

GOOD SCENTS

Fresh Squeezed

Wish you could capture summer in a bottle? The latest fragrance launches come close, bursting with top notes of bright lemon mixed with scents of sun-warmed skin. —Phebe Wahl



**SUN WORSHIPPER** Notes of mandarin and Californian lemon paired with neroli and Arabian jasmine capture the warmth of the sunny season. Sundazed eau de parfum, 3.38 fl. oz. for \$260, by Byredo at Neiman Marcus, Mazza Gallerie; byredo.com

**SOUTHERN EXPOSURE** Grapefruit, Italian lemon, verbena, peppermint and mint leaf transport you to the south of France. Verveine du Sud, 3.38 fl. oz. for \$130, bastide.com



**DOLCE VITA** Italian bergamot and muguet de mai mingle with lemon primofiore and mandarin in Aerin Lauder's new sparkling scent. Limone di Sicilia, 3.4 fl. oz. for \$325, at Neiman Marcus, Mazza Gallerie; aerin.com



**ZEST APPEAL** Zesty lemon, Italian bergamot, lime and bitter citrus leaves blend with sensual patchouli, juniper and sandalwood notes for a naughty-but-nice mix. Dirty Lemon, 1.7 fl. oz. for \$165, hereticparfum.com



A France & Son tube chandelier makes a statement in the dining room; the exterior is punched up by a stark white facade teamed with a yellow DayGlo door; new white oak floors are found throughout the first level, which has an open, flowing plan.

REVAMPED EXPANSE

MIDCENTURY MODERNIZED

This abode has a contemporary look via a 1960s-era blast from the past.

By Jennifer Barger

The hip grandson of *Mad Men*'s Don Draper would be right at home at **2908 Ellicott St. NW**, a jazzy redo of a 1959 Forest Hills ranch house on the market for \$2.6 million. The five-bed, 4 1/2-bath gut reno by DC's Coba (cobadec.com), a top family-owned real estate developer, swings with contemporary cool (Miele kitchen appliances) and midcentury moxie (a DayGlo yellow door). "A big percentage of buyers [in DC] are from cities like Los Angeles, and they're looking for something besides center-hall Colonials," says listing agent Christopher R. Leary of HRL Partners at Washington Fine Properties (wfp.com).

To appeal to a sophisticated client, "we put the emphasis on the *modern* in midcentury-modern," says Coba CEO Jay Gross. That meant playing up its good bones with new windows and steel beams. Bathrooms shine with Waterworks

fixtures; the master has a geometric Badeloft free-standing tub set off by outsize herringbone floor tiles. "The dramatic aesthetic has been drawing people in," says Leary.

Changes to the floor plan included eliminating a sunken living room (sorry, Don!) and turning the previous low-ceilinged basement into "something that felt more like a part of the house," says Gross. The lower-level features a second master suite (with a private entrance) and a step-out patio that make it easy to envision kids romping in the den. "I grew up in this neighborhood, and my parents still live here," says Gross. "It's great for families and empty nesters."

Other elements to revel in: hardwareless custom cabinets in the open kitchen and a France & Son tube chandelier in the dining area. Says Gross: "I always want to feel like I could move into places we create. This house passes the test."

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