

Family who inspired TV sitcom sell Osprey Isle mansion

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The 8,183-square-foot house in Bay Hill's exclusive Isle of Osprey community was custom designed and built by the family who's story inspired a TV sitcom. (Regal Real Estate Professionals ~ Christie's International)

The house that provided some of the inspiration for an ABC television series just sold for \$2.45 million.

The sellers, Louis and Jessica Huang, are the parents of Eddie Huang, author of "Fresh Off the Boat," which is the basis of the sitcom that tells the story of Taiwanese immigrants relocating to the United States.

"The series, "Fresh Off the Boat," actually, was about this family that lived in this house," said Chris Christensen, Broker/ Owner at Regal Christie's International, who represented the sellers.

After living in the Washington, DC area, the Huang family moved to the Orlando area. In 1996, they built the 8,183 square foot house on Osprey Isle Lane – one of only 20 estates in the exclusive enclave within Bay Hill. The home sits on 1.15 acres of land with 230 feet of lake frontage.

"It's on the Butler Chain of Lakes in and it's in a unique neighborhood because it is guard gated, but it's a peninsula so there is a lake on each side," Christensen said. "If you look at it from an aerial view, you'll see that there are houses on both sides of the street that are lakefront."

The home was once listed for \$5.5 million and has six bedrooms, six and a half bathrooms, and lots of custom touches.

"It had a lot of detail in the house, for sure. It's something that the owner really liked is a lot of detail," Christensen told GrowthSpotter. Travertine tile is throughout the house and the outdoor areas, moldings are hand-carved, and the sweeping staircase has custom railings. Faux finishes and Venetian plaster are on many walls and ceilings.

The Huangs are moving to California and the buyers, Jeffrey and Tanya Borysiewicz, plan to make the home their full-time residence. They are the founders of Corona Cigar Company and have lived nearby. Rene Wagner and Dennis Reineke with RE/MAX Town Centre represented the buyers.

"The new owners plan to do some renovations on the house as well so they probably like a little less detail," Christensen explained. "They are going to make it more neutral throughout is what they were saying."

The home also has a resort-style pool, a boat lift, a four-car garage, a sound-proofed theater, and a large fitness room in the back of the house with lake views.

"One of the most unique rooms in the house is the great room which overlooks the lake. The whole room was round in shape with two story windows overlooking the lake," Christensen described.