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MANSION GLOBAL As Americans Ditch Booze, a Simple Pleasure Is Getting the Luxury Treatment. Here's the Tea.

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It's tea time.

Wine cellars, cognac rooms and private bars serving signature cocktails have long been places to gather in luxury homes and residential buildings. Now, tea is joining the party. Libraries, pavilions and programming devoted to enjoying a hot "cuppa" are emerging in high-end developments across the U.S. and making their way into considered single-family residences.

In Brooklyn's Boerum Hill neighborhood, Bergen, a luxury condominium designed by architect Frida Escobedo, includes a tea room as part of its wellness suite. Operated by Kettl, a high-end tea brand based in Brooklyn, and Fukuoka, Japan, it offers residents a collection of rare loose-leaf and bagged Japanese teas, including green teas from rural regions, which they can drink in locally handmade cups and glasses.

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