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At \$1,550 per square foot, the Laurel on 67th St. and First Ave. might be the best deal in town. Sure, that's the price for the lower floors. Sure, studios still cost around \$920,000 and 1,150-square-foot one-bedrooms trade at \$1.75 million. But that's a bargain when you see what you're getting for your hard-earned buck. The kitchen is so futuristic and sleek, it feels like you're on a space ship. The powder rooms have green glass tiles and quartz floors.

"Look at the hardware on the tubs in the secondary bathroom," says Jeannie Woodbrey, sales director for the project, pointing at the Corian countertops and Vola polished-chrome thermostatic shower set with Grohe rainshower heads. "I'm completely comfortable telling people to go out into the market and look at everything else in this price range. They come back here almost every time."

In this case, the amenities match the finishes. There's a Laurel Club with a children's playroom, two iMacs, a pool table, catering kitchen and dining room. The gem of the amenity offering, though, is the Trophy Club, a bilevel triathlon training center with two kinds of training pools, state-of-the-art stationary bikes, treadmills, poolside cabanas and a large work-out room.

Unfortunately, I don't have room here to discuss Costas Kondylis, the architect of the 30-story 110-unit building that overlooks the East River. To see for yourself, visit the storefront sales gallery at 1164 First Ave., at 64th St. or go online at www.LaurelCondominium.com.⁸