Kemble Following Sales Success Of Initial Designs In The Modern Collection

NEW YORK, NY — Manhattan House, the landmarked, Mid-Century modern residential condominium on the Upper East Side, will debut its second series of homes in The Modern Collection, including signature residences by renowned interior designers James “Ford” Huniford and Celerie Kemble. The unveiling of the new residences follows the acclaimed success of the building’s inaugural designs by Huniford, Kemble and Rita Konig, all of which have since sold. Manhattan House has completed more than \$100 million in sales since the launch of The Modern Collection.

"Following the success of The Modern Collection, we are pleased to share more signature layouts that reflect modern living and show prospective buyers the unique, functional and varying design possibilities that exist within Manhattan House," said Brian Fallon, a partner of O'Connor Capital Partners and president of Manhattan House.

The new series of signature residences will include:

- James (Ford) Huniford has designed a three-bedroom, 3.5-bath 3,196-square-foot floor-through residence with expansive northern and southern exposures inspired by his initial design at the building. The residence features a media room/library, windowed kitchen, breakfast room, and powder room, all designed in the spirit of Manhattan House’s architect, 20th Century icon Gordon Bunshaft. “All of my work begins and ends with the site—its architecture, location, and history,” says Huniford. Exquisite materials, refined furnishings of his own design, and a soothing palette define the space. Luxurious textures and finishes mark the interior, from alpaca, pony skin, horse hair and cotton, and linen upholstery, to brushed nickel hardware. Huniford remained true to the space’s envelope, deploying flat molding on the ceiling to preserve Bunshaft’s rigorous design. South-facing windows framing the living room, formal dining room and media room use minimalist shades so as not to obscure the incomparable light—or view of Manhattan House’s private gardens. Soft grays, blues and celadon achieve a seamlessly serene transition from one room to the next, each one a picture of restrained elegance.

Huniford is among one of Architectural Digest’s “Top 100 Designers” and Elle Décor’s “Top 25 Designers” and has remained at the forefront of the interior design field for the past 25 years. He has been featured in InStyle, Vogue, Elle Decor, Veranda, World of Interiors, and numerous European magazines. He has transformed the spaces of a diverse clientele from Vera Wang to Tina Turner and projects from Marin County, California to Manhattan. He is currently working on the launch of a new home furnishings line that mixes custom furniture with eclectic vintage décor. He is the chairman of Housing Works’ “Design on a Dime” and is a council member at Rockefeller University.

• Celerie Kemble has designed a three-bedroom, three-bath, 2,240-square-foot corner residence with northern, eastern and western exposures and 183-square-feet of combined exterior space. Kemble designed a classic and comfortable space accentuated by organically modern furniture forms, vintage textiles, classic furniture pieces from the 1960s and 1970s, and distinctive artwork by Karen Tompkins, Alex Timchula, Joshua Webster, Kelly Graham and Sara Genn of Voltz Clarke's roster. The entryway leads into the gallery room that serves as a library, with a floating Lucite bookcase and canvases. The living and dining room areas look onto a private balcony and surround the open kitchen, complete with custom wood cabinetry and an island for additional counter space with bar stools tucked below. The light-filled living room is complemented by warm tones and many textures, including Lucite, enamel, shagreen, grasscloth, and sandstone – all unified by a tightly controlled color palette of apricot, gold, cream, and charcoal grays. The north-facing third bedroom serves as a den and creates a dramatic illusion of depth through contrasts of black and white graphics off deep teal walls. The art-filled children's bedroom is flexible for playing, studying and sleeping. The master bedroom shows a softly bohemian collection of textile and patterns in subtle blush, gray and cream tones that accompany the three large closets and a second private balcony.

Kemble is a principal at Kemble Interiors. She has been named as one of the "50 Tastemakers for the Future of Design" by House and Garden and has been listed on House Beautiful's Top Designer's list for past nine consecutive years. In addition to her collection of exotic textures with Valtekz, Celerie has launched a line of furniture with Laneventure, wall coverings with Zoffany and a fabric line with F. Schumacher. In addition, she has published her first book *Celerie Kemble: To Your Taste, Creating Modern Rooms with a Traditional Twist*, which was published by Clarkson Potter. Her second book is expected in November 2011.

Set within one of Manhattan's largest private residential gardens, Manhattan House was originally designed in 1950 by Pritzker Architecture Prize Laureate Gordon Bunshaft of Skidmore, Owings & Merrill, and was designated a historic landmark in 2007 by the New York City Landmarks Preservation Commission. The iconic residential building, located at 200 East 66th Street, has been impeccably re-engineered by O'Connor Capital Partners and offers one-to five-plus bedroom residences available for immediate occupancy.

Manhattan House features full-time doormen, five-star concierge services, and porte-cochere entrances on the tree-lined, two-way 66th Street. Residents also have the luxury of an on-site garage with valet service. Additional amenities and services include the 10,000-square-foot rooftop level which features the Randall A. Ridless-designed Manhattan Club. With panoramic skyline views, the Manhattan Club provides an expansive outdoor terrace and indoor library and lounge for residents' enjoyment and relaxation. The building has exhale's first residential mind body spa in Manhattan, also on the rooftop level, which features a yoga studio and treatment room. In addition, Manhattan House has an exhale® fitness center, Roto Studio-designed children's playroom and one of Manhattan's largest private residential gardens.

Earlier this year, Manhattan House received Fannie Mae approval. MetLife Bank, Wells Fargo and Gibraltar Private Bank and Trust, as preferred lenders, pre-approved the condominium and now provide competitive conventional and jumbo mortgages to qualified borrowers throughout the building.

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