

***In Pictures:* Important Arts and Crafts mansion in Hertfordshire seeks £25mn**

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A remarkable Arts and Crafts mansion in Elstree is in search of a new owner, sporting a price tag of £25mn.

Considered to be one of the finest works by the master architect George Walton, The Leys was completed in 1901.

The overall aesthetic and detailing was influenced by the distinctive “Glasgow School”, which Walton pioneered, and the 17,500 sq ft property was [listed](https://historicengland.org.uk/listing/the-list/list-entry/1263392?section=official-list-entry) as Grade II* in 1995, denoting “particular architectural or historical importance”. It was also the home of the well-known photographer J. B. B. Wellington until 1939.

Sales agents Ian Green Residential are describing it as one of the finest houses to come to the market in Hertfordshire.





The interiors have lashings of early Edwardian charm, albeit on a much grander scale than is usual. The double-height galleried hall with wood panelling and fireplace is a particular highlight. But this is no museum – the space has been adapted for 21st century living with some serious flair.





The set of wellness facilities on the lower ground floor “rival a day spa”, according to the particulars, with large-scale swimming pool, traditional Finnish sauna, Cleopatra steam bath, therapy room and a professional-grade home gym. Leisure options include a “truly exceptional” two-lane bowling alley, complete with wall-mounted televisions, pinsetters and the traditional booth seating area for waiting turns.





The grounds (7.63 acres) allow enough space for a coach house complex, another swimming pool, tennis court and basketball court, paddocks and a lake.





In Pictures: The Leys, Elstree, Hertfordshire

Guide Price £25mn

Details [here \(https://www.iangreenresidential.com/property-for-sale/house-detached-for-sale-in-the-leys-barnet-lane-elstree-wd6/430\)](https://www.iangreenresidential.com/property-for-sale/house-detached-for-sale-in-the-leys-barnet-lane-elstree-wd6/430)