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## PRIVATE PROPERTIES

### Smile and Say \$35 Million

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Fashion and commercial photographer Albert Watson, testing the high end of lower Manhattan's real-estate market, this week listed his longtime home and studio for \$35 million.

The price is thought to be the highest ever for a home below 14th Street, local brokers say. On Washington Street in the far western part of Greenwich Village, the four-floor house measures about 25,000 square feet, including large terrace spaces, with about 13,000 square feet for residential use. The Scottish-born, 63-year-old Mr. Watson -- who has photographed Alfred Hitchcock, Kate Moss and Jack Nicholson -- paid \$850,000 for the corner office building in 1985, property records show.



**Albert Watson**

Mr. Watson and his wife, Elizabeth, spent years converting the building: About half of the property's first and second floors became a duplex art and photography studio with 22-foot ceilings, a darkroom and offices. The third level has three bedrooms, three bathrooms, a large kitchen and living and family rooms. The top floor includes a master-bedroom suite, library, gym and two large terraces, one with unobstructed views of the Empire State Building.

The property includes a private garage, a screening room and a 28-foot-tall glass atrium. Zoning laws allow a variety of commercial uses including art gallery or restaurant and residence, according to listing agents Peter McCuen and Jim St. Andre of Peter McCuen & Associates.