

# Status Update

For centuries, people have aspired to the trappings of the good life. "Paris: Life & Luxury," a new exhibition at the Getty Center in Los Angeles (April 26 to August 7), demonstrates that in the French capital of the 18th century the symbols of status were ornate and gilded. In the Manhattan of today, they tend to be sleek and silvery. But the impulse behind the acquisitions never changes—the desire to impress with the best.

## 18<sup>th</sup>-Century Paris

## 21<sup>st</sup>-Century New York



Boucher's Lady Fastening Her Garter, 1742.



Koons's Michael Jackson and Bubbles, 1988.

### BRAVURA ARTIST

François Boucher  
Jean-Honoré Fragonard

Jeff Koons  
Damien Hirst

### UNDERSTATED ARTIST

Jean-Siméon Chardin  
Antoine Watteau

Brice Marden  
Jasper Johns

### BLUE-CHIP ARCHITECT

Jacques-François Blondel  
Claude-Nicolas Ledoux

Robert A.M. Stern  
Jean Nouvel

### STYLISH COOLING METHOD

Painted paper fan  
Dyson fan

### EXOTIC DESTINATIONS

Rome and Venice  
Bali and Venice

### CHAMPAGNE OF CHOICE

Moët & Chandon  
Krug

### IDEAL DINNER PARTY GUEST

Voltaire  
James Franco

### HOME ENTERTAINMENT

harpichord  
string quartets

### DECORATIVE FLOURISHES

gilded mirror  
Hervé Van der Straeten mirror

### TIMEPIECES

ornate wall clock  
Cartier Tank watch

### INTERIOR DECORATOR

Juste-Aurèle Meissonnier  
Pierre Contant d'Ivry

Michael S. Smith  
Steven Gambrel

### DIVERTISSEMENTS

porcelain game set  
Scrabble on the iPad

### MODE OF CAFFEINE DELIVERY

Sèvres tea set  
La Pavoni espresso maker

### CLEANING AID

scullery maid  
Roomba

### BEDROOM ESSENTIALS

damask bed hangings  
Savoir and Hästens mattresses



Harpichord, 1754.



Mirror frame, 1751-53.

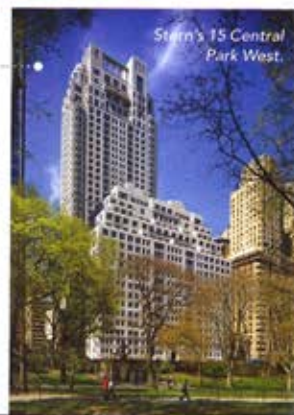
Gilded bracket clock, 1758.



Box set of gaming pieces, 1735-40.



Bed hangings, c. 1690-1715.



Stern's 15 Central Park West.



A Michael S. Smith living room.



Savoir mattress.