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Urban Gems.

In this edition of Signature Homes Edit, we celebrate a rare kind of property: homes in the heart of the action that somehow feel worlds away from it. These are the urban gems: residences that combine the energy, convenience and connectivity of city living with a sense of privacy, tranquillity and retreat.

From hidden courtyards and rooftop sanctuaries to soaring lofts and sky-high penthouses, these homes prove you don't have to leave the city to find your own sanctuary.

Let's explore.

72B Oxford Street, Paddington NSW

Property Partners: Tony Laing & Michael Laing

A hidden haven on Oxford Street

From the street, this classic terrace is immersed in one of Sydney's most vibrant retail and lifestyle precincts. Step inside, however, and the pace changes entirely.

Behind its prominent Oxford Street frontage lies a surprisingly peaceful residence where light, space and greenery create an atmosphere more akin to a private retreat than an inner-city address. The beautifully renovated studio residence unfolds around a north-facing courtyard, a leafy pocket of calm that feels worlds away from the buzz beyond the front door.







What makes this property particularly compelling is its versatility. Combining a beautifully appointed residence with a fitted retail space below, it offers the increasingly rare opportunity to live, work or invest in one of Sydney's most tightly held locations. Bright interiors, breezy living spaces and seamless indoor-outdoor connections ensure everyday life feels effortlessly comfortable.



Moments from Glenmore Road's boutiques, galleries, cafés and design stores, this is urban living at its most dynamic - yet it is somehow remarkably serene.

1204/25 Shafston Avenue, Kangaroo Point QLD

Property Partners: Cathy Roche & Madi Roche

A front-row seat to Brisbane

Perched high within the boutique Lume development, this never-before-occupied penthouse captures Brisbane at its most spectacular. Panoramic views stretch across the Story Bridge, Brisbane River and glittering city skyline, creating a constantly evolving backdrop from sunrise through to evening.









Yet despite its proximity to the CBD, this residence feels remarkably removed from the pace below. Expansive open-plan living spaces, soaring 3.7-metre ceilings and double-glazed windows create a sense of calm and volume rarely found in apartment living. Wide sliding doors dissolve the boundary between indoors and out, allowing the skyline to become part of everyday life.

The rooftop infinity pool, sky lounge and firepit elevate the experience even further, offering residents their own private sanctuary above the city. Combined with walkable access to the Kangaroo Point Cliffs, Howard Smith Wharves and South Bank, it represents the ultimate balance between connection and escape.

This is Brisbane living from an entirely different perspective.







9/11 McEvoy Street, Alexandria NSW

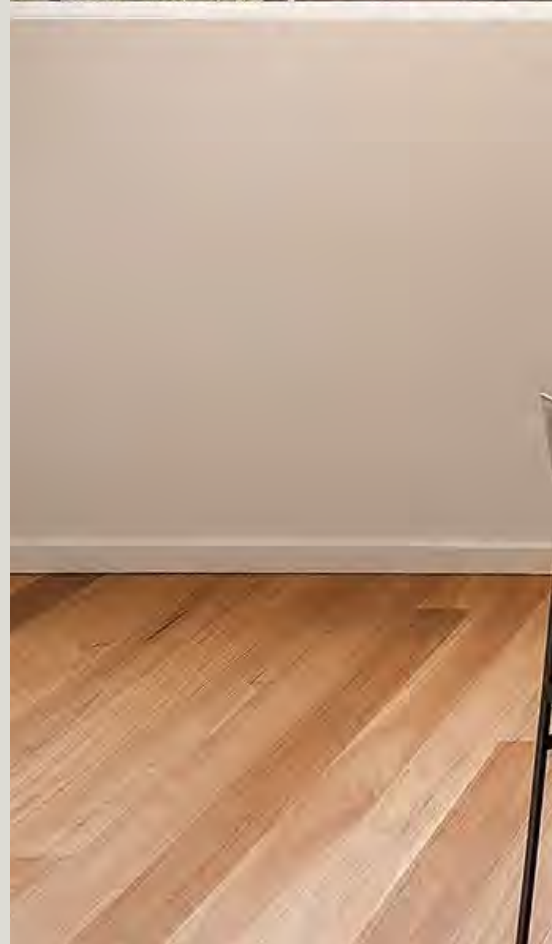
Property Partners: Brad Gillespie & Harley Christie

Lofty heights

There is something undeniably appealing about warehouse conversions. The soaring ceilings. The oversized windows. The sense of history woven into every detail.

This north-facing Alexandria residence captures that character beautifully.

Spanning an impressive 114sqm, the home embraces its industrial heritage while delivering the comfort and functionality demanded by modern living. Warehouse-style glazing floods both levels with natural light, while the double-height proportions create an extraordinary sense of openness and freedom.









A rare mezzanine-level second living space adds flexibility and personality, allowing the home to adapt effortlessly to changing lifestyles. Blackbutt timber flooring, generous bedrooms and a thoughtful floorplan ensure practicality is never sacrificed for style.

Outside, Alexandria continues to cement its reputation as one of Sydney's most vibrant urban villages, with cafés, restaurants, parks and transport all within easy reach. Yet within the apartment itself, there is an undeniable sense of retreat.

It feels less like an apartment and more like a hidden New York loft tucked away in the heart of Sydney.

13/2 David Street, Turner ACT

Property Partner: Stu Hamill

Above it all

Exceptional apartment living is often defined by what it offers beyond four walls. In this case, it's the feeling of complete elevation

Positioned in one of Canberra's most sought-after inner-city areas, this architecturally designed residence unfolds across three levels, culminating in an extraordinary rooftop terrace with panoramic views stretching across the capital.









From the moment the private lift opens directly into the residence, it becomes clear this is apartment living without compromise. Light-filled interiors, thoughtful cross-ventilation and energy-efficient design create a home that feels both sophisticated and supremely comfortable.

The rooftop terrace is undoubtedly the star of the show. Here, the city skyline becomes your backdrop for entertaining, quiet mornings and sunset gatherings. Sweeping views towards Telstra Tower and beyond reinforce the feeling of being above it all, while still remaining moments from Braddon's dining scene, the ANU, light rail and Canberra's city centre.

In a market where true lifestyle apartments are increasingly rare, this residence delivers something special: space, privacy and a genuine sense of sanctuary in the very heart of the city.







Moving metropolitan

Urban living has evolved. Today's most desirable residences aren't just about location, but rather creating spaces that offer calm amidst the energy, privacy amidst the convenience, and sanctuary amidst the skyline. These homes remind us that sometimes the most peaceful places are found right in the middle of it all.

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