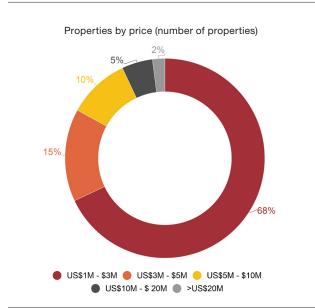
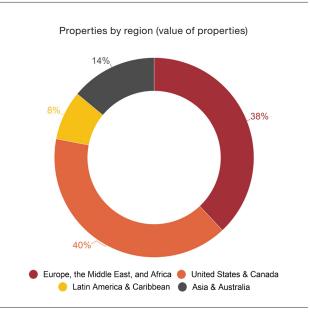
# by the NUMBERS

# CURATED NETWORK OF REAL ESTATE SPECIALISTS REPRESENTING

~14,000 Number of Luxury Properties Worldwide US\$56B Value of Luxury Properties Worldwide US\$500B Real Estate Sales Over the Last Five Years









# THE WORLD OF LUXURY REAL ESTATE

# **Luxury Index:**

Most Luxurious Global
Cities for Prime Property
With two residential sales above
\$100 million and the highest
price per square foot of any
urban area, Hong Kong ranks
as the 'most luxurious' major
housing market worldwide for
the second consecutive year.
Five of the top 10 markets
recorded year-on-year growth
in luxury home sales of ten
percent or higher.

Top 10 most luxurious cities for luxury real estate, 2017



HONG KONG



LOS ANGELES



NEW YORK

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SYDNEY



LONDON



PARIS



SINGAPORE

TORONTO



SAN FRANCISCO



VANCOUVER

# **Luxury Thermometer:**

Hottest Primary Markets

The Canadian city of Victoria, BC, topped this year's list of hottest primary housing markets, with significant year-on-year increases in both luxury sales volumes and prices.

- 1) Victoria, British Columbia
- 2) San Diego, California
- 3) Orange County, California
- 4) Washington, DC
- 5) Paris, France

Top 5 hottest primary markets for luxury real estate, 2017

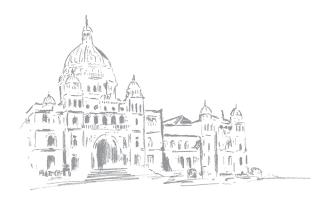
# **Luxury Thermometer:**

Hottest Second-Home Markets

Showing strong year-on-year performance in million-dollar-plus home sales, the historic city of Santa Fe tops our list of hottest second-home markets, followed by Toronto's 'weekender' market of Muskoka.

- 1) Santa Fe, New Mexico
- 2) Muskoka, Ontario, Canada
- 3) Sarasota, Florida
- 4) Sun Valley, Idaho
- 5) Bahamas

Top 5 hottest second-home resort markets for luxury real estate, 2017





Source: Luxury Defined 2018, Christie's International Real Estate. The report covers the period January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017 and data is presented in US dollars. Although the starting price for a luxury property varies by market, the report defines "luxury real estate" as homes priced at US\$1M and above.









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\$1,156
Average price per square foot for luxury homes in Toronto, Canada.



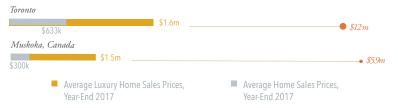
- Average days on market for luxury homes, December 31, 2017
- Average days on market for luxury homes, December 31, 2016
- Annual change in time to sell a luxury home



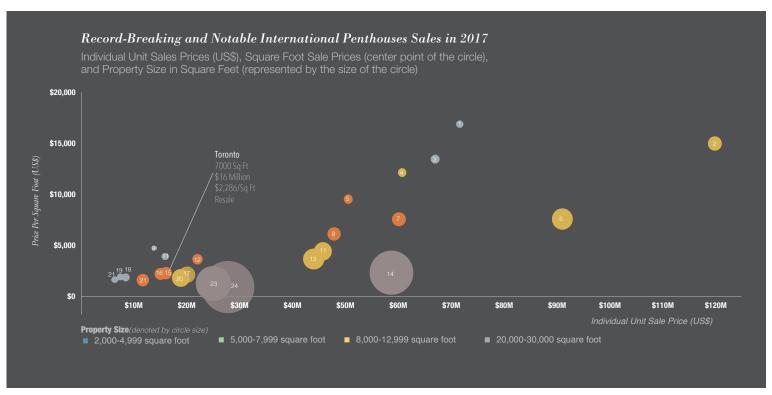
Muskokas Ontario Canad

Despite record low inventory, Ontario's 'weekender' marketof the Muskokas ranks second on the list, buoyed by an influx of 'lifestyle arbitrage' baby boomer buyers from Toronto. "Inventory for the recreational marketplace as a whole has declined by almost 50 percent in two years," says Chris Kapches of Chestnut Park Real Estate. "It is not surprising that decling inventories lead to declining sales, and concomitantly to rising average sale prices. Reduced inventory levels continue to put pressure on buyers, as they are being forced to pay for more desirable recreational properties."

# Residential Real Estate Prices



Only average sales price data available

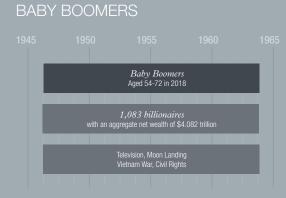


# Understanding the Luxury Home Buyers Driving Sales

After years of media coverage around millennials not entering the housing market, the affluent cohort of these buyers is finally becoming a major force in the luxury housing market. But these buyers are faced with challenges including low inventory in many markets, and competition for high-end homes with affluent buyers who are downsizing into urban areas. We asked our experts across the world, what are the two largest demographic co-horts of affluent homebuyers looking for and how are their preferences shaping the luxury market?



DEFINING **EXPERIENCES** 



Boomers are embracing lifestyle arbitrage: "The tail-end baby boomers continue to be a major market force, adding supply and demand pressures on the market as they downsize. Boomers are selling large luxury properties and re-investing in multiple homes with different lifestyle locations. A boomer selling a \$4 million residence may purchase two homes for \$2 million to meet their changing retirement needs."

Bethany Holmes, Luxe Platinum

Properties, Portland, Oregon

Staying put rather than downsizing, some boomers are adding to inventory constraints: "Boomers have voiced objections to living the same way as their parents did in retirement. Often in good health and with active lifestyles, they want residences that give easy access to local culture and recreational facilities, but also have the flexibility to meet future care requirements. The current lack of suitable accommodation is having a negative impact on the wider housing market. With empty-nesters lacking an incentive to downsize and deciding to stay in their existing homes, there is less housing stock available for younger buyers."

Stephanie McMahon,

Strutt & Parker, London, UK

Boomers want to be close to, but not in, the action: "More baby boomers are moving from their estates in the suburbs to luxury condos in more urban or close-in suburban (sometimes called "surban") areas. Even when downsizing, these buyers want additional bedrooms and bathrooms to accommodate visiting guests or adult children. They're looking in similar areas as millennial buyers, but the boomers often want to be one block off the activity, versus right on top of the action."

Michael Bystry, Long & Foster

Real Estate, Washington, D.C.

# **MILLENNIALS**



Affluent older millennials are leveraging the sharing economy to upgrade a second-home purchase: "Millennials are buying second homes that are slightly more expensive than they otherwise would have bought, as long as they can use AirBnb or VRBO (Vacation Rental By Owner) to rent them out more frequently and at higher price points."

Mike Herman, Oliver Luxury,

Real Estate Lake Tahoe, Nevada

Second-home millennial buyers want in-town convenience and modern entertaining amenities: "Millennials are attracted to the second-home lifestyle in Cannes—it is a large market for such buyers, especially as it is busy year-round with festivals. Millennials typically spend €5-15 million on contemporary properties that are ready to live-in, with sea views and large reception rooms that open onto terraces. They prefer homes near the town center in La Californie and the Super Cannes area."

Michael Zingraf, Michael Zingraf Real Estate,
Côte d'Azur, France

Nomad millennials are reinventing luxury by telecommuting from and reinventing second-tier urban locales: "Millennials are looking for lifestyle experiences that cater to their specific tastes. Many are forgoing life in the suburbs in favor of second-tier cities experiencing a rebirth such as Austin, Lisbon, and Asheville, as well as once-gritty urban enclaves—including parts of Brooklyn and New Jersey's Hudson Waterfront—in order to enjoy a 'hip' yet luxurious lifestyle at an affordable price. Entrepreneurs and creatives are flocking to entry-level luxury residences in these cosmopolitan communities and remote-working destinations." Bill Hamm, Christie's International, Real Estate, NYC

# Snapshot of Notable Recently Introduced Taxes and Foreign Buyer Restrictions

	MEASURES IMPACT						
Details of Measure	Foreign Buyers	Luxury Buyers	2nd Home Buyers	2nd Home Owners	Year	Location	New or Increase
20% foreign buyers stamp duty; expanded to more areas of BC	•						
5% transfer tax for C\$3M+ homes; expanded to more areas of BC							
Tax on "empty homes" (1% of assessed value)							
Ban on foreigners buying existing homes	•						
Tax on "empty homes" doubled to 100% of council tax							
Tax on "empty homes" of A\$5,000 annually							
8% foreign buyers stamp duty; 2% foreign buyers annual land tax	•						
15% foreign buyers stamp duty	•						
1.5% foreign buyers annual land tax	•						
Tax on "empty homes" (1% of assessed value)							
15% double stamp duty for all purchases							
4% foreign buyers stamp duty	•						
3% foreign buyers stamp duty	•						
15% foreign buyers stamp duty	•						
7% foreign buyers stamp duty	•						
3% stamp duty on 2nd home purchases			•				
Tax on "empty homes" — 20% premium on the annual taxe d'habitation							
12% stamp duty land tax for £1.5M+ homes							
8.5% stamp duty for HK\$2M+ purchases							
15% foreign buyers stamp duty	•						
Transfer fee doubled from 2% to 4%							
7% tax on second home purchases			•				
Special stamp duty of up to 20% for properties resold within 3 years							
15% foreign buyers stamp duty	•						
7% stamp duty for £2M+ home sales, 5% for £1-2M home sales							
10% foreign buyers stamp duty	•						
10% foreign buyers stamp duty	•						
3% tax on 2nd home purchases (residents) and 3rd+ home purchases (locals)			•				
Special stamp duty of up to 20% for properties resold within 2 years		•			2010	Hong Kong	New

Vancouver's luxury market has already slowed since the introduction of various cooling market measures in late 2016 and may continue to do so if additional proposed legislation is introduced in 2018. The proposed foreign buyer ban is not likely to proceed, but we expect to see higher taxes for luxury home buyers and owners.

Faith Wilson, Faith Wilson Group, Vancouver, Canada



As more countries impose similar taxes, those in Singapore and Hong Kong who are interested in buying overseas property have simply factored that into their overall transaction cost. When considering a purchase in Singapore, clients compare it with the cost of a purchase in London, Tokyo, Los Angeles, New York, or Sydney, rather than to the cost of another property in Singapore.

Dave Loo, Singapore Christie's International Real Estate, Singapore The uncertainty around the UK's long term prosperity after Brexit and the increased stamp duty land tax resulted in London house prices falling by an average of 15%. It was very difficult for agents to set asking prices and for Vendors to accept the falling market. Added to which, purchasers have been reluctant to commit to property, preferring to wait and see for the general economic picture to become clearer. There is good news as we start 2018. First, luxury properties in the UK are now attractively priced to absorb the stamp duty rise. Second, any vendor on the market right now is a motivated seller.

Ken Jacobs, Sydney, Austrra

million in land taxes.

purchasing from China due to

on funds being transferred out

Australian Foreign Investment Review Board.

their government tightening

restrictions imposed by the

Australia's most expensive home sold in 2017 was a

Sydney estate that went to

million). Had it sold to a

foreign buyer, he or she

would have had to pay more than A\$10 million (US\$7.52

million) in stamp duty as a result of the increased levies,

United Kingdom
Paris

Lulu Egerton, Strutt & Parker, London, UK

In Toronto, 2017 began in the most frenzied fashion possible. In January, February, March and April, sale prices were increasing in an unsustainable fashion, topping out at 33 percent on a year-on-year basis in March. On April 20th, everything changed. The government announced the Ontario Fair Housing Plan. Amongst other measures, it imposed a 15 percent tax on residential purchases by foreign buyers. Technically this measure should have had an insignificant effect on the market – after all only 4 percent of all homes were purchased by foreigners,. But the implementation of the tax acted as a psychological wake up call, causing buyers to stop, look at the amounts they were paying for properties, and wait to see what the impact of the tax would be on sales and sale prices. By May sales of residential properties had declined by more than 20 percent.

Chris Kapches, Chestnut Park Real Estate, Toronto, Canada Foreign buyer restrictions and taxes

Melbourne

Taxes on luxury property buyers

Taxes on second-home buyers

Second-home owners

# A Comparison of Trophy **Asset Prices and Performance**

How do luxury home sales compare to other luxury good acquisitions across other collector categories? We ask our Christie's colleagues for their insights on trends in trophy acquisitions in some of the top collecting categories.



Top 2017 Fine Art Sale Leonardo da Vinci's "Salvator Mundi,"



Pollock's Path Estate in The Peak, Hong Kong



Top 2017 Jewelery Sale\* The 59.60-carat CTF Pink



"Paul Newman" Rolex Daytona Ref. 6239



Top 2017 Handbag Sale\* Hermès White Himalaya Crocodile Diamond Birkin



Top 2017 Wine Sale\* 12-bottle Case of Domaine de la Romanée-Conti's Romanee-Conti 1988

Leonardo da Vinci's Salvator Mundi—which sold at Christie's in November 2017 for \$450 million—not only became the most expensive work of art in history, but more than doubled the previous auction record. It was, said Christie's CEO Guillaume Cerutti, "a great moment for Christie's and a great moment for the art market."



# Relative Values

# A global comparison of prime property markets by square foot prices

Just as average and top sales prices reveal a remarkable price variation worldwide, luxury property prices as ranked by prices per square foot not surprisingly reveal similarly vast ranges across our studied luxury property markets.

In the world's primary housing markets, the average price per square foot for luxury sales at the end of 2017 ranged from \$185 in Mexico City to \$4,900 in Hong Kong. The most expensive cities based on square foot prices were Hong Kong, London (\$2,574), and New York (\$2,065). Hong Kong also achieved the highest record square foot price in 2017, with an

eye-popping \$17,000 price per square foot for a prime residence in The Peak.

Across second-home resort markets, the highest prices per square foot for luxury homes were in Monaco, where prime property sales average \$5,027 per square foot. Luxury ski enclave Gstaad and prized Florida destination Naples also command high prices per square foot for luxury homes, averaging \$2,780 and \$2,235 respectively. For second-home buyers looking for the greatest value, Bordeaux vineyards offer significant appeal. Luxury properties in this premier French wine destination average \$314.



# Average prices per square foot (ppsf) for luxury homes in select primary housing markets

US\$, Year-end 2017

### London

Typical property around the average luxury ppsf (\$2,436)
Prince Edward Mansions is a sought after Victorian mansion block in Notting Hill.

\*\*Asking Price: £7.9 million\*\*

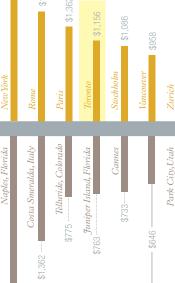


\$4,900

### New York

Typical property around the average luxury ppsf (\$1,544) Perfectly situated with an incredible and unobstructed Hudson River view.

Asking Price:\$1.2 million





Sun Valley, Idaho

Typical property around the

average luxury ppsf (\$642)

nearby lake and hiking trails.

A French Country Home with a

Asking Price: \$4.5 million

## Monaco

\$2,

Gstaad, Switzerland

Typical property around the average luxury ppsf (\$5,200) Elegant apartment located in the prestigious ''Parc Saint Roman."

Asking Price: \$13.4 million



Typical property around the average luxury ppsf (\$640) Showcase Mediterranean villa on historic Espanola Drive minutes to downtown.

Asking Price: \$2.9 million



### **Santiago, Chile** Typical property around the average luxury ppsf (\$390)

Great Mediterranean house in luxury condominium, only a few steps from Colegio Monte Tabor.

Asking Price: \$1 million



### Atlanta, Geogia

Typical property around the average luxury ppsf (\$640) Pristinely maintained, stately brick home, on Moores Mill Road in a lovely neighborhood.

Asking Price: \$2.9 million





## Palm Beach Gardens, Florida

Typical property around the average luxury ppsf (\$483) A stunning waterfront oasis surrounds this extraordinary, top-of-the-line custom estate.

Asking Price: \$2.9 million



Typical property around the average luxury ppsf (\$540) A magnificent estate home on Montreux Golf and Country Club.

Asking Price: \$2.9 million



# Paradise Valley, Arizona

Typical property around the average luxury ppsf (\$350)
A beautiful family home with space for outdoor entertaining.

Asking Price: \$1.9 million

