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A modern living room with a dark grey fireplace wall, a wood-burning stove with a fire, two light blue sofas, a large green plant, and a wooden coffee table. The ceiling features exposed dark wood beams.

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HEMINGWAY FINE HOMES





This 4,000-square-foot ranch-style home in North Stamford, CT, had a tired feel with an outdated look and overgrown landscaping when Hemingway Fine Homes picked it up off the market.

Hemingway and its team, which included Angela DeCarlo of A Designs and Christopher Pagliaro Architects, saw a local need for homes designed for the young professional eager to escape city high-rise life, but not interested in the massive upkeep involved with a large suburban home.

After a complete remodel inside and out, this smaller two-level home with user-friendly smart features fits the bill—and the current COVID-19 buyer's market. It has a sleek, modern look, easy-care yet premium finishes, and amenities that include two laundry rooms, yoga room, home gym, media room, pool and spa site. "It gives the owners all the things





they're used to in a Manhattan block," says Peter Sciarretta of Hemingway Fine Homes. The residence, he adds, is just the right mixture of size, sophistication and function for this demographic, who are leaving small apartments in the city for bigger homes in the suburbs.

Hemingway's large-scale transformation left nothing untouched, including septic, well and electrical. The crew stripped down the home to the plywood and replaced the siding, roofing, windows and exterior trim. They added a fanciful cupola and symmetrically balanced the face of the house by raising the left side to further enhance curb appeal. The team also leveled the land and reconfigured it to mimic the mid-country terrain. A circular driveway and a low-rise Connecticut fieldstone wall fronted with privacy trees create a small but approachable area boundary.

Inside, the Hemingway team removed shag carpets, green appliances and brown paneling remi-





niscent of a prior era. The transformation brought in a light and glossy open-concept sophistication with its predominantly white interior accented by soft grays and blues. Playing beautifully with the lighter-hued wall color are oak plank flooring with a brushed gray stain upstairs in the main living area, and matching durable, maintenance-free vinyl flooring downstairs, which houses the media and yoga rooms, home office, gym and full bathroom.

“We like to match the inside with the outside,” says Angela of A Designs, discussing the modernization of the home. “When you walk into the house, there is a modern feel to it.”

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