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What's in a Name

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NEW YORK CITY

\$1.25 million

700-square-foot studio condominium with one bathroom in a full-service doorman building on Charles Street in the West Village

DETAILS: Richard Meier, who designed Los Angeles' Getty Center, designed this 16-story glass tower on the Hudson River. Common amenities: a fitness center, screening room and private wine cellars.

THE ARCHITECTURE: Nearby, Mr. Meier's pair of Perry Street buildings, built a bit earlier, were among the first towers to present floor-to-ceiling glass as a luxury. Celebrities like Calvin Klein and Martha Stewart have bought into Mr. Meier's NYC buildings.

CAFFEINE FIX: Mojo Coffee, with a woodsy décor, two blocks away

TODAY'S FORECAST: Morning showers, high 75 degrees

SOURCE: Wendy Maitland and Wilbur Gonzalez, Brown Harris Stevens, 212-906-9200, wmaitland@bhsusa.com and wgonzalez@bhsusa.com

DENVER

\$952,000

2,000-square-foot condo in downtown Denver with two bedrooms, three bathrooms and two balconies.

DETAILS: Daniel Libeskind, who designed the master plan for New York City's World Trade Center reconstruction, designed this six-story, 56-unit building. This second-floor corner apartment overlooks the Denver Art Museum, and there are mountain views, too.

THE ARCHITECTURE: Like Mr. Libeskind's \$75 million extension to the Denver Art Museum, completed at about the same time in 2006, this building features geometric forms that pop out of the glass and metal facade, giving interior rooms a sculptural feel.

CAFFEINE FIX: Novo Coffee, in the lobby

TODAY'S FORECAST: Partly cloudy, high 70 degrees

SOURCE: Craig Mayer, Kentwood City Properties, 303-785-3526, www.milehimodern.com

LECHLADE-ON-THAMES, U.K.

£775,000 (\$1.17 million)

Four-bedroom contemporary house of 2,581 square feet near town, about 90 minutes outside London.

DETAILS: The Cotswolds are dotted with summer homes and villages with quaint names like Stow-on-the-Wold. Designed by France's Philippe Starck, the lakefront villa is one of 48 built on a 650-acre estate with water access, a roof terrace and solarium. The shared clubhouse has a spa, gym, sauna and steamroom.

THE ARCHITECTURE: Beams jutting out from the house's foundation support a wide deck, giving the impression that the house is floating over the lake.

CAFFEINE FIX: Clotted-cream teas at the Black Cat Tearooms

TODAY'S FORECAST: Rain, high 59 degrees

SOURCE: Design-development company Yoo, +44 (0)1367 250 066; info@thelakesbyyoo.com

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