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Taking Advantage of the Views

SOMA Architects creates a transparent building aimed at the most privileged of the privileged few at Dubai's Palm Jumeirah.

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SOMA Architects

In [Dubai](#), SOMA Architects knew only the best would do for the 1% of the 1% when designing One at Palm Jumeirah.

The \$544 million project, which derives its name from its location, sits on the first plot of land at the trunk of the man-made, palm tree-shaped island. The endless views, which are unattainable by any other residential building, provided the source of inspiration for the transparent building design.

Each of the 90 condominiums has a living room that faces south to the city and a bedroom that faces north overlooking the marina. There are three-, four-, and five-bedroom units, starting from 2,700 square feet, and a 20,000-square-foot, seven-bedroom penthouse that takes up the entire top floor and offers 360-degree views.

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One at Palm Jumeirah

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To take further advantage of the location, SOMA provided large amounts of outdoor space with protruding terraces that are nearly as spacious as each of the units. The terraces will all be landscaped to provide a lush environment and privacy from adjacent units.

“In Dubai, and in most markets, you don’t have a project where you have nearly an equal amount of outdoor space to interior space,” says Steven Townsend, an associate at [SOMA Architects](#).

The building also comes with extensive amenities such as indoor and outdoor pools, a cinema, a cigar lounge, a luxury spa, a beach club, and a yacht club.

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