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A 'Sky Villa' in a New Tower in Sri Lanka With Spectacular Views

Philippe Starck has created four distinct interior design styles from which the purchaser of this penthouse can choose

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Location: Colombo, Sri Lanka

Price: US\$5.617 million

Occupying half of the 47th floor, a penthouse apartment is available within the recently launched Sapphire Residences, a 50-story building in Colombo, Sri Lanka.

The spacious five-bedroom home enjoys views across the capital city and out to the ocean.



"The spectacular living room and terrace overlook the Indian Ocean with views that are stupendous," said Charles Phillpot of Sotheby's International Realty Sri Lanka. "Nothing else in the Sri Lankan property market comes close. It is a heady experience just to visit one of these homes."

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The development comprises 132 ultra-luxury apartments and penthouses designed by YOO Inspired by Starck. Scheduled for completion in 2020, the buyer will have the choice of one of four interior styles renowned designer Philippe Starck has created especially for these residences: Nature, Culture, Minimal or Classical.



Mr. Phillpot said most of the inquiries to date have been from wealthy Sri Lankan families. "They see these penthouses as an opportunity to have 'a villa in the sky' with a simplified but more luxurious lifestyle," he said. "The building's discreet but high security is a key attraction as well."

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Stats

The 9,325-square-foot apartment has five bedrooms, four full bathrooms and one half bathroom.

Amenities

The penthouse comes with its own wellness area, a wine cellar, a cigar room and multiple staff rooms.

Homeowners and their guests also have use of the building's private club, which includes several swimming pools, a cinema, a residents' lounge and library, an outdoor amphitheater, a full-service spa, a fitness center, a yoga room, an indoor multi-purpose sports court, teens' and kids' lounges and a lawn play area.

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Design Pedigree

In addition to creating the quartet of interior design choices for the homes, Mr. Starck worked with his partners from London-based YOO Inspired by Starck on the rest of the building's interior design, including the Residents' Club. Burega Farnell in Singapore did the development's landscaping; the architectural firm (Gensler) and the structural engineers (Thornton Tomasetti) hail from the United States.

Neighborhood Notes

"The building is in absolutely the prime location in Colombo," Mr. Phillpot said. "Galle Face is the city's ceremonial center and faces the ocean." It's equivalent to Fifth Avenue in New York City, he said.

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