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Cool New Condo Conversions Highlight NYC History

Not all of New York City's luxury apartments are in post-financial crisis new developments. Residential potential is often envisioned in the city's oldest buildings, too.

A few recent condo conversions gave new purpose to architectural gems from the nineteenth century, such as a Beaux-Arts former school on the Upper West Side and a three-story firehouse in Brooklyn.

Here's a look at some recent and unique transformations in the Big Apple:

37 E. 12th St.



Constructed in 1898, the building was originally used for commercial purposes and now houses loft-style apartments.
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Downtown in Greenwich Village, developer Edward J. Minskoff Equities, along with CS Architecture, recently created six luxury residents in an ornate, formerly commercial building at 37 E. 12th St.

Constructed in 1898, its exterior is also designed in the intricate Beaux-Arts style. The interior units are loft-style, with 11-foot barrel-vaulted ceilings and over-sized windows.



Features in the penthouse include a wood-burning fireplace.
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The \$25 million duplex penthouse, however, spans a whopping 6,325 square feet, with four bedrooms and 4 ½ baths. Its features a wood-burning living room fireplace and a private, 1,188-square-foot rooftop terrace with an outdoor kitchen.