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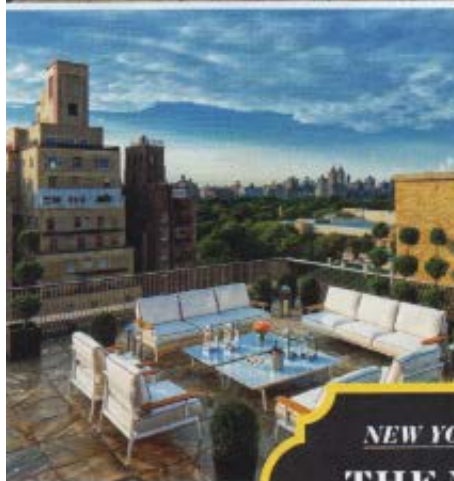
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A FOOTMAN at The Goring in London. What the heck is a footman? See page 84.



Big time: The Mark Penthouse is currently the largest suite in the U.S.



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Danziger's call on the one suite she'd trade her home for is black and white: The Mark's five-bedroom penthouse, which she describes simply as "jaw-dropping." She isn't given to hyperbole: The 12,000-square-foot aerie on the corner of Madison Avenue and 77th overlooks Central Park from two floors and is built for entertaining. Party planners can make use of a full kitchen, 24-seat dining room, living room with a 26-foot-high ceiling and a grand piano, two wet bars, four fireplaces, and a **giant rooftop terrace**.

"Few hotels blend classic New York and current trends like The Mark," she says. "And no others offer 24/7 access to Bergdorf Goodman – you know, just in case you step on a subway grate and have a shoe emergency at 3 AM." Fashion crisis averted, we'd stay up for breakfast in the hotel's restaurant – Danziger deems it one of the best citywide. *The Mark Penthouse from \$75,000.*

WALK ON OVER: If you're traveling with kids, Danziger recommends taking the 79th Street transverse to Central Park's **Marionette Theater**, in the wooden 1870s Swedish Cottage. "My husband and I took our two kids to see *Jack and the Beanstalk*," she says. "They still talk about it a year later!" (Through August, puppets perform a modern twist on *Little Red Riding Hood*; tickets run \$7 to \$10.)