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Now for sale, this stunning 18,000-sq. ft., 23-room, four-level mansion at 2290 Saxony Court boasts old world charm with new technology.

Filled with wonder

Mississauga mansion can be picked up for a cool \$11 million and is attracting buyer interest from around the world

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Take my breath away. The lyrics from Jessica Simpson's legendary song made famous in the Tom Cruise movie Top Gun are the only words to describe my reaction every time I drive up to 2290 Saxony Court.

There, in all its splendor, sits the latest creation by Michal J. Cerny, President and CEO of Ambassador Fine Custom Homes Inc.: An 18,000-sq.-ft., 23-room, four-level mansion, whose stunning architecture and design boasts old world charm with new world technology, plus all the finer things in life.

The price tag for this landmark treasure that borders the Mississauga Golf and Country Club and backs onto a wooded ravine, is \$11 million and has attracted a number of potential buyers, from a Hollywood producer to a Dubai investor.

It's no wonder, because this home is a wonder — with its exterior of buffed and chamfered 100% imported Indiana limestone worth more than \$1 million, a 30-foot tall front Portico with four solid stone columns, plus classic all-stone balustrade Juliet balconies.

Enter through the 10-foot solid Mahogany doors, and a mecca of superior style and design awaits from plastered jeweled ceilings, hand-carved stone fireplaces, chandeliers throughout — to self-supporting sweeping staircases, 1,600-sq. ft. master bedroom with its own Fifth Avenue-style dressing room and marble bathroom, nine bathrooms throughout and a lower escape level with a wine cellar for 750 bottles, 12-person, tiered movie room and bar/entertainment area.

There's even an eight-car, climatized garage with a European car lift system, an elevator, glycol snow melt system, four mechanical rooms, five furnaces and a \$400,000 Smart Home system. All are energy efficient.

Saxony Manor underscores the vibrancy of Canada's upper-end market, where sales have soared so far this year. In fact, sales of luxury homes, priced \$1.5 million and up, hit new highs in the first quarter of 2010 in Mississauga, where purchases jumped 233% according to a Re/Max 2010 Market Trends report.

When 2290 Saxony Court sells, it will be the highest priced Multiple Listing Service (MLS) sale in Mississauga, surpassing the most recent milestone when a Doulton Drive property sold for \$7.5 million.

Cerny describes his clientele as a "mix of domestic and foreign investors" that include buyers from the movie, music and sports industry, as well as investors from Dubai, the Philippines, Hong Kong and Taiwan.

Cerny has four projects on the go in the GTA. Besides Saxony Manor, he has a 7,600-sq. ft. home in Lorne Park in the framing stage, a 9,000-sq. ft. home in Oakville in the design stage, and three executive 7,200-sq. ft. homes on a one-acre parcel of land in the negotiation stage in Mississauga. Larger projects in Kingston, Forest Hill and Burlington are in various stages of negotiation.

Bottom line is there will always be connoisseurs of the finer things in life, and when it comes to the finest in homes, Cerny loves to build them. In fact, a personal tour of Saxony Manor, led by Cerny, reveals the true artisan within the builder, who meticulously watches over every detail of construction.

"I personally design all the homes, elevations, floor plans, exterior and interior finishes and cabinetry. I take the pride and care to build and pay attention to details as if my family was moving in and I wanted to make a statement of distinction," explains Cerny who has received the prestigious Best Practices Award from the

Canadian Project Excellence Awards for Saxony Manor.

Cerny has worked in project management and multi-site operations across North America for the past 25 years and will be receiving the coveted Gold Seal Certificate this Fall. The construction industry explains this certificate is a declaration of

skill and competence. Believe me, Cerny deserves it.

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The kitchen features a granite and copper mineral-veined countertop. Only 16 slabs of the material have been sold in all of Canada.



The palatial 1,600-sq. ft. master bedroom has 18' ceilings and an ensuite bathroom to die for.



Design touches include plastered jeweled ceilings and chandeliers throughout.



The great room boasts a 23' ceiling with a 20' tall, hand carved, solid marble fireplace.



The opulent ensuite bathroom hosts a 2-person steam shower and 2-person Jacuzzi tub.



With 10' ceilings and large window wells, this surround-sound and electronic playground is complimented by a floor-to-ceiling solid cherrywood bar and glass doors.



The "climatized" garage includes a European car lift system (with a capacity for eight cars), an elevator and a glycol snow melt system.