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## The home as compound

Trend-spotter, author and advertising executive Marian Salzman is predicting homes in the next decade will become “fully equipped compounds that offer both comfort and entertainment—and very little reason to leave.”

Following are some 2007 lifestyle trends outlined in “Next Now—Trends for the Future” (Palgrave Macmillan; \$26.95), written by Salzman and fellow trend-watcher Ira Matathia:

**Home offices:** An increasingly essential component of the home.

**Going out is about staying in:** Home entertainment systems and dinner parties are the new theaters and restaurants. As homeowners devote more money and thought to creating havens, they find fewer reasons to head out.

**Renting:** Before buying a home, people are now renting in order to test-drive a neighborhood. In some countries, parents rent homes in desirable school districts to guarantee a place for their child; others are renting for the sheer ease of life without the commitments and endless projects around the house.

**Teen bedrooms as command central:** Teen bedrooms have become a hub of communication with friends.

**Kitchens are central:** The kitchen once again is the heart of the home. It's a place for entertaining, working, doing homework and watching TV.

**Bedroom or boudoir?:** As sleep becomes a luxury in overscheduled lives, the bedroom becomes an opulent retreat from the day's hassles and headaches, filled with cushions, candles, throws and subtle lighting.

**Death of the McMansion:** Out with the sprawl of square footage and in with the efficient home that maximizes space.