

## John B. Murray Architect

With the restoration and renovation of a 5,800-square-foot Upper East Side penthouse duplex, New York-based architect John B. Murray pays tribute to Manhattan's beloved late nineteenth- and early twentieth-century brick and stone apartment buildings. Built in 1925, the Park Avenue apartment surmounts a 15-story building and includes original features like a terrace that rings the upper level and a skylight-enhanced, double-height entry gallery. Now a twenty-first-century residence, newly defined and finished spaces include, but are not limited to, the entry foyer; gallery, stair hall, and staircase; dining room; living room; powder room; and a wood-paneled library with ample bookshelves and an adjacent bath. Additionally, a butler's pantry/bar with wine storage and basin, and a kosher eat-in kitchen with work/desk area contemporize the apartment. A new wood stair that spans two levels with a sweeping elliptical curve, the bronze-and-iron balustrade from stair base to top and around the upper gallery, and the gallery's patterned stone floor are among the features that point to the refinement of an earlier era.

