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NYC's highest tennis court planned for tallest residential tower in Dumbo

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At 75 feet in the sky, this is the city's highest tennis court. Marchmade

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Future residents of Olympia Dumbo, a new luxury tower on the Brooklyn waterfront whose sales launched last week, will soon have some rather unique bragging rights.

Their swank new digs will not only be within the neighborhood's tallest residential building at 33 stories, but will also boast the city's highest tennis court, topping off at 75 feet in the air.

With sweeping views overlooking the Brooklyn Bridge, New York Harbor and the lower Manhattan skyline, Olympia's tennis court just barely ekes past the previous holder of this distinctive record.

The tennis court at 4545 Center Boulevard in Long Island City, which was built in 2013, stands 70 feet above the East River.



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"To play tennis under the stars with the entire skyline of Manhattan shimmering behind you, that's life," said Fredrik Eklund, the "Million Dollar Listing" reality TV star and Douglas Elliman realtor handling sales for Olympia. "I mean, have you ever seen that?"

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With tiered glass balconies angled like a sail billowing into New York Harbor, Olympia was developed by Brooklyn-based Fortis Property Group with architecture by Hill West

and interiors and amenities by Workstead. The 76-residence building ranges from one to five bedrooms plus penthouses with private terraces, starting at approximately \$1.75 million.

“The design is centered on New York Harbor, drawing inspiration from the architecture and millwork of maritime culture,” said Ryan Mahoney, principal of Workstead.

“Residents can experience that vision when moving from within the indoor amenities spaces to the outdoors.”

And that sky-high tennis court isn’t Olympia’s only head-turning perk. Spread across three floors and spanning 38,000 square feet of indoor and outdoor amenity space, Olympia also boasts both indoor and outdoor swimming pools and a fitness center with a movement studio, spin studio, sauna, steam room and on-site juice bar. There’s also a playroom, shipwreck-themed playground, private park and waterpark geared toward families.

“Dumbo it is the quintessential Brooklyn neighborhood,” said Karen Heyman of Sotheby’s International Realty, which is also handling Olympia’s sales. “No one ever wants to leave. I have a couple who is buying at Olympia just for the tennis court.”

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