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Homes of Distinction: 207 Third Ave. N.

Nashville, Tennessee

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What Johnny Megale has created at 207 Third Ave. N. is a far cry from a facelift. He spared no expense in this multi-million-dollar renovation, and the craftsmanship is truly remarkable, as evidenced through touches like the Namibian marble countertops, a floating staircase with a walnut handrail and waterfall detail, and a coat closet with a view into the original 1914 Otis elevator, which has been wallpapered and lit and feels like an art piece all on its own.

The 2,716-square-foot residence is located in an eight-dwelling building off Printers Alley, and once you step through the front door, you're greeted by a large living area with sweeping 20-foot ceilings and exposed beams. The beams were original to the 1890 building and a pleasant surprise for Johnny, as they were hidden under the existing ceiling when he purchased the penthouse in 2016.

Johnny got connected with the late interior designer Landy Gardner, and the two worked together on what would prove to be Landy's last completed project. Their entire design was inspired by a set of white boiled wool chairs from Coup D'Etat in San Francisco that the two found while shopping in Atlanta. The chairs are the perfect statement pieces and one of the first things to catch your eye when you enter.

Johnny chose to lay new walnut flooring throughout, which, when paired with the beams, provides the perfect complement to the brick walls which have been meticulously tuck-pointed and painted white.

The master bedroom on the main floor is complete with bio-ethanal fireplace and an all-Carrara marble master bath – not to mention an enormous walk-in closet with recessed lighting and exposed walnut shelving that feels like a high-end shopping experience.

Two additional bedrooms are on the second floor – one, a junior master suite and the other, a versatile space with a Murphy bed. But the third floor rooftop is the real reason Johnny bought the residence. The 600 square feet of Lanai-style indoor-outdoor space has doors that open into hidden pockets or fold up for an unencumbered view of the Nashville skyline that stretches well into Germantown and East Nashville. It's the hidden gem that pushes this stunning penthouse well over the top.

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List price: \$3,890,000

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