

Dream Team

THE CITY'S REAL ESTATE MAVENS ARE TAKING ON A NEW PROJECT.

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What do you get when you take a high-end developer, a rock star real estate agent and two side-by-side brownstones on Commonwealth Avenue? Maison Commonwealth (maisoncommonwealth.com), the latest venture from Chevron Partners and realtor Beth Dickerson, the team behind Maison Mont Vernon in Beacon Hill.

For three decades, the brownstones served as dorms for Bay State College students. And for years after that, they stood before the Back Bay Architecture Commission waiting for approval to be converted into the luxury condos envisioned by Chevron Partners. Now, with Meyer & Meyer Architecture, their transformation has begun. Essentially a custom build, everything from the back wall to the roof has been removed, so only the building's facade remains. The retaining wall between the two buildings also came down to create a rare 45-foot wide space (most buildings in the neighborhood are 18 to 24-foot wide). And finally, an area was dug underneath the building and cement pilings were added to construct a garage for all the future residences.

Soon, the interior work will begin, the design of which really sets this project apart. Everything from the moldings to the finishes is on-order and will be of the finest quality. Expect imported oak chevron wood flooring, hand-carved marble fireplace mantels, cast plaster moldings with custom corner



cartouches, modern Italian cabinetry, state-of-the-art appliances and floor-to-ceiling imported Carrara marble primary bathrooms. Chevron Partners are passionate about great materials and artisanship, and to that end, they work alongside Adige Design who source from European artisans. Even the plumbing is elite, with wall-hung toilets and sinks to hide all the piping and huge sinks in the laundry rooms. Although the projected completion date isn't until fall of next year, the penthouse is already under contract.

"We're a good team," says Dickerson. "I tell them what I think is strong in the market now, what clients are demanding and desiring and they show me what they want to use. It's a great collaboration."

Left: Renderings of the primary suite. Below: Renderings of the main living and dining area.

