

## Hot property: noted architects

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Buying a property designed by a well-known architect means that the value of your home is likely to increase with time.

"A house by a noted architect can add value to your home because great design is timeless and goes on being appreciated," says Tony Chapman of the Royal Institute of British Architects. "Also, working in partnership with a good architect greatly enhances the experience of creating the house of your dreams," he adds.

### The Penthouse, Central St Giles, London, £5.5m ►

**Where:** In London's West End, walking distance from Bond Street and the National Gallery.

**What:** Occupying the entire 11th floor, this penthouse comprises 2,426 sq ft of living space with three bedrooms and a study. The contemporary interior has been designed by Mackay & Partners and there is an extensive roof terrace, "hotel style" concierge service, and two secure car parking spaces valued at £100,000 each.

**Why:** Italian architect Renzo Piano, best known for his collaboration with British architect Richard Rogers on the Pompidou Centre in Paris in 1977, has redesigned the Seven Dials area in Covent Garden with a striking, glazed ceramic building façade in yellow, orange and green.

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