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Actress Suzanne Somers Puts Unusual Palm Springs Compound Up for Auction

The 'Three's Company' actress and her husband Alan Hamel own the property, which includes five villas clustered a few steps away from each other.

After years of trying to sell their longtime home in Palm Springs, Calif., actress Suzanne Somers and her husband Alan Hamel are auctioning off the multi-level hillside property. CONCIERGE AUCTIONS

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The couple bought the property in the 1970s, right around the time they got married. Mr. Hamel said the property started as a weekend house but later become the couple's primary home, although they spend summers in Malibu, Calif. CONCIERGE AUCTIONS

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Most of the furnishings are included with the sale. CONCIERGE AUCTIONS

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There are eight bedrooms spread between five separate villas. CONCIERGE AUCTIONS

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They are planning to build a more modern-style home elsewhere in Palm Springs. CONCIERGE AUCTIONS

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Ms. Somers is known for her work on the sitcoms 'Three's Company,' and 'Step by Step.' She recently released a book about her marriage: 'Two's Company: A Fifty-Year Romance with Lessons Learned in Love, Life & Business.' CONCIERGE AUCTIONS

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A bathroom. CONCIERGE AUCTIONS

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There's a covered outdoor bar. 'Most nights we sit at the bar, have a tequila and watch the dusk take over,' Mr. Hamel said. CONCIERGE AUCTIONS

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The roughly 70-acre property has several swimming pools. CONCIERGE AUCTIONS

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A hot tub is built into the rock. CONCIERGE AUCTIONS

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A funicular provides access up the hill to the home. CONCIERGE AUCTIONS

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'I hope it goes to the right buyer,' Mr. Hamel said, 'someone who will understand the property and spend the next 40 years here.' CONCIERGE AUCTIONS

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After years of trying to sell their unusual Palm Springs, Calif. compound, actress Suzanne Somers and her husband Alan Hamel are auctioning off the multilevel hillside property.

The "Three's Company" actress and Mr. Hamel, a producer, listed the property several times in the past decade, with prices ranging from $12.9 million to $35 million. About a month ago it was listed for $14.5 million with Scott Lyle of Douglas Elliman Real Estate. "It just wasn't happening," Mr. Hamel said of the decision to go to auction. The property will sell without reserve through Concierge Auctions January 31st.

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Located in the Mesa neighborhood just outside downtown Palm Springs, the property sits on about 73 acres and includes five villas built at various levels on the hillside and reachable by a funicular. There are eight bedrooms spread across the different villas, which are clustered a few steps away from each other on the hillside. "It's like a little French village," Mr. Hamel said. Parts of the compound were originally built roughly 100 years ago, he said, but the couple has expanded and renovated it over the years. The living space of the villas combines to approximately 7,300 square feet.

The couple, who bought the property in the 1970s, right around the time they got married, built an outdoor stone amphitheater for entertaining. There is also a two-bedroom caretaker's home at the foot of the hill.

Mr. Hamel, 81, said they are selling because the property is too big for them now that their children are grown. Ms. Somers, 71, has one child from a previous marriage, and Mr. Hamel has two from a previous marriage. "For us it's outlived its usefulness," he said, noting he and his wife plan to build another home on a roughly 20-acre property elsewhere in Palm Springs.