

LUXURY PORTFOLIO MEMBERS CONVENE AT 2008 INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM

The second International Symposium recently took place in Rome, Italy September 14-16 at the spectacular Rome Cavalieri, Waldorf=Astoria. Luxury Portfolio members from ten countries made their way to the intriguing city to discuss issues pertinent to real estate markets worldwide. The Mayor of Rome, Mr. Gianni Alemanno, attended the opening ceremony to welcome participants.



“As we continue to expand our membership, these types of meetings are vital in our continuous expansion as a truly global organization,” Paul Boomsma, president of Luxury Portfolio said. “The meeting was a great success, bringing together affiliates from all corners of the globe to help build cross-border connections and marketing opportunities.”

In addition to exploring global real estate trends and discussing commonalities and differences in markets worldwide, attendees had the opportunity to enjoy the best of Rome. Unforgettable excursions included a gala at the famed Villa Miani, a networking dinner in one of the city’s most historic restaurants and discovery sessions on Italian designers and Roman architecture.

NOTEWORTHY PROPERTY: SOUTH FLORIDA SANCTUARY

From trendy Miami Beach to historic and culture-rich Coral Gables, South Florida communities and luxury homes appeal to a wide range of lifestyles. Throw in a tropical climate,



waterfront locales with renowned beaches and a fascinating mixture of citizens, and Florida’s Miami-Dade County becomes even more desirable.

Combining all the advantages of South Florida with a bohemian feel is the magnificent com-

munity of Coconut Grove. Situated on Biscayne Bay with parks perfectly positioned for manatee or sailboat watching, Coconut Grove merges serene seclusion with nearby metropolitan convenience.

One home that illustrates the advantages of Coconut Grove and South Florida as a whole is this tri-level waterfront estate. Listing agent Audrey Ross of Esslinger-Wooten-Maxwell, Inc. says “[the estate] is unique because you get a waterfront setting that offers privacy and security and are still so close to an urban area – it’s the best of both worlds!” Within the estate’s private world are impeccable finishes, a heated pool and a rooftop terrace ideal for taking in stunning panoramic views of the surroundings.

Located in a gated community, the estate – and the rare standard of living it offers – is currently listed at \$5,775,000. For more details on luxury homes in the area, search Miami-Dade County on LuxuryPortfolio.com.

LUXURY BRAND TO KNOW: KRAVET

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MOST EXPENSIVE NEW LISTINGS SEPTEMBER 1-30

- £15.25M - London, UK
Carter Jonas
- \$24.95M - Corona Del Mar, CA
First Team Real Estate
- \$22M - Coral Gables, FL
Esslinger-Wooten-Maxwell, Inc.
- \$21.9M - Bedford, NY
Houlihan Lawrence
- \$19.9M - Laguna Beach, CA
First Team Real Estate
- \$19.9M - Los Altos, CA
Alain Pinel Realtors
- \$19M - Santa Fe, NM
Santa Fe Realty Partners
- \$15M - New Rochelle, NY
Houlihan Lawrence
- \$14.9M - Miami Beach, FL
Esslinger-Wooten-Maxwell, Inc.
- \$13.85M - Medina, WA
Windermere Real Estate

TOP CLOSINGS (REPORTED) SEPTEMBER 1-30

- \$14.775M - Greenwich, CT
Greenwich Fine Properties
- \$13.7M - Rancho Santa Fe, CA
Willis Allen Real Estate
- \$11.5M - Greenwich, CT
Greenwich Fine Properties
- \$7.6M - Houston, TX
John Daugherty Realtors
- \$6.995M - Vail, CO
Slifer Smith & Frampton
- \$5.995M - Greenwich, CT
Greenwich Fine Properties
- \$5.9M - Coronado, CA
Willis Allen Real Estate
- \$5.45M - Beaver Creek, CO
Slifer Smith & Frampton
- \$5M - Huntington Beach, CA
First Team Real Estate
- \$4.995M - Tahoma, CA
Chase International

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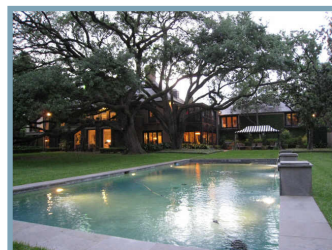
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SOLD: HISTORIC HOUSTON ESTATE

A momentous estate, positioned in a prestigious Houston neighborhood and featured on luxuryportfolio.com, has recently sold.

The museum quality estate is situated on 1.7 gorgeous acres in Shadyside, one of Houston’s historically affluent neighborhoods. The impressive home, which was constructed in 1921, features a magnificent entrance hall, handsome library, banquet-sized dining room and gourmet kitchen and showcases the brilliant work of renowned architects Harrie T. Lindeberg and John F. Staub. The estate is also on the National Register of Historic Places. Listing agent Rosie Meyers of John Daugherty Realtors expresses that “it was truly a rare opportunity to own such a gracious historical treasure.”

In addition to its remarkable history, the sale of the estate – last listed at \$11,300,000 – also speaks to the city’s current luxury market. Meyers notes, “The sale of the Shadyside estate is a clear indication of Houston’s strong luxury home market; [especially] considering the home sold within the first 30 days.”



Founder of John Daugherty Realtors, John A. Daugherty, Jr. adds, “This home is one of our finest. It was indeed an honor and a pleasure to have been selected to represent such a fine home.” For more information on this significant Houston luxury estate and other recently sold luxury homes, visit the Recent Luxury Home Sales page on LuxuryPortfolio.com.