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AFFORDING A RING-SIDE SEAT OF DARTMOUTH ROYAL REGATTA in one of Europe's finest boating areas, the 33 quayside properties at **Dart Marina** have been designed by award-winning architects Kay Elliott to offer contemporary and sophisticated 'Smart Home Enabled' accommodation; their striking brick, stone and rendered exteriors are well in keeping with their riverbank location overlooking the Dart. Owners will enjoy privileged access to the facilities of the neighbouring Dart Marina Hotel,

including the Wildfire Bistro, superb River Restaurant, a luxury health spa and first-class harbour, which is well placed for relaxed day cruising and longer trips to the Channel Islands and Brittany as well as river journeys up the Dart (which is navigable at any tide up to Dittisham and near high water for eight miles to the historic inland port of Totnes). With nine of the initial 15 one- and two-bedroom apartments already sold, *Knight Frank (01803 837119) reports prices now start from £800,000 and rise to £1.1 million for the scheme's seven three-bedroom houses.*



ON THE WEST COAST OF SCOTLAND, *Rettie & Co (0131 220 4160)* is selling five period cottages within the **Ardpatrick Estate**, which spans the southern tip of a peninsula bordering West Loch Tarbert in Argyll. The nearby waters offer some of the finest sailing in the

UK, as well as sea fishing, canoeing and windsurfing, while the glorious Argyll countryside is also home to a number of golf courses including the famous links of Machrihanish by Campbeltown (whose local airport has daily return flights to Glasgow). The

Ardpatrick properties, which all have private gardens and date from the late 19th century, range from a former two-bedroom bothy with 'development potential' to a large three-bedroom cottage 'in need of some refurbishment' and are on the market at offers in excess of £75,000 to offers over £125,000.

RETAINING ITS POSITION AS THE UK'S PREMIER COASTAL HOT SPOT,

some of Sandbanks' harbour-front properties have seen price increases of 15% over the last year, according to Keith Fensom of Savills. Once a discreet retreat for household names, Dorset's 'golden mile' is now the playground of trophy-home owners who weekend it from London and the Midlands to mini maritime mansions which are being built in half-acre plots that have recently nudged £5 million.

■ One such property on Panorama Road has been built by local developer BrightWater's managing director, whose family moved into this 12,400sq ft six-bedroom residence last summer to 'test drive' its AMX home entertainment and automation systems which can, for example, pull up security camera pictures onto any TV in any room or close the curtains from Hong Kong. Featuring a full-sized snooker room, gymnasium, lift, cinema room, 2,500-bottle wine cellar and seven-car underground garage, not forgetting £1.5 million worth of brand-new jetty, pontoon and hydraulic-gated twin-berth marina, the property flutters a guide price of £11 million through Tailor Made (01202 706006).



■ For those who dream of buying a brand-new house on Sandbanks that offers direct access to the beach and open views across the sea to Old Harry Rocks and the World Heritage Coast, Savills (01202 708888) is seeking offers in the region of £4.5 million for a property on Banks Road which will provide some 4,000sq ft of five-bedroom accommodation over four floors. Complete with a six-person lift, open-plan kitchen/living/dining area, cinema/play room and family/sun room, it features a leisure deck with a hot tub, large balconies on the first and second floors and a wonderful roof terrace above – all with views over the rear garden to the beach and sea beyond.

■ On the neck of the peninsula, overlooking Poole Bay and Brownsea Island, 'Bowie' comprises two suitably curvaceous three-bedroom apartments which are for sale, fully furnished, from £2 million through Seven Developments (01202 716873).