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The Russia house We go home shopping for Mikhail Prokhorov

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It's not hard to understand why the sight of New Jersey (and future Brooklyn) Nets owner Mikhail Prokhorov might set a real estate agent's heart aflutter. After all, a man with \$13.4 billion can buy himself a lot of property.

And there's no doubt the 6-foot-7 Russian knows how to throw cash around. Last March, he lost a \$55 million deposit on the \$750 million French Riviera estate Villa Leopolda when he backed out of the deal. If he's willing to pay that much money not to buy a home, just imagine what he might drop on one he actually



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Nets owner Mikhail Prokhorov can have his pick of numerous trophy properties, including this 30,000-square-foot mansion in fancypants Alpine, NJ.



OH, OCEANA: There are 865 units at this Brighton Beach condo development, but this 2,016-square-foot penthouse with dazzling ocean views from the 800-square-foot terrace is truly one-of-a-kind.



PRIME TIME: This 7,000-square-foot DUMBO triplex has a stunning three-story staircase — and clock-face windows that could impress even a billionaire like Prokhorov.

So, where should Prokhorov lay his head? Here are some slam-dunk ideas. Feel free to boost our market, Mikhail, by buying any (or all!) of 'em.

* The Stone Mansion — Alpine, NJ, \$68M

Who knows when the Nets will actually move to Brooklyn? In the meantime, it might be nice to have a place close to your team in a town that's already home to high-profile residents like Yankees pitchers CC Sabathia and A.J. Burnett. Surrounded by 6 acres, the 30,000-square-foot home is set on the former estate of Henry Clay Frick II (Frick's fortune was built on steel; Prokhorov is similarly in the metals business). It boasts appropriately grand features like 30-foot arched ceilings (perfect for tall guys), a movie theater, a refrigerated wine cellar with space for more than 3,500 bottles and a full-size basketball court.

The property also comes with plenty of security (no small concern for a Russian oligarch).

"It's filled with security. We have a guardhouse. It's a double-gated community. So he has all the privacy he wants," says its developer/owner, Richard Kurtz.

And it's got 12 bedrooms, so the bachelor who's often been seen with gorgeous ladies will also have ample space for, well . . . entertaining, Kurtz suggests.

"The guy likes women, so it should be perfect," he says.

* 35-AB, 15 Central Park West, \$55M

"I actually reached out to [Prokhorov] about this property," says Core broker Emily Beare, who's representing this 5,600-square-foot, full-floor condo in oh-so-glamorous 15 CPW.

It makes sense — where better for a billionaire to live than in the city's most prestigious new development?

Current owner Leroy Schecter put the 35th floor of 15 CPW on the market after deciding he couldn't handle New York City winters, Beare says. That shouldn't be a concern for Moscow-born Prokhorov, though. And since the space consists of two not-yet-combined apartments, he'll have a chance to put his stamp on the building.

As a bonus, all proceeds from the purchase will go to Schecter's charitable foundation, which "works to fight poverty and supports educational initiatives and medical research" — meaning that Prokhorov wouldn't just get an amazing apartment, he'd get to feel good about buying it, too.