

Redefining Desert Luxury: Olson Kundig Designs Arizona’s Most Expensive Penthouse

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In the heart of Scottsdale, at the foot of the majestic Camelback Mountain, a new chapter in desert luxury is being written; one that seamlessly marries world-class architecture with awe-inspiring natural surroundings. The latest offering from [Replay Destinations](#), *Summit by Olson Kundig*, introduces a refined vision of interior design and architectural innovation through its centerpiece: a \$10.3 million penthouse, one of the highest-priced condominiums ever listed in Arizona.

What sets this residence apart isn’t simply its price tag, but the story it tells through design. Crafted by the acclaimed Seattle-based architecture firm Olson Kundig, renowned for their work that blurs the boundary between built space and natural environment, the penthouse exemplifies modern desert living at its most elevated. With over 6,200 square feet of meticulously designed indoor-outdoor space, the top-floor residence is a study in intentionality, proportion, and connection to the landscape.

From the moment one enters, the influence of Olson Kundig’s design philosophy is palpable. Expansive glass walls disappear into pockets, dissolving the separation between interior space and the sweeping views of Camelback Mountain, the Papago Buttes, and the Valley. Light, scale, and materials work in harmony to create an atmosphere that is both dramatic and deeply calming.



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The interiors reflect a rich material palette, combining warm hardwood floors, custom stonework, and signature touches like Waterworks fixtures and hardware from the Tom Kundig Collection. The kitchen, a centerpiece of the home, is the result of a thoughtful collaboration between Olson Kundig and German kitchen brand bulthaup. A chef’s kitchen anchors the main space, while a secondary “back kitchen” offers both function and discretion—underscoring the penthouse’s dual capacity for entertainment and serene retreat.

Design enthusiasts will appreciate the subtle theatricality embedded throughout: multiple fire features—including one in the primary suite—bring a sculptural warmth to each space. A customizable wine wall adds a bespoke layer of sophistication, inviting personalization while maintaining the architectural integrity of the home.

But the true genius lies in the layout. Each room is oriented to capture distinct views and light patterns, encouraging residents to experience the desert’s ever-changing palette throughout the day. Whether it’s the city lights from the primary suite or the sun setting behind Camelback’s ridgeline from the terrace, the home’s design is deeply rooted in place.

As the final phase of the [Ascent at The Phoenician® development](#), Summit represents a bold design milestone for Scottsdale. It’s also Olson Kundig’s first residential condominium project in Arizona, bringing their internationally lauded approach to a new audience.



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More than just a residence, Penthouse 1301 stands as an architectural statement: one that celebrates craftsmanship, context, and the enduring appeal of modern desert living. For those drawn to interiors that evoke both soul and sophistication, this is not just a home, it’s a masterwork.