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It's Free to Look: 15 Central Park West

Double Trouble

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The problem with views, generally, is they're outside. We concede that it's nice to look at Central Park from your apartment, but far nicer it must be to *be* in Central Park from your apartment.

For a cool \$55 million, these two soon-to-be-combined apartments in 15 Central Park West introduce park-like expanses to indoor living. Owning a full, 5,600-square-foot floor in this tower is "one of the most unique opportunities in New York real estate history," says the **CORE** listing. Which is true if only for the fact of the price tag.

Like the park itself, this double apartment space is now empty, meaning you can inflict on your home, as if it were a voodoo doll, all manner of residential development fantasies. The listing jumpstarts your imagination, offering suggestions that range from a "family room" to a "private movie theater." The best part of all? The apartments are condos, so you'll have no co-op board to stand in the way of your visions of empire.

