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## Azzurra, Marina del Rey

**Hovering 19 stories** above the largest man-made pleasure-craft harbor in the world, Azzurra combines 450 condominium residences with 150 pieces of artwork from renowned contemporary artists. The light-filled glass, steel and concrete tower is located in Marina del Rey, blocks away from the beaches of Los Angeles and Venice's galleries and artist studios.

"I wanted the collection to complement the Venice art scene in the 1960s and '70s," says art consultant Julie Cline, who specializes in linking buildings to their community through art; she has also consulted on developments like the Montage Resort & Spa in Laguna Beach and the Four Seasons Hualalai in Hawaii. "Every artist featured here was heavily influenced by that period, and each floor is dedicated to a different artist. There's a vintage 40-inch-by-30-inch black-and-white photographic portrait of them when you step off of the elevator, and five pieces of that artist's work throughout that floor."

The first three floors of public spaces (including the lobby, library and spa) also incorporate work from artists such as Frank Stella, Ed Ruscha and Roy Lichtenstein. "I collaborated with several of the artists whose work we used, and they were all very enthusiastic about the concept,"



says Cline, who had a multimillion-dollar budget for the development. "Normally, this would be a two-year project, but I did it in six months." Other artists scattered throughout the floors include David Hockney and Andy Warhol on the penthouse level.

The one-, two- and three-bedroom "pied-à-mer" residences range from 811 to approximately 3,500 square feet. Each unit is prewired for digital cable and high-speed Internet access. The complex includes a 24-hour doorman and valet, and residential concierge services, a health club with an outdoor exercise terrace, a media lounge (with a library and a wall of plasma televisions) and two rooftop entertainment spaces with outdoor fireplaces and a Jacuzzi terrace. There is also a full-service private spa courtesy of noted aesthetician Nerida Joy. Prices range from \$550,000 to \$4.4 million. SAMANTHA BROOKS

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Above: A rendering from Beverly Hills interior designer Jonathan Barnett for one of the model units on the 12th floor. Right: Each of Azzurra's 19 stories overlooks Marina del Rey and features the work of a renowned California-inspired artist. Pictured here, the first floor includes a painting by Jim Dine near the main entry.