

SET TO FÊTE

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Oh, those houses on Lindell Boulevard. Each bears the imprint of a different maker, but nearly every one is a virtually indestructible monument to human ingenuity. *These* are the homes that are genuinely, classically St. Louis, the homes that millions of locals and visitors alike have driven past and thought to themselves, “If only.” Such iconic homes change hands only rarely—most often when the owners, zealously protective of their acquisitions to the very end, “age out.”

Now one of the crown jewels of this stretch is within reach. One of the first in the row, just east of Skinker Boulevard, this home, built in the Louis XIV style in 1920 for attorney Morton Jourdan and his wife, Lura, won architects Maritz, Young & Dusard top honors in the St. Louis Chamber of Commerce’s then-annual best new house competition. With bucolic views of Forest Park and Washington University’s tree-lined front drive, as well as backyard comforts including a tennis court, heated swimming pool, pool house, hidden brick terrace and sound-blocking retaining wall, it’s easy to forget the home’s urban location.

But residents can truly lose themselves in the

home’s 7,064-square-foot interior, where the present owners’ renovations, based on the architects’ original plans, have simply polished an already exquisite package. The craftsmanship here is impeccable, from immense, colorful marble fireplaces and terrazzo floors to the front staircase’s *creve coeur*-motif wrought-iron railing and the back of the home’s enormous green-and-white stained-glass window. The arched hallway between rooms on the ground floor is boulevard-like in width, leaving space enough for extra tables during exceptionally large dinner parties—and the kitchen and butler’s pantry, redone just four years ago, include every modern amenity, from deep warming drawers to new appliances to iridescent granite countertops.

Then there are the mirrored his-and-hers dressing areas, master-bath jet-tub and steam shower, silk-padded master bedroom and a back apartment upstairs, in addition to the exercise room, powder room and wine cellar downstairs—plus about 10,000 other details to which neither words nor photos do justice. This is one to see in person to really appreciate.

—MARGARET BAUER



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