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## This \$32 Million House Of Walpole Residence Overlooking The Buckingham Palace Gardens Showcases The Best Of British Luxury

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**f** With views of Buckingham Palace and its private gardens, No. 1 Palace Street, the St. Regis Residences is one of London's most prestigious addresses and highly anticipated residential developments.

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The primary bedroom. TARAN WILKHU

Built in 1860, the building once housed the Palace Hotel and was known for hosting dukes, duchesses and foreign dignitaries visiting from afar. The residence, which was once inspired by Italian Renaissance villas, fuses five unique architectural styles including Italian Renaissance, Beaux-Arts, French Renaissance, Queen Anne and 21st-century contemporary. It underwent a meticulous and sensitive restoration by developer Northacre and architectural firm Squire & Partners. The final product is a building that houses 72 apartments ranging from one bedroom to five bedrooms.



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The dining room. TARAN WILKHU

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Of these unique homes, the House of Walpole is a one-of-a-kind residence that was a collaboration between Northacre, the development company of No. 1 Palace Street, and Walpole. Walpole is a non-profit organization that promotes and protects British luxury brands. There are more than 250 Walpole members, which includes brands from various sectors like retail, food and drink, fashion, beauty, hospitality, culture and media, among others. For this one-off residence, Walpole member and beloved British interior design firm Oliver Burns brought in several Walpole members to contribute to this singular home.

Being sold fully furnished, the 4,027-square-foot duplex apartment has three bedrooms and is listed for \$31.74 million (or £26.45 million). The apartment was curated by Sharon Lillywhite, founding partner at Oliver Burns, and the House of Walpole acts as a love letter to the Palace. The quintessentially British apartment features a ‘majestic modern’ aesthetic with a color scheme inspired by the Buckingham Palace gardens, which are on view from the balustraded balconies.

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The verdant gardens informed the color choices of shades of green, muted grays and blues and warm earthy tones, as well as nature-inspired motifs and organic lines seen throughout. The home is designed to showcase British craftsmanship in a contemporary setting that exudes historical significance.



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Lillywhite enlisted several other Walpole members to create a multi-sensory experience for the residence. For example, she commissioned Rachel Vosper to create a sensory journey for the entire apartment with four bespoke scents that change with the seasons.

One of the many striking design elements is the nearly 10-foot feature wall and headboard in the primary bedroom. Textile artist Helen Amy Murray crafted a beautiful wall in silk and faux suede, which showcases Plane trees that were planted by Queen Victoria and Prince Albert more than 170 years ago. The linens are Peter Reed and made using Queen Victoria's favorite Sea Island cotton. Meanwhile, the bedside tables are by Shaw Stephens and a rug by Axminster Carpets—all British brands.



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Hand-painted Cole & Son wallpaper in the powder room. TARAN WILKHU

The royals were a common inspiration for Lillywhite and influenced many aspects of the home, like the wallpaper in the powder room. The walls of the guest powder room feature hand-painted wallpaper from Cole & Son, inspired by a circa-1763 painting of a zebra that Queen Charlotte once owned.

Other brands Lillywhite commissioned include Ateliers London, who made a custom curved banquette and table, as well as Ochre and Tom Dixon. The art throughout the apartment is from Maddox Gallery, while there is an Edelweiss self-playing grand piano hand-built in Cambridge, U.K. The piano features unique marquetry and veneer that forms a decorative pattern of flowers across the piano's lid.



The primary bathroom. TARAN WILKHU

“Our concept for House of Walpole seeks to celebrate the enduring love affair between the very best of British luxury and the English garden,” Lillywhite said. “Steeped in history and intrigue, the palace gardens provide the most unique backdrop for the House of Walpole and have long been a focus for national and royal celebrations. Our design vision is to retell the stories from this treasured sanctuary in a modern way, a love letter to the garden’s enduring beauty, transformation and resilience.”

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