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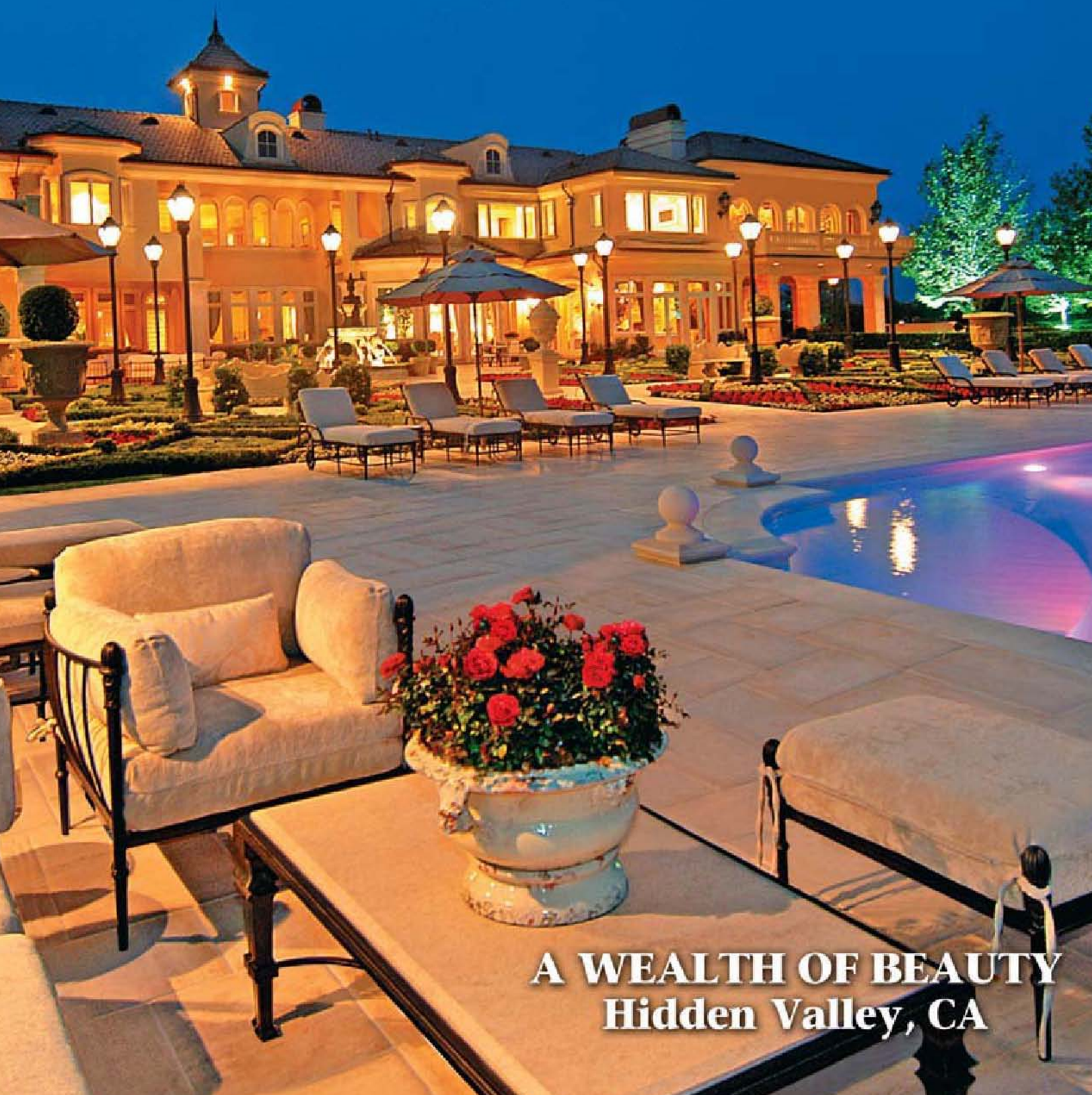
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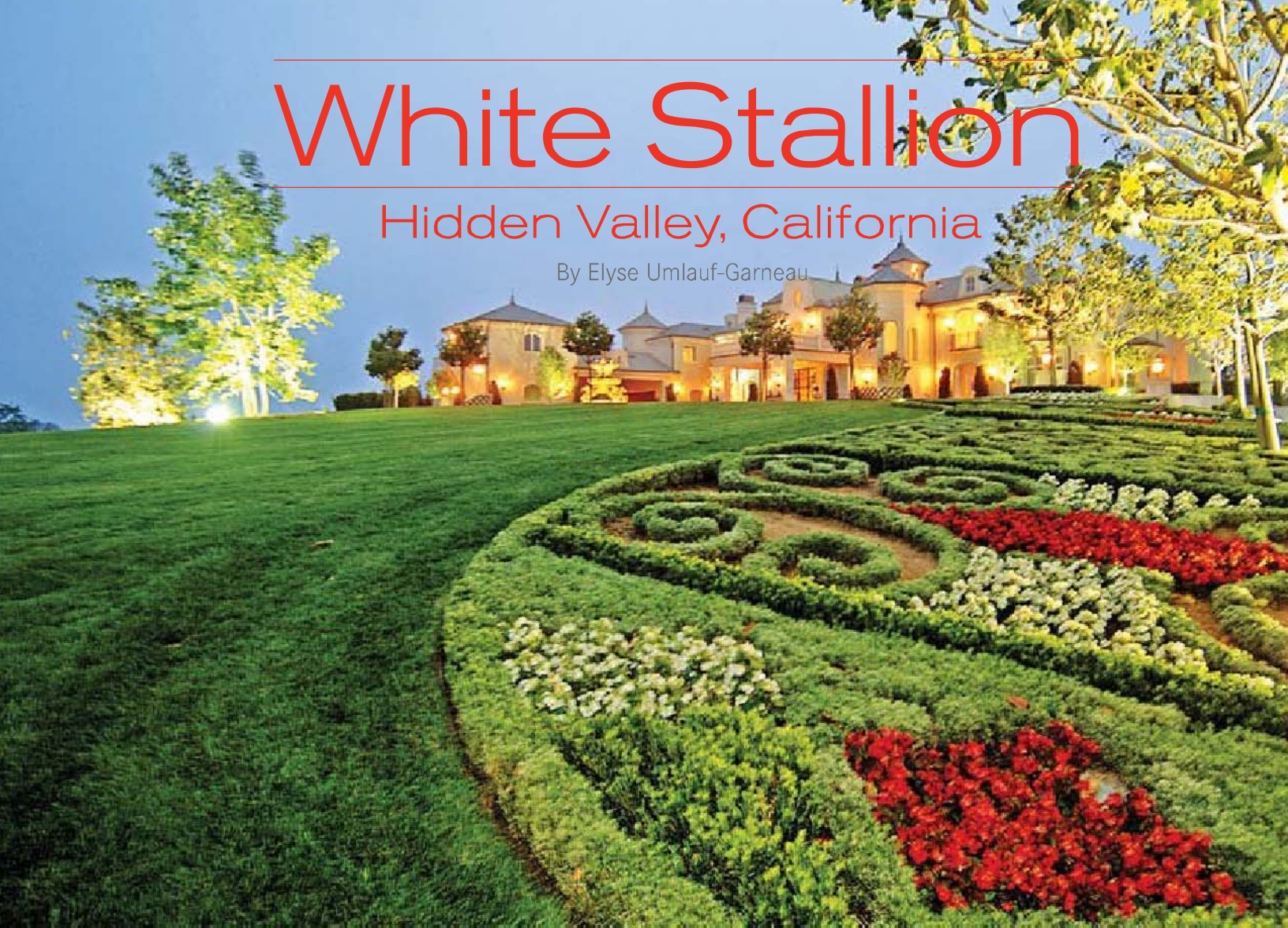


A WEALTH OF BEAUTY
Hidden Valley, CA

White Stallion

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Karen Crystal and Nicki LaPorta of Ewing & Associates Sotheby's International Realty in Los Angeles paint a word picture of superlatives to describe White Stallion. Plush, exquisite and captivating are among the words they choose to depict the 16,000-square-foot estate in Hidden Valley, California.

Conveniently located midway between downtown Los Angeles and Santa Barbara in Hidden Valley, one of the most exclusive areas in the United States, situated within minutes of Westlake Village, adjacent to the world famous Sherwood Country Club and a short drive to the beautiful beaches in Malibu where life is not just lived it is experienced!

After all, the outdoor gardens, reminiscent of Versailles, and a design that mirrors a grand French chateau, along with über-luxury interiors designed by Roy Sklarin make the property a one-of-a-kind find.

White Stallion, perched on a promontory on twenty-three acres, is reached via bucolic roads in an exclusive enclave. "You drive in through winding roads and see barns, equestrian properties, and estates on twenty-plus acres and you just don't feel like you're in California," comments Crystal. "It

feels more like rural England," adds LaPorta. Though the location is remote enough to deliver privacy and seclusion, it's near enough to civilization to allow residents reasonably quick access to the entertainment and cultural offerings of Los Angeles. And given that the area is populated by the who's who



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of the movie industry, entrepreneurs, and high-profile sports figures seeking a sanctuary, security is a given and the remoteness of the environment keeps the paparazzi and curiosity-seekers at bay.

The estate's grounds feature elaborate gardens, a tennis facility, and an infinity pool, as well as access to trails for mountain biking and horseback riding. The ambiance of lush lawns, brilliant flower beds, and an orchard is punctuated by limestone walkways and hand-carved limestone fountains and planters.

The interior is distinguished by custom-designed furniture and spacious rooms designed with an eye toward entertainment and comfort. Public spaces recall the ambiance of traditional European design, with features like crown moldings, custom quartz rock crystal chandeliers, Breaumanier limestone flooring, and hand-carved limestone fireplace mantles.

Private space, such as the 3,800-square-foot master suite, offer an environment akin to what's available in the penthouse suite of a sleek, luxury hotel. And more public areas, such as the home theater, are equally grand. The theater includes motorized leather seats, velvet fabric, custom millwork, and a powder room with walls covered in velvet and onyx floors and countertops.

Among the estate's other notable features are a 2,000-bottle wine cellar, multi-tiered outdoor verandas, an outdoor kitchen, a children's playground, and a design that capitalizes on the views of the grounds and the Santa Monica Mountains.

The \$27-million asking price includes the Sklarin design touches, such as custom furniture, and new owners could literally arrive with their clothes and toothbrush and immediately start enjoying White Stallion. And even with its opulence, it delivers a cozy family setting, according to Crystal, who says, "It's an environment of elegance and tranquility."

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