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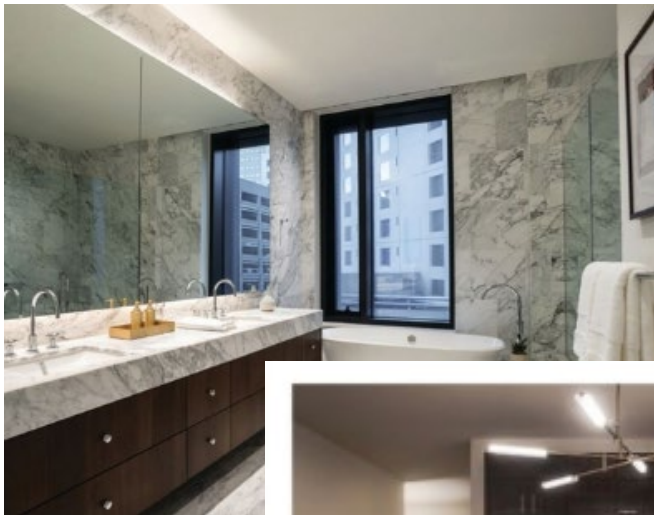
THE FOUR SEASONS PRIVATE RESIDENCES COMBINE HISTORY AND RESORT-STYLE GRANDEUR ON MISSION STREET.

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With all great real estate stories, there's usually more than a little architectural intrigue. Homeowners will find plenty at the new Four Seasons Private Residences at 706 Mission in San Francisco. The twist with this property: It resides on the last buildable space in Yerba Buena, with two complementary buildings—one a 510-foot tower and the other a revitalization of the historic 1903 Aronson Building, which is 10 stories. The structures hold 146

residences: 128 in the tower and 18 in Aronson. Each condo unit features two to four bedrooms and space that spans up to 5,000 square feet. Greater privacy and spaciousness are maintained by only creating up to four units per floor in the tower and three units per floor in the Aronson Building.

The Mission Street project, independently managed by Four Seasons staff and offering top-flight amenities, is the latest stand-alone private-



From top: The 1903 Aronson Building was completely rehabilitated for the project; a sleek, spa-like bath in one of the condos located in the Aronson Building; a chef's kitchen, which is perfect for entertaining, graces each condo in Aronson.



residence property for the brand. Others include Twenty Grosvenor Square in London, followed by projects in Los Angeles and Marrakech.

The new residences were designed by Handel Architects (handelarchitects.com), which teamed up with Page & Turnbull (page-turnbull.com) on the rehabilitation and repurposing of the Aronson Building. A series of alternating glass and masonry volumes on the tower mimic Jessie Square below, and vertical masonry is used to visually connect to the Aronson Building's brick and terra cotta next door.

"This project beautifully showcases the complex interplay between two contrasting buildings—the historic Aronson Building finished in a darker color palette adjoined by the new tower, which showcases lighter tones," says Glenn Rescalvo, the lead architect and partner at Handel Architects. "Our goal was to create a legacy building that wasn't just all glass. Instead, we utilized undulating stone on the facade



From top: Bathrooms in the Four Seasons Private Residences at Mission Street tower are bathed in natural light; living rooms in the tower condos feature spectacular views of the city; family rooms in tower condos offer distinct areas for quiet moments or intimate conversations with guests.

to create a sense of movement and make the project stand out on the San Francisco skyline.”

Interiors for each residence follow a notable design template that includes an expansive entry, corner living rooms with a minimum of two walls of floor-to-ceiling glass, distinct dining areas, large kitchens for entertaining, in-home offices, guest bedrooms with baths and owner’s suites with exceptional views of the city skyline. Penthouses can be customized when homeowners purchase a “shell home” that can accommodate a range of design specifications. For example, London designer Christopher Peacock created The Penthouse Collection cabinetry to line areas like the kitchen, master bath and dressing room.

Amenities, in typical Four Seasons fashion, abound. One standout is the fifth-floor Club, offering residents a social hub with features like a lounge with full bar, fitness center, game room, private dining and an outdoor terrace with fire pits. Napa wine consultant Kerrin Laz leads an in-house program oenophiles will love, including concierge wine service, tastings and dinners at the property and co-hosting wine experiences in condo owners’ homes. While the program also includes bespoke trips to California wine country, it might be difficult to coax residents into leaving this impressive new addition to luxe living downtown. *From \$2.5 million, tower penthouses from \$18 million, 706 Mission St., 415.534.6750, 706sf.com ■*

