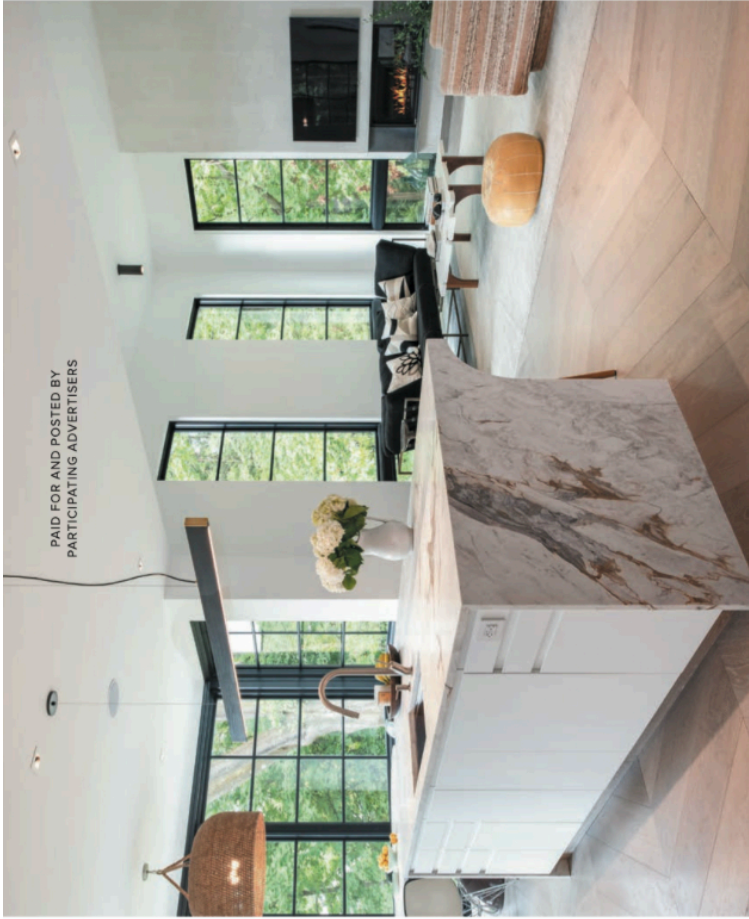


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Iconic Westchester

The grand estates of Westchester are seeing bidding wars as wealthy New Yorkers line up to move north.

Modelled originally in a neoclassical style after the Le Petit Trianon at the Palace of Versailles, 3 Claremont Road in Scarsdale was recently expanded and improved upon by New York-based architect and interior designer Robert Austin Gonzalez to become a chic modernist home. Listing for \$3,998,000, the six-bedroom home now has a double-height entrance, with a nine-foot double glass-front door, with walls of windows that link the remodeled older portion, built in 1905, with the all-new modern wing, with signature archways built as a motif linking both sides into a coherent whole. The new entryway includes a dramatic staircase with an iron railing, with views to the backyard through another wall of glass. The new great room has 12-foot ceilings and a gas fireplace with a troweled plaster facade. The expanded front facade, noted for its symmetry emulating Le Petit Trianon, includes six lower French doors and fluted pilasters with Corinthian capitals, with three wood-burning and one gas fireplace inside, and with three large bluestone patios in the back. The open-concept family room/kitchen now includes a handsome glass-enclosed breakfast nook, a large Calacatta Vecchia marble island and a floor-to-ceiling fireplace.

"It is a very highly stylized house, with well-

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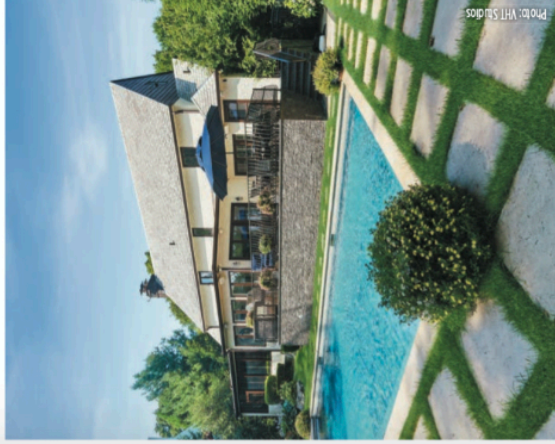


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thought-out details, like brass saddles that join the rooms, as a way to bridge the old and the new," said L. Sharleen Fleming-Schell, sales agent with Julia B. Fee Sotheby's International Realty. "The renovation is just now being completed, and is truly masterful. Gonzalez wanted the space to be livable, and the property is walkable to town and schools, which is ideal for people moving up from the city who don't want to feel that they have to get in a car every time they go out."

Also in Scarsdale, 70 Penn Boulevard is a four-bedroom, four-bathroom, 4,488-square-foot stone-front Tudor, with a circular driveway, less than 35 minutes from New York City. Built in 1937, the home, on the market for \$2,699,000, has been modernized with contemporary LED chandeliers, a saltwater pool complete with a waterfall and a spa tub (controllable by a phone or tablet), a free-form rock diving board and a Lynx barbecue grill as part of the outdoor entertainment center on the stone patio. The fully renovated kitchen features a leathered marble island, with a wood-burning fireplace in the living room and a spacious formal dining room. There is another wood-burning fireplace in the finished walk-out basement, with a full bathroom for the pool changing area.

Equally important is the wood-paneled office, with windows on two sides. "There are many upgrades to this home, both inside and out, and it now has a very sophisticated and updated qual-



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OPPOSITE: 3 Claremont Road, Scarsdale

ABOVE, LEFT: 70 Penn Boulevard, Scarsdale

ABOVE, RIGHT: 10 Shore Road, Rye

ity to it," said Mindy Gerstein, sales agent with Berkshire Hathaway Home Services. "The location, on the premier street in Scarsdale's Quaker Hill section, is ideal, and they spent heavily to renovate and add cool features around the pool and inside. Buyers today are especially looking for comfortable backyards and well-planned home offices to work from home. This has both."

In the Greenhaven community of Rye Brook, 10 Shore Road is a waterfront Tudor castle with 700 linear feet of frontage on a 1.3-acre parcel on Van Amringe Millpond, which empties into the Long Island Sound. Listing for \$4 million, the seven-bedroom, eight-bathroom home, once owned by the songwriter who wrote "Puff the Magic Dragon," includes a private dock and a 20-by-50-foot granite pool and spa, a launching ramp for small watercraft, and views that reach Long Island and New York City. Owners share membership to Brevoort Beach Association, which includes its own dock and mooring rights. The fully