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# William Pitt Sotheby's International Realty Lists Renovated Contemporary Masterpiece in New Canaan

Award-winning "Willis Mills Home," built by civic architect Willis Mills to welcome in the property's natural surroundings, now for sale

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**New Canaan, Conn.** (July 20, 2015) — <u>William Pitt Sotheby's International</u> <u>Realty (http://www.williampitt.com/eng)</u> today announced that the firm has listed a modernist masterpiece uniquely built into a rocky, tree-lined plot of land in New Canaan, Conn. The residence, which was originally constructed by civic architect and homeowner Willis Mills, who is best known for his work designing churches, libraries, college buildings and more, consists of glass and redwood as well as stone and steel. Seamlessly embracing its natural environment, the house boasts recent renovations that compliment this distinct design. New Canaan agent Karen Sneirson represents the listing, which is now for sale and offered at \$2,725,000.

The construction of the "Willis Mills Home," originally built in 1955 by architect and homeowner Willis Mills, transformed a portion of a 2-acre plot of rugged land into 4,368 square feet of modern living space. Mills' background as a civic architect is evident in the home's unique structure, specifically in its doubleheight, glass-ringed cantilevered living room that extends out, remaining level with the treetops. Walls of glass opening to a bluestone terrace and Japanese gardens add even more to the open and airy design of the home, which is clearly constructed to embrace the elements of nature.

Years after Mills relocated, yet another transformation was made on the property in the late 2000s by former homeowners and architects Craig Bassam and Scott Fellows, who updated the master suite, kitchen and lower level to create a smooth common area and open-floor-plan flow.

"Although the renovation included various additions and significant changes, the owners were attentive to Mills' original design, making sure to stay true to the residence's clear connection with its natural surroundings," said Sneirson. "The vibe of the property is both peaceful and extraordinary, and I can't wait to see what its future holds."

The addition of a stone-lined pool and spa completes the Zen-like property.

For more information on 1380 Ponus Ridge, please visit the firm's website <u>here</u> (<u>http://www.williampitt.com/search/real-estate-sales/1380-ponus-ridge-new-</u> canaan-ct-06840-99097855-665246/).

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