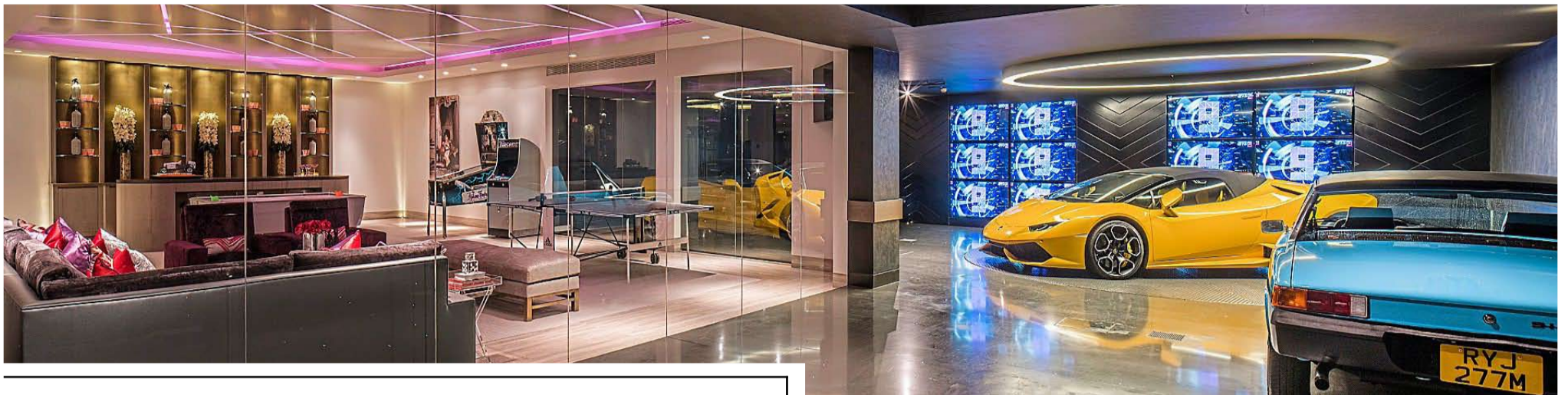


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7. IT'S SHOW TIME

Hampstead Garden Suburb, London, £15.75m, arlingtonresidential.com

Rivalling a car museum's ambience and lavish attention to detail, this eight-car garage/showroom, currently housing a Lamborghini Huracan, a Ferrari 328 and a Chevrolet Corvette Stingray to name just a few - belongs to a 10,000sq ft contemporary house in north London. It features professional-quality display lighting, showing the cars to their very best, and even more impressively, the garage can be viewed from the games/entertainment room via two floor-to-ceiling glass walls - providing a 40ft-wide viewing gallery. It is accessed via an ultra-secure car lift with a turning circle, polished concrete flooring with drainage and a bank of 18 video screens.

'The current owners, who are car enthusiasts, purchased the house several years ago and then rebuilt it behind the existing façade - in which they created a spectacular underground car showroom,' Marc Schneiderman, director of Arlington Residential says. 'One of the most exciting things about the garage, which is 70ft deep and 40ft wide, is that it's completely unexpected and the exterior of the house gives no clue as to the showroom's existence.'



8. COACH HOUSE VIBE

Compton Verney, Warwickshire, £3.25m, pritchardandcompany.co.uk

This standalone coach house, which accommodates four cars, boasts a luxurious self-contained studio flat above and is built in the same classic-meets-contemporary style as the five-bedroom country house (The Orangery) it belongs to.

'The owner is a car fanatic and has a collection of modern supercars and classic cars - all housed in this purpose-built garage,' says selling agent Robert Pritchard, director of Pritchard & Company.

'It was built deep enough to fit a large Rolls-Royce and has four secure electric doors, extra security and all the power and lighting an enthusiast could ask for.'

'Yorkstone paving separates the coach house from the two-storey home - which also contains a substantial workshop in the north wing.'

9. FIVE-CAR WONDER

South Kensington, London, £4.75m, knightfrank.co.uk

This South Kensington mews house may only have two bedrooms, but there's sleeping room for five cars in the garage.

The well-lit workbench, which runs along the entire width of the back wall, features ultra-modern, built-in storage, with black cabinet doors and chrome handles. The current owner has also set up a pillar drill, bench grinder and coffee machine in this workspace.

The garage also boasts full-length strip lighting, polished floors with drainage and panelled walls with artwork for a contemporary, snug feel. There's also a handy office area with glass-panelled doors, metal cabinets and an L-shaped desk with great views of the garage - ideal for spending hours googling the next project/performance parts.



10. REVV-ELATION

Charlton Kings, Gloucestershire, £2.89m, knightfrank.co.uk

Set well back from the road behind electric gates, this eight-bedroom property's sweeping drive, provides ample parking for a string of vehicles, and leads to a newly-built garage with a self-contained apartment in the loft with open-plan sitting room/kitchen, double bedroom and bathroom. A perfect set-up when working late into the night checking the valve clearances on your Ferrari Dino 246 GT.