

Bella Collina estate home sells twice in just a few months

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Toll Brothers built the 6,632-square-foot home that recently sold for \$3.3 million. (Courtesy of Devore Design)



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A Bella Collina property was supposed to be a forever home, but fate intervened.

“[The sellers] waited a year and a half for the property to be built only to live in it for six months, and then he got transferred to Salt Lake City,” explained Jules Carneiro with Premier Sotheby’s International Realty. “They did absolutely every single upgrade one person could have put in it.”

The home on Pendio Drive that was just finished in October 2023 just sold for \$3.3 million.

According to public records, the sellers are Robert and Laurie Wahlman. Robert Wahlman was CFO of Axiom Bank and is now the CFO of FinWise Bank. They had paid \$3.2 million for the house last year.

Carneiro said he named the 6,632-square-foot home Four Oaks because of the four mature oak trees on the almost one-acre lakefront property, two in the front and two in the back.

“The property is exquisite and barely lived in and then they went ahead and sold it,” Carneiro said. “You can tell them money was not an issue when they were building the house.”

Toll Brothers built the five-bedroom and six-bathroom home for the Wahlmans on the banks of Lake Sienna.

“Once you first walk in, the lake just smacks you right in your face. Because it has so much glass and every single railing is glass, you’re just mesmerized by the light and the beautiful views,” Carneiro told GrowthSpotter.

Everything is what Carneiro called gray-eige... a mixture of gray and beige, which was perfect for the buyers.

“They wanted clean lines, neutral colors, and plenty of light.”

Public records say the buyers are Jing Deng and Xujun Xheng, a married couple who already lived in the gated golf community.

“The buyers are actually from up north, so they summer in the Hamptons and they winter in Bella Collina,” she explained. “It’s going to be their secondary home, but also their primary home in Florida.”

The outdoor space has a pool, spa, outdoor kitchen, and artificial turf which Carneiro said is both low maintenance and had a purpose.

“The plan was to have a putting green between the property and the lake.”

Currently, there is no dock, but the buyers could put one in.

“It is just so peaceful and the sun sets right on that lake. The sunsets are magnificent. It’s just mesmerizing,” Carneiro said, explaining the buyers got a great deal for the estate and paid in cash.

“They really got a great property for I’ll say is below market value because [the sellers] wanted to sell,” she said. “It was a good investment for the buyers because you just would not be able to build another home like this in Bella Collina nowadays.”

The couple will soon list the house they currently own, which is also in Bella Collina but on the golf course, not the water. They probably won't change a thing in their new home, Carneiro said, adding Toll Brothers built both homes at about the same time so the buyers were familiar with the quality they offer.

"It was kind of love at first sight. I think they took two showings and they knew it," Carneiro said. "They made a very attractive cash offer that the seller did not even have to think twice [about]."

The buyers were represented by Otto Solis Parraga with Valstar Realty.

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