



North End warehouse loft gets dressed up

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This 1899 brick building in the North End is the former home of the Castignetti Bros. clothing shop and furniture warehouse that also housed local artists for many years.

Converted to condos in 2001, 26 Stillman St. has 28 loft-style condos on six floors. Unit 2-1, a recently updated 1,328-square-foot, two-bedroom unit featuring a large brick-and-beam open kitchen, living and dining area with maple floors, is on the market for \$714,900.

The six-story building has a lobby with industrial-looking galvanized steel walls and black stone floors. An elevator leads up to the condos, along hallways with maple floors and sconce lighting.

Unit 2-1 opens into a large open kitchen/living/dining area with 10-foot-high beam ceilings and maple floors. To the right is a coat closet, and to the left is the kitchen area, which has a dozen custom frosted-glass cabinets added a year ago and honed black-granite counters, including a peninsula with pendant lamps. There are maple floors, recessed lighting and General Electric stainless-steel appliances added in 2008.

The adjacent living/dining areas get a lot of light through four large windows, with beam ceilings and recessed lighting overhead.

To the left of this area, through a newly added pair of frosted glass doors with transoms on either side, sits the maple-floored master bedroom suite. The bedroom area has two windows and recessed lighting and an office and sleeping area.

There's also a large walk-in closet with built-in shelving and a second closet holds a stacked washer and dryer.

The en-suite master bathroom has honed black granite floors and vanity top and white subway tile surround for a whirlpool tub and shower.

Off the other side of the living/dining area is a brick-walled second bedroom with two windows and a built-in wardrobe. And there's a curving glass-block wall leading to a half bath that does not have a door. However, a buyer could remove the glass block and put up a new wall to create an en-suite bathroom for the second bedroom.

The \$504 monthly condo fee includes heat, hot water and central air-conditioning from the building's central systems. And pets are allowed. There's no on-site parking, but a lot across the street offers parking for around \$280 a month.

There's a shared rubber roof deck with panoramic views of downtown Boston and the North End.

For more information or a chance to see this property, call Rob Cohen of Boston Realty Advisors Residential at 617-962-0142.

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