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PARIS

## Cubist Château

Set on 3.5ha of enclosed parklands by the Seine, in Île-de-France, **VILLA POIRET** was commissioned by French fashion designer Paul Poiret. Robert Mallet-Stevens began work in 1922, but construction stopped a year later due to Poiret's bankruptcy. It wasn't until 1934 that building resumed thanks to actress Elvire Popescu, who hired Paul Boyer to complete the villa, all the while preserving Mallet-Stevens' Cubist designs. In addition to the 25-room concrete mansion, the estate also includes an outdoor pool, a caretakers' pavilion, an orchard and woodland. Villa Poiret is the last Mallet-Stevens property to remain in private hands, and is priced at **US\$8.9M**. *Patrice Besse*, tel: +33 6 07 38 73 92, [www.patrice-besse.co.uk](http://www.patrice-besse.co.uk)

PHUKET

## Elite Enclave

Sited on a peninsula jutting from Phuket's east coast is this expansive waterfront villa in **CAPE YAMU**, one of the most exclusive communities on the island. Inspired by traditional Thai architecture, the lavish property was designed by Jean-Michel Gathy, the award-winning architect who primarily works in the hospitality industry, best known for his designs for the lush Amanresorts. At 8,860sqft, the villa houses five bedrooms, seven bathrooms and an infinity pool, and overlooks the famed limestone islands of Phang Nga Bay. Priced at approximately **US\$7.8M**. *Engel & Völkers*, tel: +66 7627 1751, [www.engelvoelkers.com](http://www.engelvoelkers.com)



LONDON

## Splash of Colour

Winner of the Pritzker Architecture Prize in 1998, Renzo Piano ditches his usual palette of silver and grey to make a colourful statement at **CENTRAL SAINT GILES** near Covent Garden. Behind the glazed ceramic facades are a commune of offices, shops, restaurants and apartments. The 2,426sqft penthouse has three bedrooms and bathrooms, plus far-reaching views over the capital from the terrace. Residents get 24-hour security and concierge service. Priced at **US\$8.6M**. *Savills*, tel: +44 20 7409 8756, [www.savills.co.uk](http://www.savills.co.uk)



KUALA LUMPUR

## Towering Ambitions

Just a stone's throw from Cesar Pelli's Petronas Towers is the new commercial and residential landmark **THE TROIKA**, designed by 1999 Pritzker Architecture Prize winner Norman Foster. Facilities on the compound include private parking spaces, a swimming pool and round-the-clock security. Looking to move in straight away? A furnished three-bedroom apartment (2,508sqft) is available at about **US\$1.6M**. Five unfurnished floors are open for sale, giving the owner the opportunity to combine units and form one super-penthouse at 30,763sqft. Priced at approximately **US\$24.5M**. *Knight Frank*, tel: +60 3 2289 9688, [www.knightfrank.com](http://www.knightfrank.com)

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