

# Hyde Park mansion sells for record £210m

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A 45-ROOM house overlooking Hyde Park is close to becoming Britain's most expensive property after a sale was agreed for £210million.

The seven-storey house at 2-8a Rutland Gate in Knightsbridge is expected to be bought by Cheung Chung-kiu, a Chinese property magnate whose company, CC Land Holdings, owns the Cheesegrater skyscraper in the City, according to Bloomberg.

His private family office is said to have settled on the £210million sum – a figure that would shatter the previous property sale record of £140million.

Last night, experts suggested confidence was returning to Britain's flagging luxury housing market after the general election installed a majority government last month. Trevor



The building was owned by a Saudi prince

Abrahamson, managing director of Glentree International, a north London estate agency, said: "I would describe before Dec 12 as BC and post Dec 12 as AD. Since 2000, the residence has been owned by the Saudi royal family, serv-

ing as the London home of Sultan bin Abdulaziz al-Saud, the crown prince until his death in 2011.

Originally built in the 1830s as a terrace of four town houses, it was remodelled in the Eighties.

It boasts a series of grand state rooms, several passenger lifts, a swimming pool, private health spa and gymnasium and underground parking, as well as 68 bulletproof windows.

Khaled bin Sultan bin Abdulaziz al-Saud, the son of the Prince Sultan, inherited the property on his father's death and has been trying to sell it since around 2015.

Britain's most expensive home so far has been Park Place, an 18th century country house near Henley-on-Thames, which was bought by Andre Borodin, a Russian billionaire, for £140million in 2011.