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Rarefied residences and snazzy pads for citizens of the world. By **Lisa Freedman**

🌐 The UK property market may be in a state of flux, but **LONDON** has a history stretching back more than 2,000 years and some of the latest five-star developments are cosying up to this established heritage. In Mayfair, the 44 residences at **No 1 Grosvenor Square** (savills.co.uk and knightfrank.com; from £8m) will not only benefit from 930sq m of deluxe communal facilities and a Michelin-starred restaurant, but will also enjoy uninterrupted views of Eero Saarinen's iconic midcentury monument, the recently vacated American Embassy. Westminster Abbey, of course, has a considerably lengthier pedigree, and if living near the site of William the Conqueror's coronation inspires, then **The Broadway** – the latest venture from top-of-the-range developer Northacre – should be a welcome addition to the metropolitan landscape. Here, six striking



Above: undisturbed views of the Eero Saarinen-designed US Embassy are enjoyed by residences at No 1 Grosvenor Square, from £8m. Below: Aston Martin's first foray into property is a steel and glass tower in Miami offering waterfront apartments and penthouses, from £3m to £50m

towers will be built on what was once the Abbey orchards, providing 268 handsome apartments (thebroadwaylondon.com; from £1.56m). Designed by award-winning architects Squire & Partners, the buildings will be arranged around a pedestrianised piazza just a short distance from London's most enduring landmark – the Thames. And those who want to take full advantage of the river's sinuous vistas – while enjoying an intimate experience of deco masterpiece Battersea Power Station – can now move straight into one of a portfolio

of immaculately finished penthouses at **Circus West Village** (batterseapowerstation.co.uk; from £5m to £20m).

🕒 James Bond once foiled a plot to destroy **MIAMI**, so it's surely fitting that the car he made his own will now grace its shores – though not in the form of a vehicle. Iconic British marque **Aston Martin** has launched its first property venture with a reflectively sleek and streamlined glass and steel tower right on the downtown waterfront (see “Brand designs” on page 56). When complete (in 2021), the one- to five-bedroom apartments and penthouses (astonmartinresidences.com; from \$700,000 to \$50m) will not only command views of the Atlantic, but feature interiors – overseen by Aston Martin's studio head and chief creative officer Marek Reichman – with details that echo the envy-inducing signature touches of its cars, from hand-stitched leather door handles to



Above: a penthouse at Battersea Power Station's Circus West Village, where prices range from £5m to £20m





Above: Villa Tamarindo is one of four properties at Beachlands, on the west coast of Barbados, from \$28m. Below: Spain's first Four Seasons Hotel in Centro Canalejas Madrid will house 22 ultra-luxe residences, from €2.4m

Andermatt-Sedrun (alongside a development of six luxury hotels, 42 apartment buildings, 28 chalets and an 18-hole golf course) but also ensured the architectural and cultural offering is cutting-edge. Soon, an international-standard concert hall by Christina Seilern (formerly of Walkie Talkie architects Rafael Viñoly) will join homes already at the vanguard of the project, such as a chic two-bedroom apartment (chestertons-international.com; SFr2.574m, about £1.95m), which effortlessly balances traditional mountain warmth with contemporary high style.

Another long-established resort gaining next-generation kudos is **BARBADOS**, where **Beachlands** – a quartet of villas (savills.co.uk and knightfrank.com; from \$28m) by celebrated Barbadian architect Larry Warren – is intended to provide a more relaxed and (dare one say it) youthful approach to indulgence. Villa Tamarindo is the first to be completed and lies on the sought-after west coast, a barefoot stroll along the beach from the legendary Sandy Lane Hotel. Perhaps its most significant asset – complementing five bedrooms, a pool and exceptional open-to-the-outdoors living space – is its access to the Caribbean's sporting delights and a 200m beach overlooking a newly built living reef and snorkelling site, one of the best dive spots on the island.

Madrid is hot – and not just in the summer. According to Knight Frank, the Spanish capital is Europe's strongest performing luxury market, with prices rising by more than 10 per cent last year. This mounting appetite is being accommodated with the provision of some exceptional property – and at the very heart of the city in Puerta del Sol, **Centro Canalejas Madrid** will merge seven majestic, historic buildings to create a carefully curated collection of fashion and jewellery boutiques, alongside the finest Spanish cuisine and Spain's first Four Seasons Hotel. Sheltered within the hotel are 22 ultra-luxe residences (knightfrank.co.uk; from €2.4m) with elegant, contemporary interiors, striking period surroundings and on-tap access to all the famed Four Seasons services. +

grey and black carbon-fibre furniture. Fans of the brand will also be able to hire Reichman and his team to design their personal space.

If your vision of alpine living is more Heidi than high fashion, you may need to readjust your expectations of the Swiss village of **ANDERMATT** – one of the most snow-reliable resorts in the Alps. This charming, old-world town is undergoing a radical 21st-century makeover masterminded by Egyptian billionaire Samih Sawiris, who has not only initiated an entirely new ski area,



Above: the open-plan living area of one of the apartments in the new Swiss ski resort of Andermatt-Sedrun, residences about £1.95m

