



Millionaire Renters and the Rise of the Luxury Penthouse Lease

There's a new status symbol sweeping through the luxury real estate world, and it's not what you think. Forget sprawling estates and glassy condos. The new marker of modern affluence is... the rental penthouse.

The people signing checks for \$15,000 (or more) every month aren't just transient city-dwellers anymore. They're the so-called "millionaire renters" and "renters by choice," a growing demographic of high-net-worth individuals who are intentionally skipping ownership in favor of flexibility. For them, renting isn't a fallback, it's a lifestyle. And developers are running with it, creating design-driven, ultra-luxury rentals that rival (and sometimes outshine) the most exclusive ownership listings.

Just a few years ago, penthouses were the crown jewels of condo towers. Today? They're the showpieces of marquee rental developments, complete with jaw-dropping amenities and finishes that were once strictly for buyers. The trend is exploding in markets like New York and Philadelphia, where projects like SoMA in Manhattan, The Dupont and 544 Carroll in Brooklyn, and One Thousand One in Philadelphia are raising the bar.

The Dupont, Greenpoint Brooklyn

Let's start on the Brooklyn waterfront, where [The Dupont](#) has made a bold entrance. Designed by AD100 darlings Workstead, the interiors are all about warm minimalism and thoughtful detail. The building's penthouse collection, perched on the 41st floor, makes a serious statement.

Case in point: Penthouse G, a three-bedroom, two-bath stunner with its own private terrace. It's renting just over \$15,000 a month – and honestly, the views alone might be worth it. From up here, the East River, Manhattan, and the Brooklyn skyline sprawl out like a personal mural. Inside, oak floors, soaring ceilings, keyless entry, and an in-home washer/dryer make it feel more like a high-end condo than a rental. Pair that with the building's loaded amenities, and it's clear The Dupont isn't just keeping up – it's redefining the game.



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