A respectful renovation
Changes return Queen Anne Victorian to its roots

1533 Sutter St. in lower Pacific Heights is a six-bedroom home available for $6.595 million.
Remodeled Victorian retains period details

By Jordan Guinn

A lingering glance through the kitchen of 1533 Sutter St. in the lower Pacific Heights neighborhood of San Francisco symbolizes the remodeled Queen Anne Victorian. Crisp lines and restaurant-grade appliances lend modern flair while sharing space with period details like stained glass, curved windows and plaster ceiling medallions.

“The renovation was very respectful of the building,” said Ed Deleski of Vanguard Properties, who is listing the six-bedroom corner home for $6.595 million. “The interior had been compartmentalized for so long, and it was important for the developers to return the home to its family roots.”

Walk-in closets and 7 ½-bathrooms are scattered throughout the four-level residence. Most of the oversize bedrooms come with en-suite bathrooms, and the au pair suite on the garden level has its own entrance.

“The amount of space makes the home perfect for a multigenerational family,” Deleski said. “A grandparent could live on the ground level and the kids can have the playroom on the top floor.”

An elaborate chef’s kitchen with commercial appliances dominates the main level. Deleski estimates the room, which is decorated with white cabinets and tile backsplashes, spans 20 feet. The developers took out a dining room and bedroom to craft the gourmand’s paradise that now revolves around a marble island with dual sinks and ample seating.

“The kitchen is monstrous,” Deleski said.

A few steps from the island stands the breakfast nook, a space employing frosted windows for the privacy of its diners.

An airy layout coupled with a centralized location transforms the kitchen into a stage whenever someone cooks.

Developers weren’t about to transform a Queen Anne Victorian without crafting a space for stately dinners. Stained glass, a contemporary chandelier and a plaster ceiling medallion decorate the room, cordoned off from the kitchen and foyer by pocket doors.

Though each bedroom hosts dramatic scale and natural light, the master suite of the corner home outclasses them all. Its sitting area overlooks an intersection, and the room includes a fireplace. Marble accents adorn a spa bathroom featuring a freestanding soaking tub, separate water closet and walk-in shower with room for two.

The curved, softwood staircase survived the remodel and retained its original detailing. Same goes for the circular embellishments in the foyer’s wainscoting, as well as similar patterns in a runner along the staircase.

A deck off the main level, garden access through the ground floor’s media room and a rooftop garden atop the garage provide the listing with a variety of outdoor entertainment areas.

For more information, go to www.1533Sutter.com.

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