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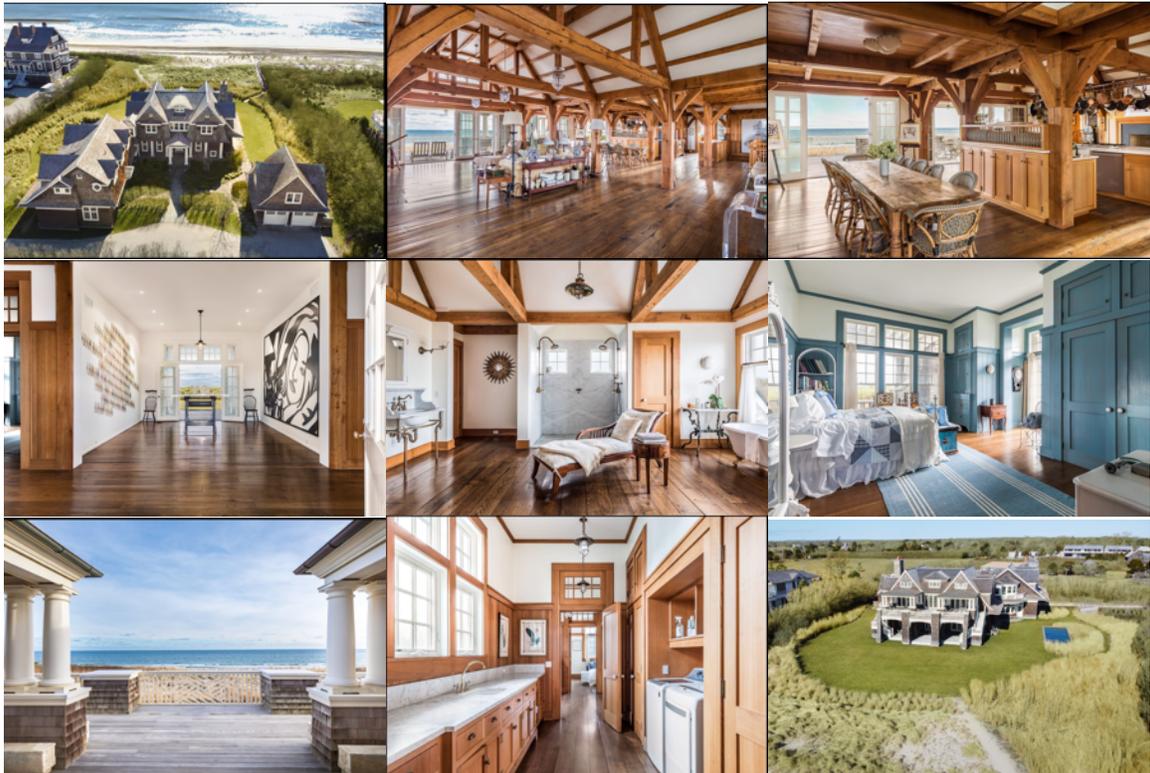
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Former Guesthouse of Famed Hamptons Estate, Now Completely Rebuilt, Asks \$37 Million

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The former guesthouse of a storied Hamptons estate, known for exclusive parties attended by everyone from writer Kurt Vonnegut to President Donald Trump, has hit the market asking \$37 million. The two-acre property used to be part of the [Kilcare estate](#), a lavish oceanfront home in Wainscott, New York, where New York City lawyer Michael Kennedy and his wife, Eleanor, played host to these star-studded events in the 1980s and '90s. Completely rebuilt under new owners, the guesthouse portion of Kilcare hit the market this week, according to the listing agents with Compass.

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Mr. Kennedy, who died in 2016 at the age of 78 and was the nephew of President John F. Kennedy, was best known for representing Ivana Trump during her 1991 divorce from Mr. Trump. But his relationship with the Trumps apparently predated their split, as the couple summered at the Kennedys' guest house before their breakup, according to the listing agents.

The lawyer eventually sold off the guest house portion of his Hamptons residence in the early 2000s, and it's since undergone a complete overhaul.

Where modest guest accommodations once stood is a grand L-shaped shingle-style mansion with six bedrooms and views over both the Atlantic Ocean and Georgica Pond, said listing agent James Petrie, part of the Petrie Team at Compass that is marketing the home.

The so-called "upside-down house" is laid out so that the "second floor is all living space and the master bedroom," Mr. Petrie said. The lower level includes the rest of the home's bedrooms.

The main living space is a cavernous great room with a vaulted ceiling and open kitchen. It leads out onto a balcony overlooking the ocean. The interiors include exposed natural wood ceiling beams and marble finishes for a contemporary rustic feel.

It sits within Wainscott's Georgica Association, a private, gated community of a few dozen properties with shared 24/7 surveillance.

The seller, investment banker Fred Seegal, bought the property in 2001 from the Kennedys for over \$6 million, according to property records, and hired architecture firm Shope Reno Wharton and Ben Krupinski Builder to design and build the current mansion. Mr. Seegal, the vice chairman of investment banking at Cowen, could not immediately be reached for comment.

The former Kilcare guest house comes to market just weeks after the sale of original Kilcare mansion next door. It closed in mid-January for \$24.3 million to an entity called 40 Association LLC, property records show.