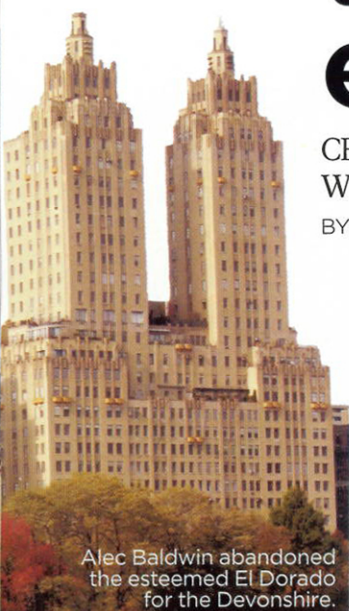


# the great escape

CELEBRITES ARE HEADING DOWNTOWN, WHERE PRICES KEEP GOING UP.

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Alec Baldwin abandoned the esteemed El Dorado for the Devonshire.



245 10th Ave.



Bobbi Brown

Alec Baldwin had a busy few months. In between stopping by Zuccotti Park to show his support for the Occupy Wall Street protestors and being zapped on Twitter by New York Republican Senate Majority Leader Dean Skelos, who called him a hypocrite for his “rages against corporate greed” while being a paid spokesman for corporate giant Capital One, Baldwin paid \$11.7 million for a new Manhattan apartment at the Devonshire House. The apartment in question is a penthouse condo in a grand, luxury prewar building in Greenwich Village that was originally asking \$12.5 million. At the same time, the *30 Rock* star found a mystery buyer for his gorgeous full-floor unit at the historic El Dorado at 300 Central Park West. That apartment, on the 22nd floor, was a three-bedroom, three-and-a-half bath property that was most recently asking \$9.5 million. It includes a wood-burning fireplace, a formal dining room, and a renovated corner master suite with new closets, surround sound, and a windowed marble bath facing the park. Baldwin, we hear, loved it, but his girlfriend, yogini Hilaria Thomas, is still in her 20s and perhaps prefers to reside downtown.

Also downtown is makeup mogul Bobbi Brown, who paid approximately \$5 million for the two-bedroom, three-bathroom, 2,500-square-foot penthouse at 245 10th Avenue. Della Valle Bernheimer designed the condo building, which overlooks the new second phase of the High Line. Brown can step straight from the elevator into her apartment's foyer, which opens into a 40-plus foot living room with a fireplace and sizeable eat-in kitchen.

In other news, photographer David LaChapelle just bought a one-bedroom, one-bathroom apartment in a West 21st Street co-op. He paid \$1.739 million for the parlor-level unit, which features striking hand-carved details on its plaster moldings and large wooden doors, plus marble fireplaces, etched glass, and custom cabinetry. The famed photog enlisted architects Povero & Company and interior designer Joseph Picardo to graft a hip aesthetic onto the historic property. **G**



Inside LaChapelle's townhouse