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Queenstown is no longer just for the daredevil traveller and this hip holiday apartment is a sign of things to come.

Once it was merely New Zealand's adventure capital. Now it seems that Queenstown is all about venture capital. Major international hotel brands, such as Westin and InterContinental, are building new properties while sleek, architect-designed holiday apartments are enticing the jet set. One of the stand-outs is FortyTwo (the name refers to the street number), a luxurious, three-level apartment with incomparable lake and mountain views, conveniently positioned just about the busy town centre.

Come inside FortyTwo...

First Impressions. With a cutting-edge home entertainment system, climate controlled underfloor heating, unrivalled mountain and lake vistas and a double garage for that rented BMW, FortyTwo, perched about Queenstown's centre, makes an immediate positive impression.



Room to move – space and light are at the heart of FortyTwo's design, with three bedrooms accommodating six to eight people. The combined dining and living area, with its centrepiece fireplace fashioned from local river stones, is a place to linger.



Crystal clear – the imposing chandelier suspended over the oak dining table was created by Auckland company Sharondelier which reconstructs old chandeliers using new crystals.



Hello possum – while protected across the ditch, possums in New Zealand are regarded as a despised, destructive species introduced from Australia. A Kiwi company transforms the wickedly soft furs of the Aussie marsupial into striking rugs such as this one.



View club – Dunedin-based architects Mason and Wales designed FortyTwo to exploit Queenstown's breathtaking views, notably Lake Wakatipu, Cecil Peak and the aptly named Remarkables mountain range.



Dark looks – the lavish bathroom, with wraparound Nero Marquino black marble, is a knockout, featuring twin shower-roses and stalls, a deep bathtub and a centrepiece oak bench.

Checking Out

FortyTwo is a stylish and memorable Queenstown accommodation option. FortyTwo can only be booked via an agent, Queenstown's A Touch of Spice (who will then provide the address and other details). The company has properties to rent from about AUS\$265 for smaller properties to AUS\$1104 per night for FortyTwo. +64 3442