

WITH THE NEW JAMES BOND FILM SKYFALL JUST OUT, KATE WHITE LOOKS AT SOME OF THE MAYFAIR PROPERTIES THAT WOULD SUIT 007

Apartments to thrill

Fountain House ▼

With its sleek interiors and cutting-edge gadgetry, it doesn't get more 007 than this duplex penthouse on Park Lane.

There isn't a single appliance on show in the kitchen, where at the flick of a switch, marble work surfaces glide apart to reveal a teppanyaki plate and sink. Other features include a 103" projection screen, an aquarium and a home cinema.

The master bedroom is lavishly furnished with silk carpets, hand-stitched silk wall panels and an enormous 2.2 metre bed. An automated door leads into the opulent en suite bathroom, which boasts a double-sized bath and even a hi-tech toilet seat that raises as you approach it.

Britain's most stylish spy would doubtless enjoy mixing himself a Martini in the apartment's custom-designed bar, taking in the panoramic views across Hyde Park from the huge outdoor terrace or, like the famous scene in *A View to a Kill*, using the hot tub to his advantage.

In that film, 007 invites Soviet agent Pola Ivanova for a soak in his hot tub in order to retrieve a cassette tape (well, it was the 1970s) that contains a recording of baddie Max Zorin's dastardly plans. Naturally Bond gets the tape – and the girl.

The penthouse at Fountain House is available for £19.5 million, through Knight Frank (020 7499 1012) and Wetherell (020 7529 5566).



3-4 Balfour Place ▲

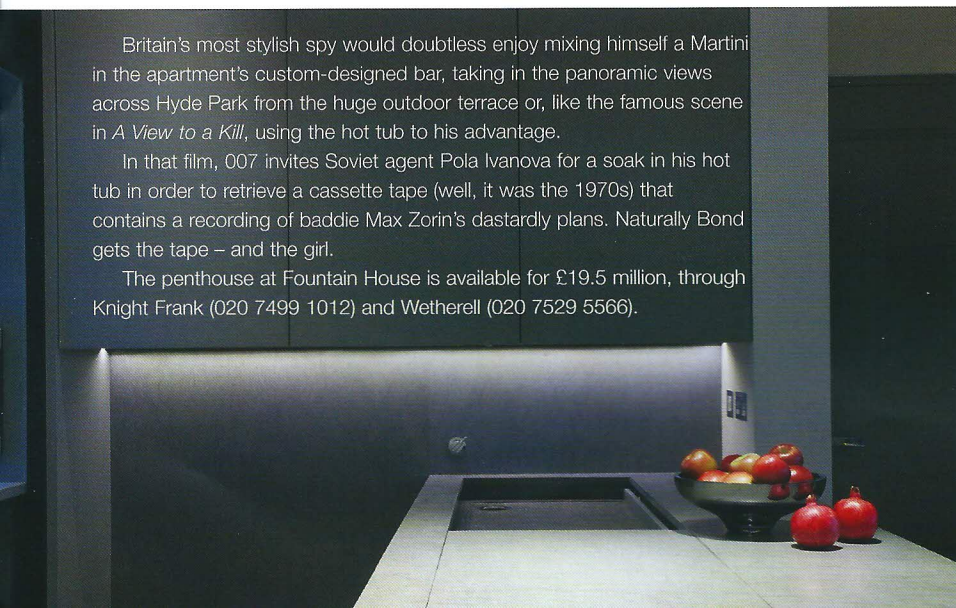
This duplex apartment has just been refurbished, so Bond wouldn't have to redecorate (although we're sure he's a dab hand at DIY).

The décor is chic and understated, and the interior-designed apartment has been created using the finest carpentry and craftsmanship, while offering state-of-the-art technology throughout.

It's conveniently located just around the corner from Mount Street institution Scott's, a favourite of Bond creator Ian Fleming, who often dined there in the 1950s and 1960s.

Fleming was also a member of Boodle's on St James's Street, the second oldest private members' club in the world. It was said to be the inspiration for M's club Blades, where Bond plays Sir Hugo Drax at cards in *Moonraker*.

The apartment at 3-4 Balfour Place is on the market for £5,850,000 with Savills (020 7578 5100).



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