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Spectacular views through floor-to-ceiling windows at 235 Van Buren help create urban cool master suites in the Financial District high-rise.

## Sweet suites

Designers create sleek sanctuaries behind closed doors

Ever wonder what's going on behind closed doors in master bedrooms from Chicago's Loop to the suburban North Shore?

Experts say interior designers are busy creating sweet master-bedroom suites that provide sleek, sensual sanctuaries of relaxation.

Downtown high-rise master suites feature dramatic views from private balconies and spacious sleeping

spaces highlighted by contemporary platform beds that seem to float above the carpet. Ceilings range from edgy concrete to a spectacular tray with indirect lighting. Adjoining spa baths are connected to dressing areas and spacious closets.

The dream master suite on the North Shore often can be found on the first floor of a twostory home with an adjoining private spa bath with a sultry soaker tub, separate glass-walled shower and expansive double-bowl vanity and mirrors.

### Urban cool

The ultimate urban-cool master suite can be found at 235 Van Buren,

a new 46-story high-rise in the Loop's Financial District. Spectacular city views filter through floor-to-ceiling glass walls, said Scott Hoskins, president and managing broker for CMK Realty, the exclusive sales and marketing agent.

"Van Buren is a young professional building for someone buying the first or second home," said Joseph Sacco of JS Interiors Group, designers of the loft-style model 3301, a two-bedroom, two-bath residence with a north and east corner view from an expansive balcony.

"It's amazing sitting inside this condominium. You are almost a voyeur looking out into the city," Sacco said. "It is almost like looking at a painting. But when you step out on the balcony you hear the sounds of the city."

The master bedroom in the model showcases an imported Italian platform bed with adjoining side tables. It adjoins a sleek master bath with double vanity, expansive mirrors and slate tile floor and tub surround.

At 235 Van Buren, 40 percent of the purchasers are first-time buyers and many of them are young singles, reports Colin Kihnke, president of CMK Cos. Ltd., the developer of the highrise on the southeast corner of Franklin and Van Buren.

Base prices start at \$179,900 for the most affordable studio and \$211,900 for one-bedroom, one-bath units. Two-bedroom, one-bath condos begin at \$259,900, while two-bedroom, two-bath layouts start at \$279,900. Penthouse residences are base priced from \$349,900.

The on-site sales center is in Unit 3302. It is open 11am to 6pm Monday through Friday and noon to 5 pm Saturday and Sunday. Call CMK Realty at 312-376-0600 or visit [www.235vanburen.com](http://www.235vanburen.com).