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A TALL TOWNHOUSE ON A CHARMING BLOCK

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Location: Manhattan, NY **Price:** \$14,950,000

The owners of this five-story townhouse in the West Village took it from '1980s modern' to an updated, art-filled home.

When Cassie and Paul Glover purchased this townhouse in Manhattan's West Village in 2004, 'it needed everything,' Mr. Glover says. Ms. Glover characterizes the interior as '1980s modern,' with a dropped ceiling, spotlights, Formica laminates and spiral staircases. They paid \$4.1 million with a full renovation in mind.

The couple hired Jim Joseph of Hottenroth + Joseph Architects to oversee a two-year project to restore elements of the 1869 home as well as modernize it. 'He envisioned the staircase as the centerpiece,' Ms. Glover says. The curving staircase was crafted in Brooklyn. The couple discovered marble fireplaces in the basement, which they restored and reinstalled.

A caterer's kitchen was installed on the first floor because Ms. Glover likes

to cook. Mr. Glover, a 49-year-old managing director of an investment banking firm, and Ms. Glover, a 43-year-old real-estate agent, threw 'outrageous holiday parties' that spilled into multiple floors of the five-story home.

Silk curtains separate the dining room with skylight from the kitchen. The wall panels are also covered in a patterned silk. A dumbwaiter transports items from the ground floor to the roof deck, which has a second kitchen.

A more casual dining and living area are on the first floor. Mr. and Ms. Glover are art collectors; the piece above the table is by the Cuban artist Ibrahim Miranda. Artwork from Banksy, Nancy Lorenz and Wolfgang Tillmans can be found throughout the house.

The master suite, with a wood-burning fireplace, is on the third floor. The blue throughout the home was a compromise for the couple. 'I wanted bright, light and airy,' Ms. Glover says, 'and Paul likes wood, oak, a more masculine look.' Grady Cooley of Grady Cooley Interior Design oversaw the design.

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Cedar-lined closets connect the master bedroom to the bathroom, outfitted with radiant heat floors and a deep claw-foot tub.

Mr. Glover had design control over his office, finished in blue and decorated with black-and-white photography. After pulling up carpeting and tile, the original wood floors were restored.

A roof deck with a barbeque, kitchen and shower has been host to many summer gatherings, the couple says. Mr. and Ms. Glover also set up a paddling pool during summers for their three young children.

The home is taller than other townhouses on the block, affording views toward the Empire State Building and south to One World Trade Center. The home is being marketed by Ms. Glover and Rachel Glazer of Brown Harris Stevens for \$14.95 million.

The couple wants to sell to buy a new property in Downtown Manhattan and take on another renovation. 'It went so well the first time we want to bring back the same team and do it again,' Ms. Glover says.

A second outdoor space, a deck off the parlor floor, provides extra room for entertaining. Inside is an Art Deco-style bar, which is easily hidden behind a door.

The facade of the French Second Empire-style home, built as part of a Dutch estate, was completely restored. Ms. Glover says she will miss the charming block the most. 'There were many snowy days of sledding down the front stoop into Charles Street, and the local police let the kids throw snowballs at their cars as they drove past,' she recalls.