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THERE ARE KIDS' ROOMS, MEDIA rooms, and maids' rooms, so why not a room for your car? This fall's must-have real-estate perk: private (and often automated) parking that's out of reach from prying paparazzi's eyes. With celebrities like Kim Kardashian and Kanye West scouring the city for homes with parking spaces that can be entered and exited without public scrutiny (um, really?), developers have taken note. Gone are the days when the only game in town was the Annabelle Selldorf-designed Sky Garages at 200 11th Avenue, where a car elevator lifts the pricey wheels of residents (such as actress Nicole Kidman and fashion designers Domenico Dolce and Stefano Gabbana) directly to garages attached to their apartments.



Nicole Kidman
Actress

The conversion of the Greenwich Village digs of the Children's Aid Society brought to market 25 condominiums with interior details by designer Eric Cohler and landscape design



Kim Kardashian
Socialite

by Edmund Hollander. Among them: four townhouses ranging from 3,400 to 7,500 square feet, asking \$10 million to \$17.25 million, each with a private underground garage. Sound like your sweet spot? Too late: The townhouses went into contract faster than a Bugatti Veyron at top speed. Meanwhile, CetraRuddy, the hotter-than-hot architects behind One Madison and Walker Tower, are transforming a former garage at 1

East 13th Street into eight exclusive condo a conversion that's the first in the city to use the Park Plus robotic parking system. Residents' cars will be parked on the second floor by a robot (possibly obviating the need to tip a parking attendant) and can then be retrieved—in less than a minute—via iPhone. No need to mutter "Dude, where's my car?" ever again. —R. M.

