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These are the Tri-State's most expensive condos



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For the last several years, the prospect of buying or selling real estate has been a squirm-inducing one. But now that the housing market is regaining the momentum it lost during the mortgage crisis, local condo developers are reaping the bounty.

Much of that thanks is owed to baby boomers, says [Lee Robinson](#), the lead real estate agent for nine developments on the List. Those aging empty-nesters are no longer interested in the maintenance load of home ownership, but still desire a sense of independence and community.

That's what drew developer [Rick Greiwe](#) to Mariemont, he says, where he owns three luxury condo developments, including Emery Park, Nolen Park and Jordan Park. Greiwe says suburban neighborhoods like Mariemont have become more active communities, offering the sort of walkability you'd typically only expect to find in a city center, but with the bonuses of suburban life: less traffic, noise and density.

And truly urban areas continue to draw an increasing number of young couples and professionals, who are looking to live, work and play in the same place and ready for more stability and freedom than they'd find from apartment life.

Those same trends show up in this week's top 25 list of most expensive condo developments in the Tri-State, where the high-end neighborhoods of Mariemont and Hyde Park are seeing plenty of new development alongside the urban areas that have long drawn young professionals. Check out the photos at right to see some of the spectacular spaces and awe-inspiring views that are leading some homeowners to sell their lawn mowers.