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Luxury vacation living in European-style villa in Brookfield

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"Close your eyes and imagine living in a European villa with distant mountain views amidst a professionally landscaped property with specimen plantings, extensive stone work, and patios where you can enjoy outdoor entertaining. Step through French doors leading from the patio and enjoy listening to the tranquil sound of a waterfall gently leading into a spectacular heated indoor swimming pool and spa with walls of windows.

"Now open your eyes, and you're minutes from Interstate 84 in beautiful Brookfield, Connecticut. It's not a dream — it's your dream home," said Angelina Valentini, a Realtor with William Pitt Sotheby's International Realty's Northern Fairfield County Brokerage. "Living here feels like you're on vacation 365 days a year."

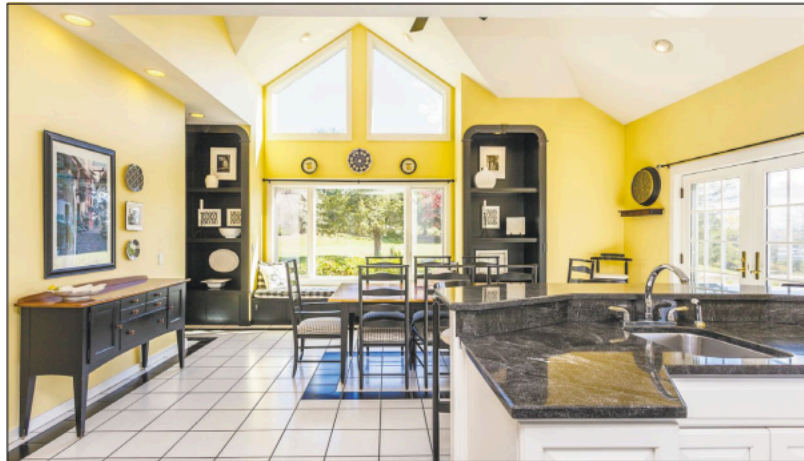
Built in 1993, the 7,502-square-foot home is tucked away on 2.5 acres at the top of a hill at 5 Trailing Ridge Road, a quiet cul-de-sac in desirable southern Brookfield.

"It's a neighborhood within minutes of shopping centers and schools, and is excellent for commuting into Westchester County, New York and Manhattan. This property provides the ideal location for anyone seeking convenience and privacy, and who enjoys nature's beauty," the owner said.

An awe-inspiring focal point of the home is its indoor gunite swimming pool and spa with baluster railings. It's temperature and humidity-controlled.

"All the rooms wrap around the majestic pool surrounded with glass windows, providing an open floor plan that invites feelings of peace, tranquility, and positive energy drawn from the waterfall, deep blue water, and magnificent views," the seller said. "The skylights and glass surrounding the pool gives you the feeling of an outdoor pool with the convenience and comfort of an indoor pool that can be enjoyed all year."

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changing room. An outer wall with windows has two French doors leading to a large patio and beautiful yard.

An elevated round masonry stone patio with baluster railings whisks you through double oak doors, with a large glass window above, into an impressive two-story masonry stone veneer entryway. The foyer features a two-story, diamond-shaped ceiling.

"The entry foyer features a large custom-made planter and large window providing magnificent views and great convenience for entertaining while some enjoy the pool," the owner said.

A half bathroom with a pedestal sink and marble tile is located nearby.

Step down from the foyer into the formal living room. Some of the room's highlights include a magnificent round-shaped, Italian marble, wood-burning fireplace and large windows that bask the room in sunlight.

You'll spend lots of time in the expansive eat-in gourmet kitchen. This room boasts a cooking island with a custom built-in wine rack and raised granite top, a breakfast bar with seating for five, and a generously sized pan-

try. It has white cabinetry, including glass door upper cabinets, granite countertops, a tiled floor with black border and a main sink with large window overlooks breathtaking views of the mountains and gardens. Appliances include two wall ovens, a refrigerator, a dishwasher, a microwave and a gas cooktop. Skylights with automatic electrical controls are located over the cooking area.

A dining area features a cathedral ceiling and a large window above a custom-made window seat flanked by custom built-ins. A French door opens to a private stone patio.

The kitchen flows easily into a family room detailed with a wet bar equipped with granite counters, a refrigerator, a wine rack, a mirrored backsplash with glass shelving, and oak hardwood floors. A French door offers access to a large masonry patio with built-in barbecue.

A spacious dining room, with elegant classic white trim, oak hardwood floors and recessed lighting, offers an ethereal-like feeling.

Unwind in a private master bedroom suite. This sanctuary

has a sitting area next to a large window, a partial high ceiling, oak hardwood floors, and his-and-hers walk-in closets with white cabinetry and shelving. The private master bathroom is a tranquil space with a double vanity and a floor-to-ceiling mirror. Nearby is a separate area with a Jacuzzi tub, two additional sinks, and a built-in window seat. Completing this level is an office with cherry wood built-in cabinetry and shelving, oak hardwood floors, and a window overlooking the pool.

A custom oak and glass staircase leads to the upper level, which has four en-suite bedrooms and three full bathrooms. One wing has two freshly painted bedrooms, both with spacious walk-in closets, and a recently updated Jack-and-Jill bathroom.

The opposite wing, connected by a bridge over the foyer and a wide hallway with seating area overlooking the pool, features a large in-law or guest bedroom. This bedroom has high ceilings, a full bathroom, and large walk-in closet. The other side has another bedroom complete with a full bathroom, walk-in access to attic space and a spacious walk-in

cedar closet with hanging racks. A back staircase leads down to the lower levels.

The lower level recreation room with full bathroom includes a large wet bar, wall-to-wall carpeting, recessed lighting, and a TV area with a brick, wood-burning fireplace and wood stove. A workout center has a long wall with a floor-to-ceiling mirror and space to accommodate exercise equipment.

"The area to the side features open space with a green turf floor used to practice golf and other sports," the owner said.

Additional amenities include a main level laundry room with deep sink and half bath, window, central air conditioning, a security system, a first floor audio system with double ceiling speakers in every room, including the indoor pool and outdoor patio, a three-car garage, and an irrigation system. All custom window treatments are included.

The impeccably landscaped property is surrounded by 300-plus feet of stone walls and filled with pine trees, flowering pear trees, red maples, Japanese trees, and gardens filled with flowering and exotic plants. Stone masonry patios are found on every side of the house giving it a true feeling of European luxury.

"This elegant contemporary colonial-style home offers privacy, convenience and beauty," the owner said. "Built and owned by a prominent local contractor, this immaculate, well-maintained home offers majestic views of the Berkshire Mountains, a level backyard, a newly paved, sweeping driveway with Belgium block apron and curbing, and many more features that add to the feeling you're at a very special mini-estate retreat."

The home is offered at \$975,000. For more information or to schedule an appointment to see this home, please contact Angelina Valentini at William Pitt Sotheby's International Realty's Northern Fairfield County Brokerage located at 112 Federal Road, Danbury at (203)796-7700x314, or email her at AValentini@wpsir.com. To view the virtual tour, please go to www.WilliamPitt.com, MLS # 99164535