

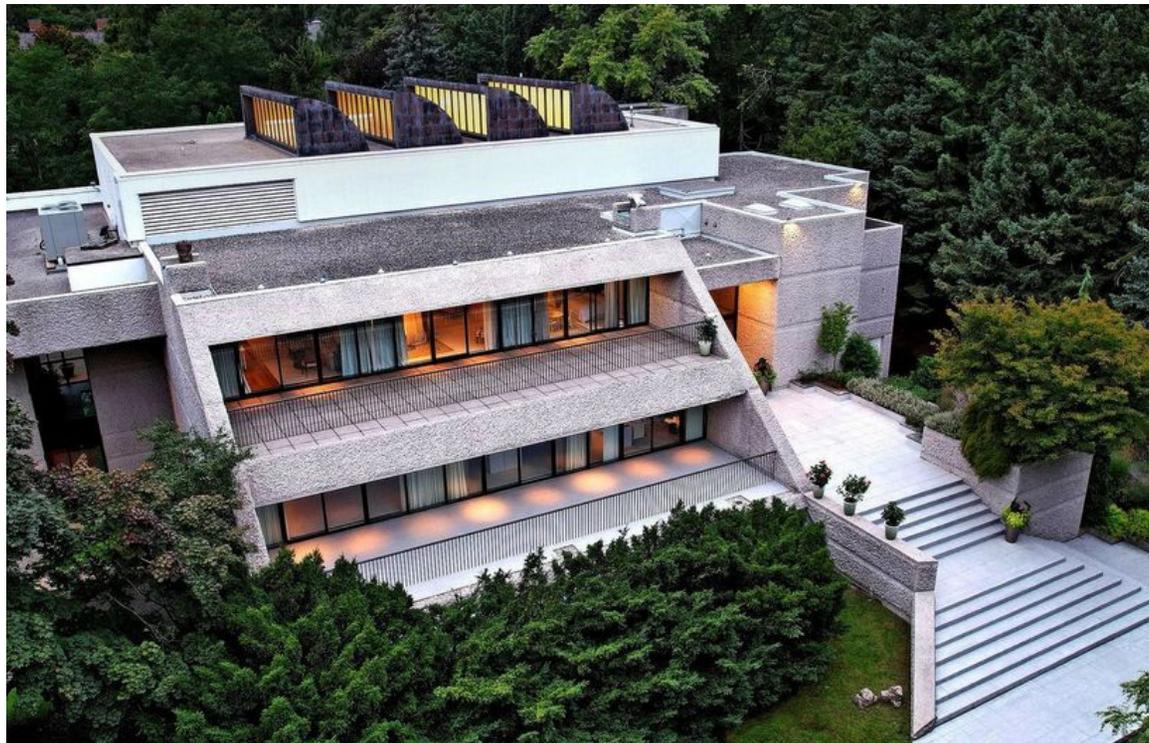
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'Trophy' Toronto Home Designed by Famed Canadian Architect Lists for C\$28 million



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A Mid-Century Modern Contemporary home in Toronto that boasts indoor and outdoor pools and a Zen-like garden has hit the market for C\$28 million (US\$20.59 million).

Sitting on more than 2 acres in the city's affluent Bridle Path neighborhood, the 1976 home was designed by John C. Parkin, an England-born architect who brought the "International Style" to Canada, according to the listing with Jane Zhang, Christian Vermast and Paul Maranger of Sotheby's International Realty Canada.

Parkin, who died in 1988 at age 66, was known for his institutional designs such as Toronto City Hall and the Pearson International Airport, as well as a small collection of luxury residences.

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"When [this property] was commissioned, it was one of the largest primary residences in Canada," Mr. Vermast said, adding that it was built for the family of the owner of one of the country's biggest corporations. "[Parkin] only built a handful of private residences for notable people."

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The concrete home has eight bedrooms and 12 bathrooms over more than 26,000 square feet, according to the listing. The walls of the home are embedded with pink and white quartz stones, and the residence features floor-to-ceiling windows and doors, plus a total of 48 copper light shaft panels on the roof to flood the space with light.

Ms. Zhang likened the ground floor to a hotel lobby, featuring a massive open atrium above the meditation garden, as well as a black granite-clad interior bridge. The main floor also boasts a formal living room, a wet bar and a dining room with a hand-painted mural.





There's a soaring atrium with a meditation garden.

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The primary bedroom suite—complete with an adjoining office—is also located on the main level, and has access to the garden, and downstairs there's a recreation area for games or entertaining. There are three kitchens in the home, including a catering kitchen is adjacent to the recreation room, the listing said.

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There are two pools, a grotto-style outdoor pool and another inside. "When standing in the breakfast area, the floor cantilevers over the indoor swimming pool and allows you to look through the massive wall of glass to the outdoor pool," the listing said.

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Other amenities include a putting green, a safe room, a staff apartment, an elevator and a drive-through, heated garage with room for seven vehicles.

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It's also the most private home in the neighborhood, Ms. Zhang noted. "Most of the homes you pass by in the area, you are able to see the home," she said. "With this one, you are unable to because of the layered landscaping surrounding it."

The agents noted the architecture is as relevant today as it was 45 years ago, with the open spaces, natural light and landscaping.

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“It’s a trophy property in that it was built to last forever,” Mr. Vermast said. “It feels like a piece of art, but inside it lends itself to modern decor, but you could also go traditional. It’s very versatile.”

The agents added there have only been three owners of the property, but Mansion Global could not determine when the property last sold for how much.

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