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Jeremy Lin scores a condo in red-hot downtown NYC

No more sleeping on his brother's couch in Manhattan for rising National Basketball Association Star Jeremy Lin.

The Knicks point guard -- who came off the bench a few weeks ago to set records in points, assists and turnovers in his first NBA starts and to become a global celebrity -- has just scored a rental condo at the **W New York** Downtown's Sunshine Select residences.

A Starwood spokesman (W is in its stable) confirmed that this afternoon after a *New York Post* article quoted unidentified sources saying Lin was getting a 1,182-square-foot condo that had been on the market for about \$2 million. Rents start at about \$3,600 a month, the *Post* reports, saying Lin is getting a two-bedroom furnished unit. The Starwood spokeswoman could not say whether Lin is paying or getting the unit free or at reduced rent. A spokesman for the condos couldn't be reached by phone or e-mail Wednesday.

This just makes downtown NYC even hotter.

The Alliance for Downtown New York says a record 9.8 million visitors were recorded there in 2011, fueled by the Sept. opening of The National September 11 Memorial & Museum. The Memorial's Michael Frazier told me that more than 1 million people have visited the Memorial, which is free, but you need timed tickets available from the website or from the 9/11 Memorial Preview Site at 20 Vesey St.; the NYC & Co. tourism kiosk at City Hall; or the NY Water Taxi booth at the South Street Seaport. Frazier says for now, the draw is the plaza with World Trade Center victims' names and tumbling waterfalls. A museum with artifacts is yet to open.