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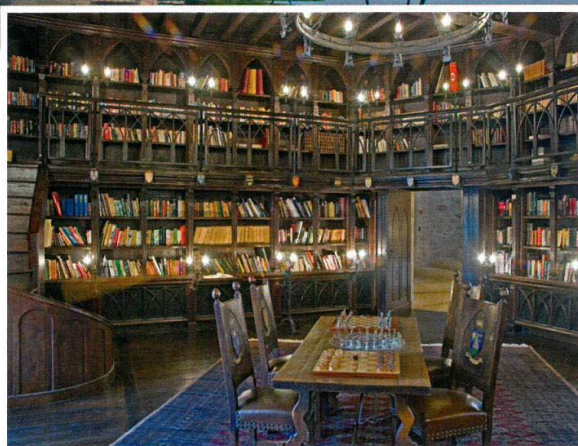
REAL ESTATE

On the Market

FROM SCOTLAND TO SPAIN,
FIVE PROPERTIES FIT FOR A KING

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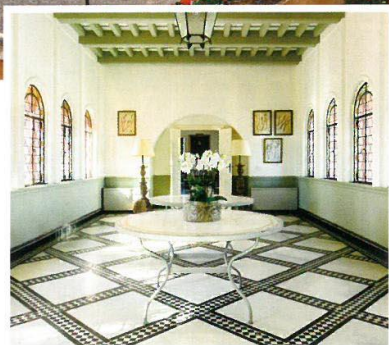
DOURNAZAC, FRANCE | \$17.8 MILLION Set amid 408 acres a couple of hours northeast of Bordeaux, the imposing Château de Montbrun dates from 1179. Although pillaged then rebuilt in the 1430s, the 16-bedroom manor nonetheless retains its original eight-story crenellated tower and medieval moat, while its current owners have added luxuries like radiant-heat floors and an elevator, cinema room, and sauna. Listed as a historic monument, the site is where Richard the Lionheart is said to have died from a wound sustained during a siege of a nearby castle. Contact: allez-francais.com, property ID: D9039



LIMBURG, BELGIUM | \$9.6 MILLION

In 1998 Belgian industrialist Jos Vaessen purchased this 18th-century compound, known as Château Ommerstein, situated about 50 miles east of Brussels. "It was more or less a ruin," he said in 2012, describing the property's condition prior to architect Vittorio Simoni's exhaustive eight-year renovation, which introduced Art Deco-inspired interiors and modern amenities (including an elevator and rooftop terrace) to the 25,000-square-foot, 12-bedroom villa. A pair of spacious detached wings, meanwhile, contain staff quarters, stables, and a four-car garage. There's also a heated pool on the estate, whose 33 acres are graced by some of the country's oldest giant sequoias. Contact: sothebysrealty.com, property ID: PGN8PJ →

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MÁLAGA, SPAIN | \$10.7 MILLION

To help safeguard Spain's southern coast in the 1620s, King Philip IV ordered a fortress be built on a nearby mountainside overlooking the Mediterranean. In 1929,

with the stronghold long abandoned, the Count of Mieres asked the French firm Lahalle et Levard to craft a majestic 27,000-square-foot neo-Moorish palace on the 1.5-acre parcel. Refurbished as a luxe eight-key hotel a decade ago, the property retains original elements like Mauméjean stained-glass windows, wrought-iron chandeliers, and marble floors—not to mention the ancient ruins, now presiding over the lush terrace. Contact: sothebysrealty.com, property ID: W8QTFB



ASTI, ITALY | \$5.1 MILLION

In the early 1900s a local nobleman was gifted this 15th-century Piedmont estate as a token of gratitude for his military service, and he promptly enlisted architect Giovanni Chevalley to oversee an extensive renovation and expansion. Organized around a central courtyard, the horseshoe-shaped plan now holds six bedrooms, a tower, and a consecrated chapel across 21,500 square feet. (Original details were graciously preserved as well, including frescoes from 1633, intricate plaster moldings, and an impressive sandstone fireplace carved with a coat of arms.) Dotted with vernacular outbuildings, the manicured eight-acre grounds boast staff quarters, a barn, and a greenhouse, plus an orchard and a private lake. Contact: sothebysrealty.com, property ID: VQJXWN



MILNGAVIE, SCOTLAND | \$3.4 MILLION

Dating from 1885, this storybook Victorian pile is located outside Glasgow, at the edge of the Scottish Highlands. The current owners acquired the 11-bedroom retreat, dubbed Craigallian, in the 1990s, maintaining original decorative features such as inlaid oak paneling, fleur-de-lis plasterwork, and elaborate cornices while modernizing spaces like the kitchen—which was outfitted by kitchen-design firm Clive Christian. A veritable sporting haven, the rambling 340-acre property features a large trout-stocked lake and boathouse, horse stables, and a charming two-bedroom sandstone cottage with its own conservatory and garden. Contact: savills.com, reference: GBGLRSLGLS150078

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