

2-bedroom condo priced at \$3.295 million

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On the market: 'Cheerful, soothing, elegant' Palm Beach condo priced at \$3.295 million

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Jenny McCall, with two fifth-floor condominiums at the Melbourne House, 227 Australian Ave., plans on selling the one she's owned the longest, Apt. 5C, which she bought in 2013 and considers her showplace.

A trusts and estates lawyer with Pillsbury Law, McCall works out of offices in Palo Alto, Manhattan, Palm Beach and Jackson, Wyo., where she plans to build a home. With that in mind, she's consolidating here, and she believes that this particular unit, 5C, offers an attractive option for buyers who are looking for move-in ready.

Priced at \$3.295 million, the two-bedroom, two-bathroom condo, with 1,270 square feet of living space inside and out, is listed with Brown Harris Stevens agents Liza Pulitzer and Whitney McGurk. Following a split-bedroom plan, the living and dining rooms are placed centrally, with the main bedroom suite on one side of the layout, and the kitchen and guest bedroom suite on the other side.

“When I found it, no one had paid attention to it in decades,” McCall recalls. “The walls were peach, and the ceilings were covered in popcorn.”

To create a showplace that reflected her aesthetics, she renovated it with Palm Beach architect Jacqueline Albarran of SKA Architect + Planner; Peter Altavilla of the Palm Beach Gardens firm, Altavilla Enterprises; and Palm Beach interior designer Kim Coleman.

“It was pretty much a gut job.” McCall says. “We kept the same footprint, just adjusting it to accommodate a washer/dryer. In the front hall, we raised the ceiling and made the door to the living room larger for a more gracious entrance. We added a built-in bar that you see when you first walk in. With glass shelves and lighting, it’s pretty for displaying crystal.”

Floors throughout are hardwood and the walls are lacquered.

“We replaced all the sliding doors with impact glass, so now I have complete floor-to-ceiling doors in the bedrooms and living room that open to the balcony, making the spaces very light and open. It’s cheerful, soothing, elegant.

“Also, I’ve added lights and a fountain on the balcony. In the evening, it’s beautiful and romantic out there. You feel on top of the world with a beautiful treetop view over Palm Beach.”

The kitchen is finished with white cabinetry, stone counters and backsplash, stone floor, and high-end appliances.

Both bathrooms feature mirrors built into the walls and designer tile.

In the main bedroom suite, a dressing area is fitted with built-in cabinetry. Serving dual purposes as a guest-bedroom suite and office, the guest suite features custom cabinetry that incorporates a desk, shelving and drawers for functional storage.

Recently, McCall installed new air conditioning.

Obviously, as the owner of two units at the Melbourne House, McCall appreciates its location, amenities and ambience. She considers the building well-run, and the residents warm and friendly.

The 1985-era Melbourne House is a boutique building with five floors and 25 units. Amenities include a lobby with 24/7 door personnel, pool and gardens. Also, the unit comes with covered parking for one car.

"When we renovated, we created something of beauty that works well. Everything came together beautifully," she says. "That's rare when things fit together perfectly."