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A Storied Pied-à-Terre in New York

Location: New York, NY

Price: \$2,975,000

This one-bedroom apartment in Manhattan's Sherry-Netherland building has views, natural light and white-glove service. It is asking \$2.975 million



Nancy Dicresce had long wanted to live in New York's famed Sherry-Netherland when she heard this one-bedroom apartment was for sale. 'I've always lived on 59th Street and I used to say, "I'm dying to live in the Sherry-Netherland,"' says Mrs. Dicresce. She was attracted to the location on Fifth Avenue and 59th Street, the hotel services and the fact that it was also home to Harry Cipriani, one of her favorite restaurants.

The previous owners were philanthropist Marylou Whitney, widow of Cornelius Vanderbilt Whitney, and her husband, John Hendrickson. 'We think it is one of the best managed buildings in the city. We really miss the staff as they made us feel like family when we arrived,' Mr. Hendrickson wrote in an email. 'We both loved getting breakfast delivered from the incredible Harry Cipriani. We would have stayed there forever, but we couldn't justify keeping it when we only stayed there a few days a year.'

The entry has an original barrel-vaulted ceiling. Mrs. Dicresce added the gray slate floor. She and her husband, Gary, paid \$2.35 million for the one-bedroom co-op apartment in 2015. They then spent about five months and more than \$750,000 updating and furnishing it. Except for some of their art, they are selling the home furnished.

Mrs. Dicresce was attracted to details like the coffered ceilings and the natural light. 'This unit has 11 windows, so for 1,052-square-feet, 11 windows is a lot of light. I liked the fact that it was so well lit. Even on a rainy day' there is a lot of light, she says.

The apartment includes a kitchen but the couple like to dine at Harry Cipriani or order room service. 'It's such a warm feeling when you walk

in there and everyone knows you. Those waiters don't turn over there,' says Mrs. Dicresce.

The apartment is on the 23rd floor and the bedroom looks out at the city skyline. They took the master suite down to the studs and reconfigured the room's entry to improve the flow of the space. 'We took out closet space and dressing rooms and redid the master bathroom,' says Mrs. Dicresce. An antique Chinese screen hangs next to the bed.

The master bath is Mrs. Dicresce's favorite room because of the light and the views. They added a second sink and the windows are operable. There is also a washer and dryer hidden behind a mirrored wall.

The Dicresces are selling because they have decided they would like something larger. While they divide their time between Florida and New York, they find themselves spending more time in New York. 'I just need one more room,' says Mrs. Dicresce, a former French teacher who went to work in the insurance business with her husband. The apartment also has a powder room with a view of the city.

'I'm going to miss the Sherry-Netherland. It's more than a place to live, it's a way of living...It's Old World excellence,' says Mrs. Dicresce. The monthly maintenance fee is \$8,235 and includes twice-daily maid service with nightly turn-down service. The building has a full-time doorman, concierge and elevator operators.

The apartment looks out at Fifth Avenue, the Apple store and Bergdorf Goodman. It is listed for \$2.975 million with **Charles Curkin of Fox Residential**.