

An estate on Lake Maitland with a Palm Beach vibe sold for \$8.9 million

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The home on E Adams Drive has 6,634 square feet of living space in the main residence on nearly two acres.
(Courtesy of Uneek Image)

A Winter Park couple who swore they wouldn't consider a home outside of the city limits fell in love with an estate just a bit north, on almost two acres on Lake Maitland.

"We deal with buyers all the time who say we are only looking in Winter Park. We won't look in Maitland. We won't look in College Park," said listing agent John Pinel with Premier Sotheby's International Realty.

Luckily, these buyers agreed to look at the house on E Adams Drive and ended up loving it.

"This particular buyer was a Winter Park family, and they made the move from Winter Park to Maitland. It's that special of a property when you get there."

This is Pinel's second time selling this home. Back in 2015, the current sellers bought the place for \$5.2 million and just sold it for \$8.925 million. Pinel represented them when they bought the place, and they called him again when it was time to sell.

"You're on almost two acres on Lake Maitland in a pocket of Maitland that has these estate-size lots," he said, adding the home was built in 1991 with a Mizner-style Mediterranean feeling. "It has very much of a Palm Beach feel and over the 35 years, it has been extremely well-maintained, updated, and kept current."

The primary residence has four bedrooms and four bathrooms across 6,634 square feet of living space. The sellers had renovated the property before putting it on the market.

"[The sellers] completely gutted and updated the master suite, which is the entire second floor. They updated all the bathrooms throughout the home and kept a lot of the Palm Beach elements like the arched doors," Pinel explained.

The primary suite has a spa bath, a dressing room, and a rooftop terrace with glass railings. The other three bedrooms are all en-suites and are on the lower level.

Arched windows, wood beams and hand-forged ironwork accentuate the Spanish Revival design style of the Maitland home. (Courtesy of Uneek Image)

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The home's interior is the work of late Winter Park designer Ted Maines.

"When you walk in the front door, what people would call a living room, we called the observatory because it has arch doors on both sides of the room, tall ceilings, big beams," Pinel said.

Walls of arched French doors highlight the lake view and also lead to an outdoor courtyard.



With a south-facing view of Lake Maitland, the owners can see clearly through to downtown Orlando. (Courtesy of Uneek Image)
“It’s just it’s unique because it’s not brand new construction, but it definitely has a timeless feel to it.”

An updated 1,540-square-foot guest apartment is above a media room in a detached structure.

“It used to be some garages, but it was converted by the previous owner into kind of a bonus room and then this owner turned it into a listening room,” Pinel told GrowthSpotter, adding the seller said it had perfect acoustics.



Outdoor features, like the courtyards, brick patios and pool terrace, are all staples of South Florida architect Addison Mizner, whose work inspired the design. (Courtesy of Uneek Image)

Public records show the sellers are Jonathan and Nicole Taylor, and the buyers are Sallye and Roger Holler, III. Both seller and buyer are in the automotive industry. The Taylors own several Taurus dealerships and a venture capital firm, while Holler is vice president of the Holler Family of Dealerships.

The home has a resort-style pool with a big backyard leading down to the lake and boat dock.

“We sell a lot of houses on the Chain of Lakes, and all of them are different, but this one really has the feel of privacy and [being] spacious,” Pinel said. “You don’t feel cramped anywhere, and it’s a very warm house inside. It’s not huge and stark. It definitely has a warm feeling.”

Vonda Fields with Charles Rutenberg Realty Orlando represented the buyers.