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Whether it's an elegant flat in Paris, a chateau in the countryside or a villa on the Riviera, owning a property in France is surely the peak of chic



16TH ARRONDISSEMENT, PARIS

Located on the top floor of a historic building, this magnificent apartment includes an imposing marble entrance hall and beautifully proportioned rooms with views of the Parisian skyline. There are three bedrooms, including a master suite, and multiple reception rooms.

€9 million.

Engel & Völkers: 00 33 145 643 030

France has long held an irresistible appeal to Anglophones, with its beautiful architecture, rich cultural heritage and excellent food and wine. Different personalities gravitate towards different parts – the cosmopolitan crowd are drawn to Paris, while country bumpkins prefer France's rural areas; sporty types head for the Alps, and the jet set flock to the French Riviera.

'The Paris market has been extremely busy since late August, partly driven by

the strength of the dollar,' says Susie Holland of the estate agency Vingt Paris. 'In particular, there's a strong micro market for properties with a top address and a view, and that don't need too much renovation.'

Take the above apartment, for example, with its fantastic outlook that takes in two of Paris's most famous landmarks: the Arc de Triomphe and the Eiffel Tower. With soaring ceilings, enormous windows and classical architectural details, the property

brims with light, space and charm, and the majority of its rooms open out onto large balconies. The formal reception rooms are particularly notable, with their ornate Belle Epoque decorative mouldings (the building was built in 1908) and equally elaborate floors in marble and wood.

Outside the capital, there are plenty of regions that offer a lot in terms of



**VILLA VOGUE,
ALPES-MARITIMES**

Situated in a prime location on the Cap d'Antibes – one of the most desirable spots on the French Riviera – this villa comes with sea views and its own private beach. The property includes seven bedrooms, a fitness centre and wine cellar; while outside there's a generous garden and a swimming pool. €26.9 million.
Sotheby's International Realty:
00 33 492 921 288

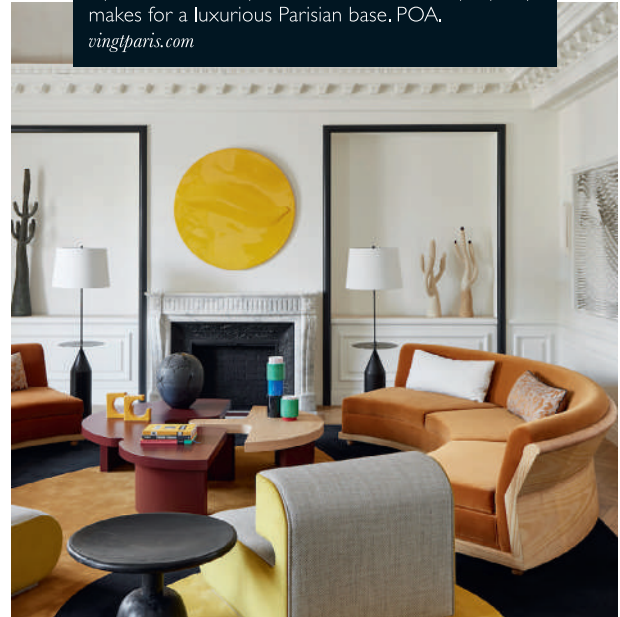


FLEURANCE, GERS

This wonderfully romantic chateau occupies a bucolic spot in a tranquil part of south-west France. The chateau itself has six bedrooms, while the estate provides additional accommodation in the form of two further properties – there's also a tennis court, a swimming pool and equestrian facilities. €2,195,000.
Savills: 00 33 556 713 659

8TH ARRONDISSEMENT, PARIS

Close to both the Avenue des Champs Élysées and Avenue George V, this stylish apartment is presented in turnkey condition with contemporary interiors. With exceptionally high ceilings and almost 300 square metres of space, this four-bedroom property makes for a luxurious Parisian base. POA.
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both properties and lifestyle. One such area is the South West. 'Its appeal lies in its scenery, its accessibility and the open space it offers,' says Alice Storrie of Savills. 'Some of our buyers may not want a property with acres of land, but they do appreciate being surrounded by open countryside – something the wider South West region has in abundance.'

It's easy to see how one of Savills' current listings in Fleurance, Gers, would tempt buyers from around the



FAYENCE, VAR

Set on 28 acres, this Provençal estate comprises a traditional bastide and a guest house, and comes with terraced olive groves and a vineyard. It's the perfect spot for family gatherings, with a covered terrace off the generous kitchen, an outdoor dining areas and a heated pool. €3.75 million.

home-hunts.com



CANNES, ALPES-MARITIMES

Occupying an elevated spot overlooking the bay at Cannes, this fully renovated bastide has a maritime panorama that spans from the islands of Lérins to Saint-Tropez. Highlights of the property include the large infinity pool flanked by shady terraces and places to soak up the sun, POA.

Beauchamp Estates: 00 33 493 944 545

globe. Surrounded by its own land and set at the end of a 1.5 kilometre drive, this quintessentially beautiful chateau is in good condition, with plenty of original features and ancillary accommodation.

Meanwhile, there's another extraordinary mansion for sale further south in the Côte d'Azur, set high above the coast in a prime spot just west of Monaco. Impressive in both scale and position, Villa l'Aiglon is one of the area's most notable private homes – a true dream retreat.

MONFLANQUIN, LOT-ET-GARONNE

Set atop a hill surrounded by 68 hectares of rolling meadows and sunflower fields, this charming estate is steeped in history. It comes with several secondary properties and would be perfect for equestrian enthusiasts, as there's a covered indoor arena, a sand school and a gallops, €3.9 million.

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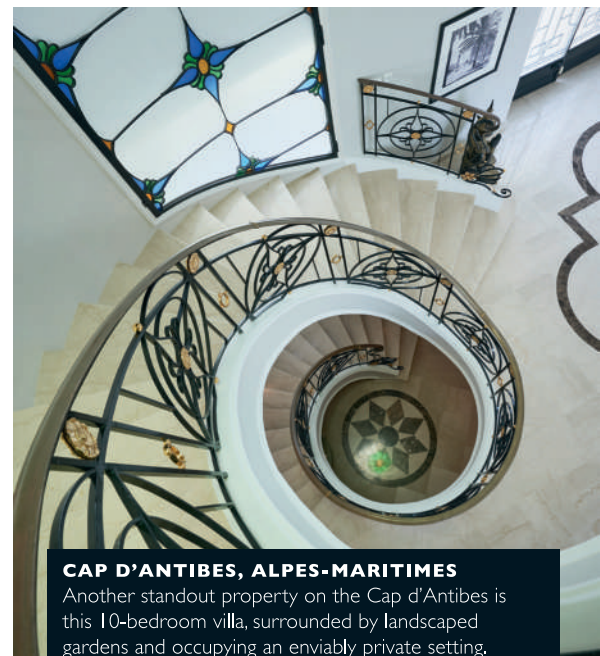


ROQUEBRUNE-CAP-MARTIN, ALPES-MARITIMES

Located east of Monaco and west of Cap Martin is a palatial villa that was built in 1891 and commands fantastic sea views. It has five storeys, with 30 rooms, including 10 bedrooms.

Outside, there's a swimming pool, terraces, mature gardens and a separate staff house, €39 million.

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CAP D'ANTIBES, ALPES-MARITIMES

Another standout property on the Cap d'Antibes is this 10-bedroom villa, surrounded by landscaped gardens and occupying an enviably private setting. There's plenty to recommend it, from the sea views to the curving 1930s marble staircase that provides a striking focal point to the interior, €26.75 million.

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