CITY SLICKER

Beau House is the first collaboration between Dukelease and designer Oliver Burns, and what a way to kick things off. There are seven apartments, including the 4,000 sq/ ft penthouse with roof terrace we've got our heart set on. Perched above Daks on Jermyn Street, smart city gents can roll out of their front door (or ask the five-star concierge) to get suited and booted in the ateliers on their doorstep. Of course it comes equipped with all the high-tech gadgetry you could wish for. Beau House Penthouse, 102 Jermyn St SWI, £15m, Carter Jonas and CBRE, beauhouselondon.com

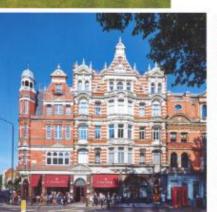


Town

Our pick of the best town houses on the market this month

BEST OF BOTH

If it's good enough for the Duke of Northumberland... Built in the 1740s as a hunting lodge for Hugh Percy, it's the only 18thcentury home to have survived in the area thanks to some passionate previous owners (including architect Robert Atkinson and, more recently, David Jacobs). The seven-bed house also has staff accommodation and a coach house. Percy Lodge, Christchurch Road SW14, 17.95m, Strutt & Parker, 020 7318 5190



SLOANE STAR

This is the true definition of trophy house, from the handpainted chinoiserie to the one-thousand hours it took an artisan craftsman in Italy to carve the bespoke bronze doors and dining room panels Even more unusually, this three-bedroom apartment is laid out laterally, with seven large west facing windows looking directly onto Sloam Square, No 48 Sloane Square SWI, £7.975m, Saville, 020 7581 5234



STOP GAP

This chi chi apartment would make the perfect mid-week crash pad. It's within spitting distance from Berkeley Square and beautifully designed so you can move in straight away. Plus, the concierge service and full Crestron system mean that you can leave it empty at weekends with peace of mind. 2 Mayfalr Chambers, Grosvenov HW W1, £3.85m, Hamptons International, 020 7411 9961

It's tricky to find property this close to Hyde

Park, let alone one of such gargantuan proportions. With six bedrooms and 4,829 sq/ ft to play with, it feels grand from lofty drawing room to polished dining room. If you'd rather not mingle with the commoners in Hyde Park, there's access to the square's secluded, private gardens. If the prospect of scaling six-floors worth of stairs has you puffing, fear not, there's a lift. Connaught Square, Hyde Park W2, £7.95m, Knight Frank, 020 7871 5060

