

DEEDS & DON'TS



French Accent
Inspired by a French chateau, this Stamford manse is listed for \$7,495,000 with Helene Barre and Fran Ehrlich of Sotheby's International Realty in Greenwich. 203-550-0855 and 203-249-5561.

There's a property called *La Gentilbommere* in Stamford—although stepping on its manicured grounds, you'll feel as if you've been transported to the French countryside. The fancifully styled Gallic gates open onto a long, landscaped private drive, leading to a formal front courtyard. Once inside the grand entry hall, curved double staircases lead to a second-floor gallery or, on the main floor, a suite of formal rooms, embellished with centuries-old beams and 18th-century parquet de Versailles floors. Commissioned to resemble the Château de Givenchy-le-Noble in France, even the kitchen was designed a la Française, with its La Cornue range, two limestone sinks, and stone floors.

The 3.54-acre exteriors were designed by James Doyle and feature a pretty pool and an elegant pool house with a gas fireplace, surround-sound theater, kitchen and dining terrace. It lists for \$7,495,000 with Helene Barre and Fran Ehrlich of Sotheby's International Realty.

MODERN MAGIC

THE BIGGEST DEAL ON THE SUMMER RENTAL MARKET IS A MIDCENTURY modern in New Canaan, designed by Harvard Five architect John Johansen.

It's called the Bridge House because the space between two of its pavilions is suspended over a river. And the "bridge" is a showstopper, with a vaulted barrel ceiling and floor-to-ceiling sliding glass doors that open onto the plate-glass balcony. Indeed, glass walls are a theme throughout the one-story, open-plan interiors, which also offer a 47-foot-long living room, skylights, handsome built-in cabinetry, four bedrooms and three bathrooms. On the lovely 5.1-acre grounds, there's a stone pool and terrace, along with multiple patio areas. It rents for \$100,000 for the summer season and is represented by Inger Stringfellow of William Pitt Sotheby's International Realty. —*Diane di Costanzo*



Modern Love The circa-1956 Bridge House rents for \$100,000 for the summer season. It's represented by Inger Stringfellow of William Pitt Sotheby's International Realty in New Canaan. 203-321-9361.

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