

## Contemporary villa on lake Como



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A classic façade hides slick contemporary interiors and state of the art comforts in this grand villa which affords panoramic views over the lake.

Lake Como's azure waters gleam in the sunlight, lapping the foot of a verdant hill. Up the slope, inside a gated complex, a magnificent villa stands sentinel over the lake.

From the outside, it looks like the quintessential Italian waterside home, with its perfect proportions, elegant grey shutters, a round **terrace** and soaring columns. But step inside and you'll be surprised—because the villa's classical façade hides cutting edge interiors in contemporary style.

Take the taverna for example—off-white walls and recessed floor lighting are the backdrop for stylish modern furniture and a jaw-dropping suspended fireplace which rotates to cast its glow across the room.



Or take the open-plan kitchen, which looks straight out of an interiors magazine, with contrasting dark and white units, a large fridge and a splendid island set under a state-of-the-art extractor fan. Even the large **wine cellar** is special—it has been carved into the rock, leaving it exposed on one side.

The villa is laid across three floors, with the living quarter downstairs, the bedrooms upstairs and the home cinema and library on the lower ground floor. Throughout the house, every little detail is perfect, from the **sauna and chromotherapy shower** in the bathrooms to an integrated sound diffusion system, from underfloor heating with

individual temperature control to the programmable electrical system with touch panel controls and mood settings.

Even better, all the villa's three floors afford **far-reaching views of the lake**, the waterside villages and the mountains beyond. The best places to soak up the panorama are the portico, terraces and gardens, which enjoy the sunshine till late in the evening.

"The views are some of the best on the lake," says Anna Collina of selling agents Italian Property Online. "With all the mod cons plus the right location, this property is perfect for the high flying executive who wants to move in tomorrow."

The villa's asking price is €1.95m. For more information, contact Italian Property Online on +44 (0)161 499 7879 or visit [www.italianpropertyonline.com](http://www.italianpropertyonline.com).