Modern estate with putting green and roof terrace sells for \$5.9M

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The 8,245-square-foot estate on the back nine of Lake Nona Golf & Country Club was built as a showcase for the 2017 International Builders Show. It sold recently for \$5.9 million. (Courtesy of Lake Nona Realty)



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When a house has the best of everything and was once owned by a baseball star, chances are it will get a lot of interest.

What was once a showpiece home in the Lake Nona Golf & Country Club recently changed hands for \$5.9 million after being listed for \$6.95 million.

"It was the 2017 New American Home," explained listing agent Cathleen Williams with Lake Nona Realty. "In a nutshell, what the New American Home is [when] a builder is designing and building a home but integrating the latest and greatest products and features that different companies offer."

Phil Kean Design Group designed the home for the International Builder Show which alternates between Las Vegas and Orlando. Kean also led the design team for the 2022 IBS's New American Remodel, which sold later that year. The IBS will be in Orlando again in February 2026 before moving permanently to Las Vegas.

"Builders come from all over the country to the builder show and then come out and visit the house that's built in the market to see these latest and greatest things." Williams said. "I would say the two most important features of this house are the sustainability that it offers with the green living and the really beautiful, stunning, and contemporary design with the flat roof and modern architecture."

The first buyer was MLB outfielder Carlos González, aka CarGo, who bought the house with is wife, Indonesia, in 2018. He was an all-star for the Colorado Rockies and last played in 2019.

The 8,245-square-foot home sold again in 2021. Each owner has made a few minor changes.

"When it was first built, the [main] bathroom had an open shower," she said, adding it was done that way mainly to showcase the design. "The second people who owned it put a glass wall across it to make the shower separate but still understand the beauty."

Williams was involved during the design process of the home.

"I watched it being built so I had the opportunity to go into it and to meet with the builder as they were designing the floor plan and give thoughts and impressions about what we were seeing and hearing from a lot of buyers in terms of what they liked."

One of the things she mentioned was a separation of space.

"We are seeing a lot of people that don't necessarily want the children's bedrooms aligned with the [primary] bedroom. They kind of want that separation of space."

Williams said the recent buyers liked that separation of the five bedrooms and six full bathrooms. Each is separated with a casita-like apartment in one area and other sleeping suites in others. The living spaces are also separated from the bedrooms.

"[The buyers] were definitely looking for a fully modern home, meaning a flat roof design, and I know that they really liked the pod architecture," she said. "They also kind of fell in love with Lake Nona as a community and the lifestyle that is offered here. They saw themselves really enjoying that."

Public records show the seller as a trust with Kirsten Craw as trustee and the buyers as a trust with Ben and Lynn Torrent as trustees.

During construction, Williams also said there was a lot of discussion about what turned out to be a 1,775-square-foot rooftop terrace.

"When you get up there, you have elevated views of the 16th green of the golf course and of Lake Nona. From the first floor you don't really you don't really see those," she told GrowthSpotter, adding it is probably her favorite feature of the home with its space, summer kitchen, and half-bath.

"If I could have afforded and bought this home, I would spend so much time up there. You get up there in the evening and you grab a glass of wine, and you watch the sunset. It's incredible the views up there."

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