

THE WATERFRONT LIFESTYLE

# UNIQUE HOMES



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# Unique Places

## GOING GLOBAL A TASTE OF NEW ZEALAND

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New Zealand's province of Marlborough, the country's largest producer of wine and world-famous Sauvignon Blanc, is now home to the luxurious **Marlborough Lodge**, a new resort that serves as the perfect spot to uncover the culture, beauty and cuisine of the region.

Boasting the most hours of sunlight in New Zealand, the Marlborough region is almost always covered in sunshine, perfect for the 110 wineries

of the region to thrive. The Marlborough Lodge is located right in the heart of Marlborough, and is on the second stage of its four-stage renovation.

The lodge includes remnants of the original location, which was a Victorian convent from 1901, as well as original artwork from New Zealand artists.

"The mix of New Zealand art throughout the lodge was chosen to highlight the talent in the country, while also creating talking points and



Marlborough Lodge



conversation pieces," says Angela Dillion, the lodge's managing director and owner.

Other amenities include bicycles used to explore, a freshwater pool, tennis courts and tours of the surrounding gardens and vineyards. Rates per suite start at \$843 USD. — Mia Ingui

## FABULOUS FINDS SKYLINE LUXURY ANCHORS L.A.'S NEWFOUND DOWNTOWN

Los Angeles, for decades derided as a city without a viable downtown, has recently sprouted a vibrant city center, and no project better reflects the dynamic spirit of "DTLA" than **Metropolis**, a

\$1 billion mixed-use complex with hotel, shopping and residences developed by Greenland USA. Recently unveiled was The Penthouse Collection in the first of three planned residential towers, eight units capturing jetliner views through floor-to-ceiling windows.

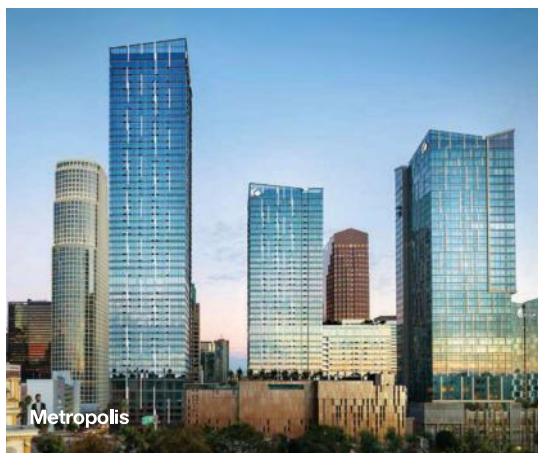
"Greenland USA is delighted to unveil The Penthouse Collection, which offers residents the finest in luxury, high-rise living and access to top-tier services and amenities, says Chao Wu, Greenland's general manager, of the 39th-floor residences. "Metropolis brings the excitement and vibrancy of Downtown Los Angeles right to our residents' front doors, redefining the standard of luxury urban living," he adds.

With floor plans ranging from 1,735 to 3,534 square feet, these residences are among the only two-story penthouses in downtown L.A. and enhanced amenities include a dedicated concierge and elaborate-

ly appointed clubhouse. The Collection is consistent with the Metropolis project's chic, modern minimalism, and Penthouse 3906 (3,500-plus square feet, priced at \$6.388 million) features the imprint of interior designer Michael Erno of Mitchell Gold + Bob Williams. He wrapped the rooms in rich textures and a palette of shimmering greys, silvers and earth tones, creating an elegant, clean-lined environment that complements, rather than distracts from, the breathtaking views.

The penthouses, priced from \$2.194 million to \$6.388 million, are listed by James Harris & David Parnes (familiar faces from Bravo TV's *Million Dollar Listing Los Angeles*) and The Agency Development Group, a premier Beverly Hills-based real estate firm. "The Penthouse Collection at Metropolis presents a unique opportunity for those seeking the finest in luxury living high above all Downtown Los Angeles has to offer," Harris states.

— Roger Grody



Metropolis

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