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THE ULTIMATE GUIDE TO ***SELLING*** YOUR HOME FOR A PREMIUM PRICE



SO YOU'RE INTERESTED IN SELLING?

Buying the home of your dreams or selling a property are some of the most significant tasks many will undertake in their lifetime.

The process involves numerous intricacies, from listing the home on the market to effectively promoting it and attracting the right buyers. In our detailed guide, we break down everything involved in selling a property and how a real estate agent can streamline this process to achieve a ***premium*** price swiftly.



DO I REALLY NEED AN AGENT?

While online tools provide instant access to vast amounts of information, they cannot replace the high level of skill required for effective marketing and negotiation. The overwhelming majority of sellers opt for a real estate agent's expertise to ensure they achieve the best possible sale price. Hiring a skilled agent is a wise decision to ensure you sell your property for a ***premium*** price.

MARKET EXPERTISE

Real estate agents are experts in understanding the local area, school zones, buyer demographics, neighbouring home values, and past sales history—critical details that enable them to market your property efficiently.

While you could invest time researching your neighbourhood and the broader area to see how much homes have sold for and how property values have appreciated, agents, deeply embedded within the community, have already gathered this information from years of experience. They use years of accumulated local knowledge to save you time and effort, ensuring your property is positioned advantageously in the market.

NEGOTIATION SKILLS

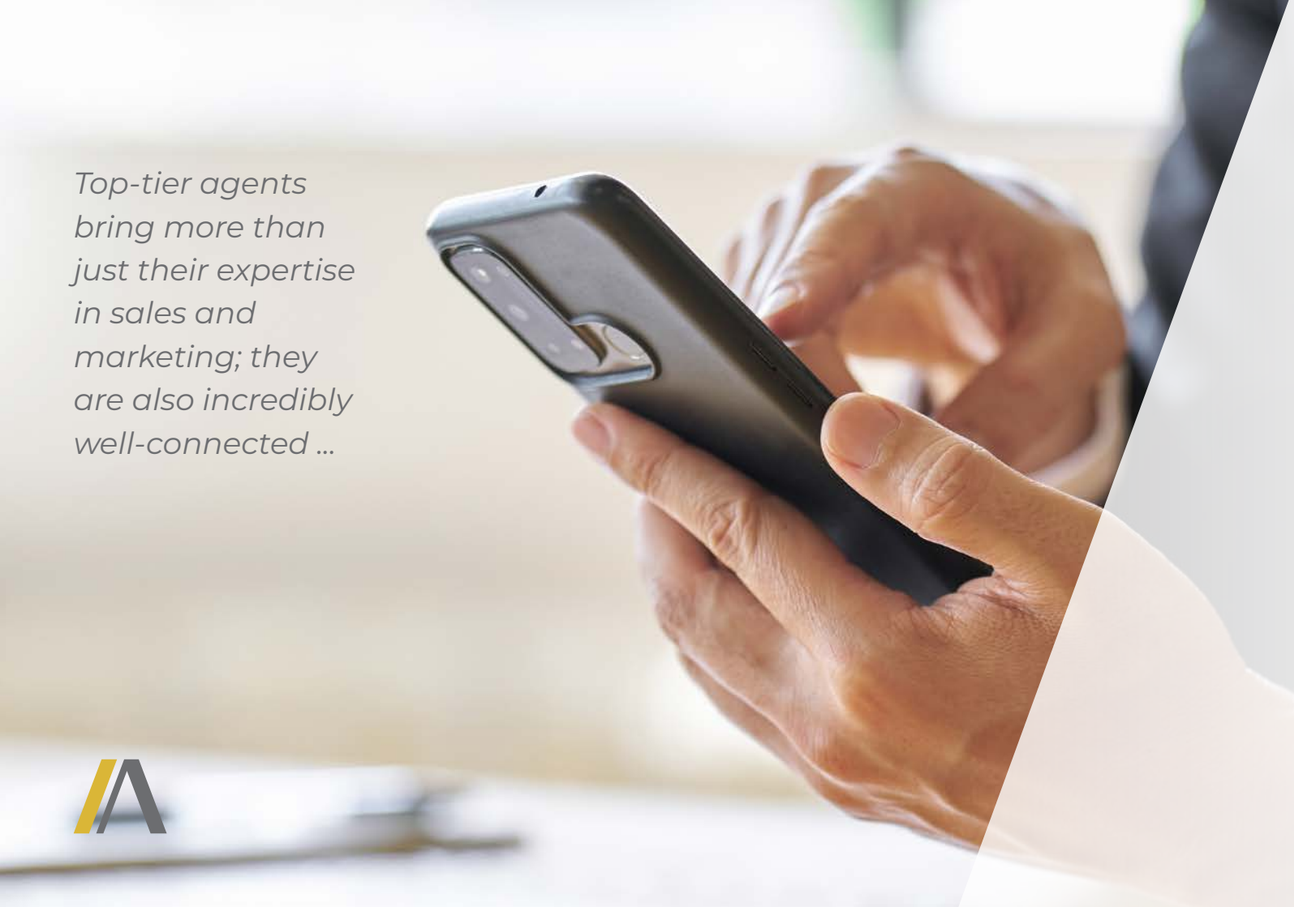
While you might know how to showcase your home's appealing features and attract prospective buyers, a licensed agent possesses a deep understanding of the average buyer's mindset. This knowledge allows them to engage proven strategies that draw significant interest to your open homes, prompt calls for private viewings, and increase online visibility of your listing.

Furthermore, agents have a direct stake in the sale price — through commissions — which clearly motivates them to leverage their expertise to ensure that your home sells for the highest possible price, the ***premium*** price!



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LAW & CONTRACT KNOWLEDGE

Navigating the myriad of laws, rules, and regulations involved in selling a home can be daunting, especially since these can change periodically.

Home sellers should not have to struggle with complex legal terms and documentation while also preparing to move. Real estate agents are well-versed in handling these aspects, smooth contracts that not only safeguard both buyer and seller but also facilitate a swift, efficient, and successful sale.

PROFESSIONAL NETWORK

Top-tier agents bring more than just their expertise in sales and marketing; they are also incredibly well-connected.

Expert agents devote substantial time to expanding their networks, fostering relationships with a range of professionals — from landscapers and electricians to contractors, valuers, building inspectors, mortgage brokers and lawyers.

When you choose an experienced agent, you gain access to a broad network of experts who can ensure you and your home are market-ready swiftly, enhancing the selling process.

TIME

The internet provides a plethora of information for home sellers on how to sell a home, yet managing daily responsibilities such as work and family can make it challenging to dedicate the required time to engage with potential buyers effectively.

This is where the value of a dedicated agent comes into play. Agents commit their time to follow up with every potential buyer, promptly, meticulously gauging interest levels and diligently working to secure the ***premium*** price for your property.

PRICE

It's important to have a thorough understanding of your property's value and impacting factors so you know when the ***premium*** price presents itself.

CONDITION

Addressing touch-ups, any necessary repairs, and presenting your home in immaculate condition will create a strong first impression that lasts.

MARKETING

The reach of your marketing efforts and the presentation of your property are pivotal in attracting a high volume of potential buyers to your open homes and in facilitating a swift sale.

AGENT

Selecting the right agent is perhaps the most significant investment you can make towards achieving the best possible sale price. A skilled agent not only covers their own cost but can significantly increase the final sale price through their expertise and dedication.



PRICING

Premium price:
refers to a selling price that is higher than the typical market value of similar properties in the area.



MARKET ANALYSIS

Your real estate agent possesses deep insights into the market, allowing them to gather data and generate reports that provide an accurate overview of pricing and sale method trends in your area.

This information is invaluable in setting realistic price expectations whilst also not underselling your property. It's important to consider additional factors such as the land area, size, age of the property, construction type and the duration a property has been on the market, to establish a well-rounded strategy for your property.

REGISTERED VALUATION

Engaging a registered valuer provides a comprehensive assessment of your home's condition down to the smallest detail.

These certified professionals use a broader view when determining a property's value. As well as considering comparable sales they factor in economic conditions and how this may potentially impact on sale price. They are often used for finance purposes and best to check cost before undertraining one. This process is different from the Rateable Valuation, which is conducted sight unseen by the local council and serves the sole purpose for rate payment distribution.

ONLINE HOME VALUATION TOOLS

A quick Google search for “home valuation tool” yields millions of results, providing an abundance of online resources to estimate your home’s value.

However, it’s crucial to remember that these figures are merely computer generated estimates and useful when you want a general idea of likely market value.

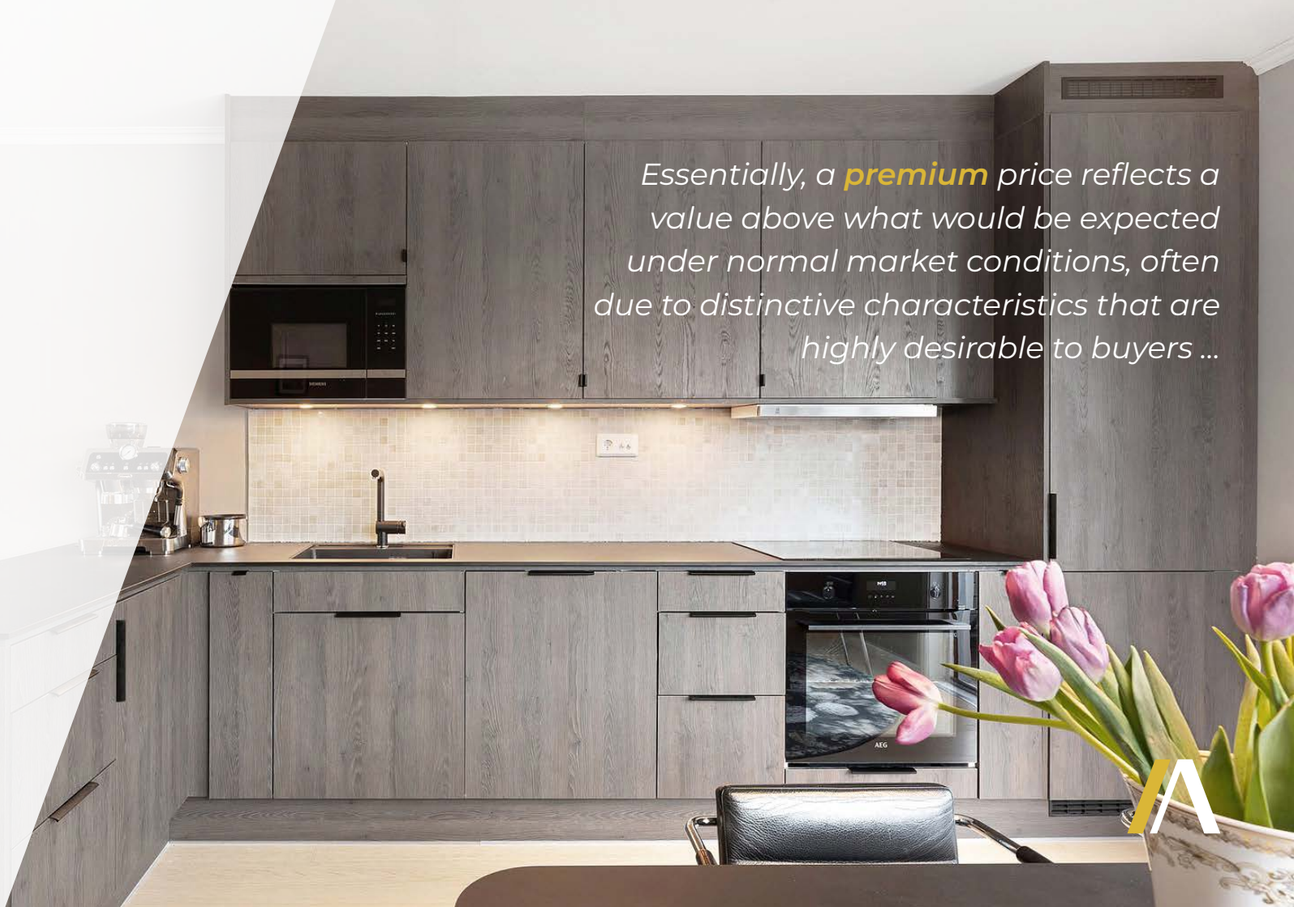
Without the insight of a professional real estate consultant who understands the unique aspects of your property, the accuracy of these estimates should not be solely relied on when selling a property.

BEING REALISTIC

The selling price of your home is ultimately up to you.

Achieving a ***premium*** price involves understanding what buyers are currently paying for similar properties in your area and aiming for the upper end of that range.

By employing a real estate agent, you gain an expert who will not only protect your home’s value but also guide you to recognize and seize the opportunity when the ***premium*** price is achievable. Being realistic helps ensure you don’t miss out on the opportunity when it presents itself.



*Essentially, a **premium** price reflects a value above what would be expected under normal market conditions, often due to distinctive characteristics that are highly desirable to buyers ...*

CONDITION

You only have one opportunity to make a first impression — make it exceptional! A home in excellent condition not only stands out but is also primed to sell quickly and for top dollar.



REFRESH

Enhancement such as exterior wash, paint, gutter clean, driveway pressure wash and garden tidy up can significantly rejuvenate your property and minimise distractions during open home visits.

These small-scale improvements are typically cost-effective yet have a profound impact on your home's sale price. Often, it's not just the cost but the time and effort involved to attend to suffered maintenance that buyers consider. By addressing these issues beforehand, you eliminate their concerns. Allocate a budget and schedule time to complete these tasks before taking photos; this ensures your property looks impeccable from the moment it hits the market!

On **page 17**, you'll find a comprehensive checklist to help you get started.

RENOVATIONS

The first areas buyers are commonly drawn towards when browsing homes are kitchens and bathrooms. A few cosmetic upgrades to lighting, floor coverings and fixtures can dynamically change the look and feel of any room, greatly enhancing the overall impression of the home.

To avoid overspending on your investment, consult with your agent to understand what are the current trends buyers are looking for in your area and discuss with them what will bring you the biggest return on investment.

INSPECTIONS & REPAIRS

It's wise to conduct a building inspection by a certified inspector before listing your property.

This modest investment can uncover any necessary repairs, allowing you to address them before potential buyers notice them. Including a building report in your information pack not only demonstrates transparency but also boosts buyer confidence, making it easier for them to commit to a purchase.

By being proactive, you safeguard your property's value and enhance its appeal, making a strong case for prospective buyers to make a positive decision swiftly.



Diligence in preparing your home not only safeguards its value and integrity but also accelerates the selling process and enhances its potential to fetch a higher price.

PREPARATION CHECKLIST

Enhance Street Appeal:

Paint weathered fences, add decorative pots & plants, treat lawns and trim overgrown trees or hedges to improve your home's first impression.

Declutter & Depersonalise:

Store personal items and photos to create a neutral space for buyers to walk into. Clear away excess furniture and clutter from bedrooms, kitchens, and living areas to create a more inviting space.

Walls, Doors and Windows:

Touch up and repaint walls to cover any nail holes and marks. Address any squeaky doors, windows, and handles to ensure smooth operation.

Update Window Treatments:

Replace old drapes and blinds with new ones to freshen up each room.

Lighting:

Update lamp shades and light fittings for instant impact and ensure all bulbs are working to fully brighten up each room.

Showcase Fine Linens:

Use lush linens, cushions, and covers to style your home for open homes.

Optimise Scents:

Ensure your home smells as inviting as it looks. Scents like floral and vanilla are often most appealing.

Create Ambiance:

Play soft instrumental music during open homes to create a pleasant atmosphere that makes your home memorable.

Professional Services:

Consider hiring professionals for essential maintenance and aesthetic improvements. These services may be more affordable than you might expect and can significantly enhance your property's appeal:

- Water Blasting
- Window Washing
- Commercial Cleaning
- Lawn & Garden Care
- Home Staging
- Roof & Gutter Cleaning



These steps will help ensure your home is seen in the best light and make a strong impression on potential buyers.

MARKETING

With updates complete and repairs made, your property now showcases its best visual and functional appeal. The next critical step is marketing. Simply looking great isn't enough; your home must be strategically presented to the right audience through the most effective channels. An experienced real estate professional will be able to develop and recommend a cost-effective marketing campaigns tailored specifically to highlight your home's unique features and attract serious buyers.



MARKETING BASICS

Understanding Marketing Campaigns:

A marketing campaign is a carefully planned strategy designed to attract the maximum number of potential buyers to your home. This strategy consists of two main components: a marketing package that promotes your home and a sales method that encourages offers from interested buyers.

In today's diverse marketing landscape, your home can be showcased through a variety of channels including real estate websites, print media, signboards and social media platforms. As for sales methods, options include setting an Asking Price, running a Deadline Sale, or conducting an Auction.

Crafting an effective campaign doesn't have to be costly. Your real estate agent will help you assemble an efficient packages specifically tailored to suit your home's unique qualities and market appeal.

/ SUPPLY VS. DEMAND

Having invested time and effort into refreshing and rejuvenating your home for the market, it's crucial to target the best buyer, not just the first one. Prospective buyers often consider multiple properties within the same area.

By strategically highlighting your property and reaching a wide audience, you can significantly increase the likelihood of attracting multiple interested buyers.

The basic principle of supply and demand dictates that when demand exceeds supply, prices tend to rise; conversely, when supply exceeds demand, prices may fall. An effective marketing campaign safeguards your home's value by generating strong demand. This not only creates a competitive bidding environment but also positions you to achieve a ***premium*** price for your property.

/ PHOTOGRAPHY & VIDEO

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Partner with a seasoned photographer who specialises in real estate.
While a friend or family member might have a knack for photography, selling your home requires the expertise of a professional.

Look for someone with a proven track record of capturing and enhancing stunning images of properties for their clients. Request to review their portfolio and reach out to previous clients for feedback on their experience. Remember, photos serve as the first impression of your property for potential buyers. Make sure they're awe-inspiring and enticing enough to draw buyers through your front door.

// VIDEOGRAPHY

Enhance your listing with a captivating video walkthrough.

In today's dynamic real estate market, potential buyers are often on the move, sometimes across the country or even overseas. A video walkthrough offers a compelling way to showcase your property, particularly for remote buyers or those unable to attend open homes in person.

By combining moving visuals with audio commentary, a video walkthrough immerses viewers in the unique features and atmosphere of your home. This heightened engagement not only highlights your property's best qualities but also sets it apart from competitors.





ONLINE MARKETING

Today's digital landscape offers a plethora of opportunities to reach potential buyers through various channels, including real estate websites, social media platforms, targeted email campaigns, and text messaging.

Investing in cost-effective, high-profile website and social media advertisements can significantly broaden your reach and attract more interested buyers to your property. Additionally, your real estate agent should be utilizes automated systems that send out push notifications and emails to prospective buyers who have recently shown interest in similar properties.

If navigating the complexities of online marketing feels overwhelming, rest assured an established real estate agent is equipped to guide you through the process. They stay abreast of the latest trends and can recommend strategies tailored to effectively showcase your property to the right audience.

SIGNBOARD, FLYERS & PRINT

While some may view these methods as traditional, they still play a significant role in a comprehensive marketing strategy.

Signboards and local flyer distribution serve as effective tools to inform nearby residents, including those who might not be actively searching for properties. By raising awareness among your immediate neighbours, you tap into a potential network of advocates who can spread the word about your home to their friends and family looking to move into the area.

It's worth noting that not everyone relies solely on the internet for their property search. Featuring an exclusive in a local property magazines can provide elevated exposure for luxury properties to individuals who regularly peruse these publications but may be passive about their buying journey.

In essence, the goal is to attract the right buyer willing to pay a ***premium*** price, rather than settling for the first buyer who stumbles upon your property.

Some may say that these are old fashioned ways of marketing however they play an essential part in the overall marketing campaign and strategy.

METHOD OF SALE

After establishing your marketing strategy, the next crucial step is determining the method of sale to secure the ***premium*** price for your property.

Various methods such as Asking Price, Deadline Sale, and Auction are at your disposal, each with its own set of advantages and drawbacks. The optimal choice hinges on your specific goals and preferences. Engage in a discussion with your agent to pinpoint the method that aligns best with your objectives for reaching your ***premium*** price.

Irrespective of the chosen method, it's imperative to bolster your efforts with a robust marketing campaign to maximize exposure and attract the right buyers.



AGENT

Your choice of agent can profoundly impact your ability to secure the ***premium*** price for your home. Choosing an experienced agent with a strong track record in real estate sales, marketing and expert negotiation skills can be your most valuable investment. A proficient agent not only comprehends the intricacies of the market but also adeptly navigates you through every phase of the selling journey, starting from the decision to list your property through to key hand over day.

Partnering with a skilled agent ensures that you receive tailored guidance and support at every turn, maximizing your chances of achieving your desired outcome in the selling process.



GET TO KNOW YOUR AGENTS

Before signing any agreements, take the time to thoroughly vet your agents. Entrusting the sale of your home is a significant decision, and it's crucial to establish a strong rapport with the individuals you'll be working closely with.

Ask probing questions about their marketing strategies and rationale behind them. Request to connect with their past clients to gain insights into their experiences. Openly discuss your goals and aspirations with your agents, allowing them to tailor their approach to best suit your needs.

Skilled agents not only add value to the sale but also helps you achieve your desired outcome in the most effective and efficient way possible. This means a more profitable sale to prepare you for your next move.

AGENT CHECKLIST

The agent you select will significantly influence the outcome of your sale. To ensure you choose the right one and maximize your chances of achieving a ***premium*** price, consider the following criteria:

- **Selling Focus:**
  Dedicates the majority of their time to their vendors rather than focusing on working with buyers looking to buy a different property.
- **Understanding:**
  Listens attentively to your goals and aspirations for the sale.
- **Strong Method of Sale:**
  Recommends a strategic method of sale that optimises your leverage.
- **Effective Marketing Plan:**
  Designs a comprehensive and cost-effective marketing strategy tailored to your property.
- **Quality Resources:**
  Utilises top-tier tools, resources, and professionals to showcase your property to be the best in its category.
- **Competitive Commission:**
  Offers a competitive commission rate while maintaining high-quality service.
- **Collaboration:**
  Willingly works-in with other agents and their buyers to secure the best price for you.
- **Proven Track Record:**
  Demonstrates a track record of successful sales and willing to provide references upon request.
- **Negotiation Skills:**
  Possesses a strong negotiation skillset to secure not only the premium price but on favourable terms.

- **Mortgage Broker Relationship:**
  Works closely with reputable mortgage brokers to assist and qualify buyers.
- **Follow-up Systems:**
  Implements effective follow-up systems and structures.
- **Communication:**
  Provides regular feedback reports and keeps you fully informed on your campaign's progress.
- **Trustworthiness:**
  Inspires trust and demonstrates confidence in what they do with integrity and professionalism.

Keep in mind that the ideal buyer willing to pay a ***premium*** price could emerge at any time once your property hits the market.

Therefore, it's crucial to be prepared right from the start. Having a solid plan in place and presenting your property in its best possible light from day one is essential.

From the initial consultation to the moment the 'sold' sticker is placed, your agent plays a vital role in alleviating stress and ensuring nothing is overlooked in the pursuit of securing top dollar for your home.

THE BOTTOM LINE

At this point, you're equipped with the necessary tools and insights to embark on the journey of selling your home for the highest possible price.

Success begins long before your property hits the market. It hinges on a blend of factors: presenting your home immaculately, implementing an impactful marketing strategy, and enlisting the expertise of a proficient agent to handle the groundwork on your behalf.

By approaching the process diligently and comprehensively, you set yourself on the path to securing the price your home truly deserves — the ***premium*** price.



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