## See Inside an Apartment Transformation at Uptown's The VUE

Summer Tubridy infused a big, empty deluxe apartment in the sky with urban flair

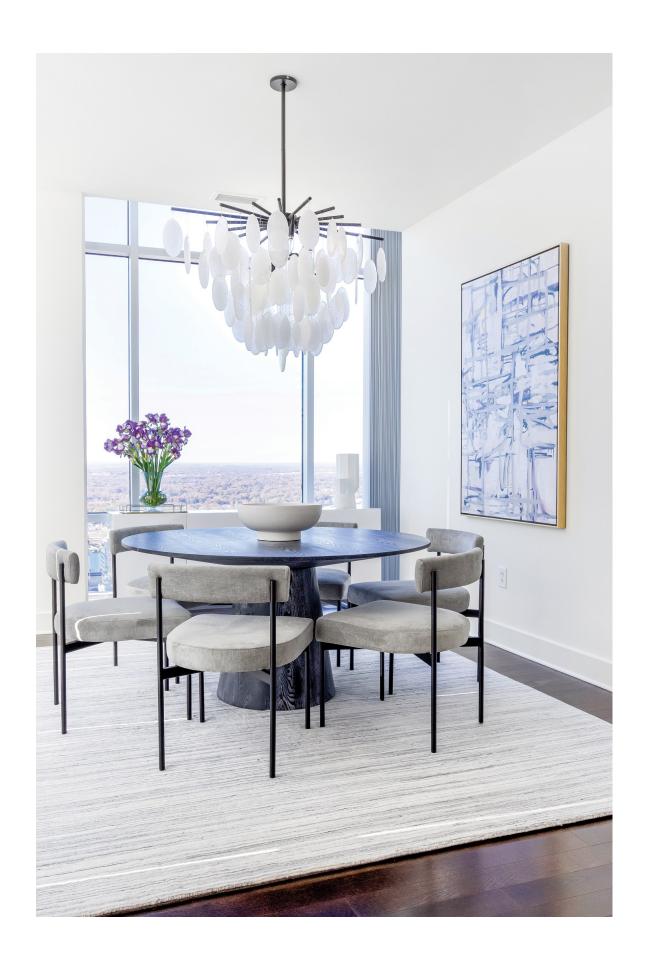
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**Summer Tubridy**, founder of <u>Onyx Interiors</u>, has renovated four units at The VUE over the last seven years. At 51 stories, The VUE (Vertical Urban Experience) has 395 units with floor-to-ceiling windows and panoramic city views. The uptown high-rise is the tallest apartment community between New York and Miami and home to some of the most luxurious urban homes in Charlotte.

When Tubridy's clients leased their 2,500-square-foot apartment on the 51st floor, the young married couple had just a few pieces of furniture from their college days, and they'd never worked with a designer before. "They wanted to start fresh with all new furniture and make it next-level special," she says. "They wanted to upgrade for their married life."

Tubridy recognized the "clean lines and vibrant energy" of their uptown abode, but the balcony was the biggest she'd ever seen at The VUE. "It was 15 by 20 feet of raw concrete, so we had it turfed so they felt like they had an outside space," she says. "As soon as you walk into the front door, you see that beautiful pop of green. It's not something you're expecting on a 51st-floor high-rise.



## **DINING ROOM**

"This is my favorite; you can see the balcony and the whole uptown view from the dining room. I love that chandelier, the way it has a triangle look to it. It brings the focal point down to the dining table. It's a tighter space, but they wanted six people to sit there, so we went with a round table. I wanted to bring in a bit of black to give it an edgier feel. The table is a black cerused oak, and you can see grains in there. The artwork has a subtle graffiti effect. It gives it a little urban flair."

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