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The entry gallery shown on the adjacent page is the first glimpse into a lavish duplex apartment overlooking Central Park in New York City. The wood floor is maple and Bird's Eye maple set around and within a custom-designed marquetry inlay of walnut, wenge, Brazilian cherry and Bird's Eye maple. The cove lighted ceiling coffers reflect the floor pattern below to achieve the maximum ceiling heights in this structurally low area. The walls are hand-troweled, two-toned plaster with a matte waxed finish. The Claro walnut doors on the left lead to the private elevator lobby, while the matching doors to the right lead to a library room with floor-to-ceiling sycamore panels and carved wood crown moldings. The internal stairway of this home, pictured on the next spread, right, leads one to the second level music room. The railing was designed with an Old World look in mind. An additional concern was to design the elements as open as possible to allow for optimum acoustics for the couple living in this 28th and 29th floor apartment who have a passion for music. The bath on the last page, right, was intended as a secondary bathing room. Its walls are pillowed limestone tiles with inlaid relief tiles. The fittings are twenty-four-carat gold with Swarovski crystal details.

One of the rooms in this home, with a mountaintop view of New Jersey, is the billiard room pictured on the following page, top left. With its built-in library walls, cathedral ceiling, and bar area of fruitwood with leaded glass doors, this room makes an elegant statement. It is set at the far end of a wrap-around porch and has two exterior glass entries. Interior access is gained through double door openings from the living room and dining room. The living room, shown on the following page, bottom left, has a double-sided fireplace which leads the eye to a view of the dining room beyond.

In the woods of north New Jersey, we designed a library for a Tudor-style home belonging to a couple whose children had moved out. As you can see on the last spread, left, an entire wall was custom-built with cherry wood cabinetry and supports a second level balcony with library shelves. The pair of arched wood and glass doors lead from the master bedroom onto the balcony which overlooks the cathedral ceiling of this great room. Two openings below the cabinetry wall allow access through to the kitchen and the dining room, concealed by pairs of glass French doors.

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