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# William Pitt Sotheby's International Realty Lists Tranquil Zen Retreat in New Canaan

*Accomplished interior designer and current homeowner transforms residence from a 50s-style ranch to an updated, peaceful home retreat*

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**New Canaan, Conn. – June 2, 2015** – William Pitt Sotheby's International Realty (<http://www.williampitt.com/eng>) announced today that the firm has listed a transformed ranch-style home, which was recently updated and redesigned by current homeowner and established interior designer Shelley Morris. The refurbished residence, which is described as a tranquil Zen retreat and is located in the town of New Canaan, Conn., is listed by New Canaan agent Diane Jenkins, and offered at \$3,850,000.

Shelley Morris Interiors (<http://www.shelleymorrisinteriors.com/>), a design firm based in Fairfield County, Conn., collaborates with numerous notable East Coast architects supported by teams of top-notch design talent including upholsterers, millwork craftsmen, custom furniture makers, ceramicists and more. Her work is greatly influenced by well-known interior designer Axel Vervoordt. Over the years, Morris has worked on a wide range of projects, designing homes and apartments of all styles in the New York area, New England and California. She is currently working on designing homes in Connecticut, with "Tranquil Zen Retreat" as one of her latest endeavors.

The residence, which was once a 1950s-style ranch, now boasts 3,477 square feet of transformed space and up-to-date, custom features. During its renovation, all interiors were gutted and redesigned with a neutral palette, clean lines and tactile finishes including Venetian plaster and linen upholstery. Upon entrance, residents and visitors are greeted by a gallery entrance that connects the home's two wings, which include the main living area and private bedroom to the left, and to the right, the guest wing and rear entrance from the three-car garage. Shaker-style recessed floors can also be found throughout the home, in addition to white plank oak floors, shiplap millwork and floor to ceiling windows. Multiple French doors complete the residence's interior, providing a seamless transition into the property's meticulously landscaped acreage.

The exterior of the home offers nearly two acres of land with surrounding specimen plantings and trees, which create a private setting. Additional outdoor features include a wisteria covered pergola covered terrace, luxurious pool area as well as tennis and bocce courts. An espalier pear tree-lined courtyard and classical portico with pea gravel and ornamental grasses complete the home's front entrance.

"This property is a unique and spectacular retreat just steps away from the 'Glass House' and other incredibly built, historic homes in the beautiful town of New Canaan," said Jenkins. "Having an expert designer's touch truly adds something special to the quality and style of the residence, which was even recently used as a backdrop for a fashion photo shoot and has been featured in several magazine during its evolution."

For more information on the property, which is nestled on the prime western ridgeline of New Canaan and located at 440 Wahackme Road, please visit the property website here (<http://www.tranquilzenretreat.com/>).

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