

Palm Beach homes for sale: Updated 1920s-era townhouse listed at \$4.49 million in Midtown

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The townhome in a duplex at 328 Chilean Ave. has an asking price of \$4.49 million.

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With a desire to become full-time Palm Beach residents and re-enter the island’s real estate market — having sold their properties here a few years ago — Martin and Leigh-Ann Sprock, of Charlotte, North Carolina, have purchased not one but two properties earlier this year.

It was not exactly the plan.

And it’s a bit of a long story, Martin Sprock explains.

“Our kids are on their own, now, and I can office wherever,” he says. “So I said to my wife, ‘Let’s go back to Palm Beach and find our dream house.’”

“We love Palm beach and the beautiful weather. We really want to spend the majority of our time here.”

While hunting for a house, he came upon a historic townhouse on Chilean Avenue in Midtown, a couple of streets from Worth Avenue.

“I called my broker, found out the price and said, ‘I’m coming right over with my checkbook.’”



The Sprocks bought the townhouse in March and “did it all up,” he says, “making it jazzy and cool.”

But he had also come across a restored-and-renovated landmarked house at 9 Golfview Road, the private street that runs between the Everglades Golf Course and Worth Avenue.

So he decided to buy that one, too, closing the sale in April.

“I was so excited. Golfview is my favorite street, and I always wanted a Palm Beach home with that Spanish look,” says Sprock, a restaurateur and businessman.

What the Sprocks bought: Renovated landmark at 9 Golfview Road exits the market

But two homes are one too many. So their four-bedroom, three-and-a-half-bath townhouse and guesthouse — with a total of 2,568 square feet of living space, inside and out — is back on the market at 328 Chilean Avenue. It’s listed by Douglas Elliman agent Adam McPherson for \$4.49 million.



On the market: 'It reminded me of an Italian villa,' says homeowner

Their townhouse is one of two built in 1924 and shares a common wall with 326 Chilean Ave. The building is set amid tropical landscaping, and its front facade features archways with columns that create small loggias, echoing the arches on the second-floor windows.

The front door opens directly onto the living room, with a space to the left set aside for dining. At the opposite end of the room is an arched colonnade that sets off the staircase. Other architectural elements in the living room include the original fireplace, a barrel ceiling and French doors that offer access to garden areas. A stained maple-wood floor is underfoot.

With a work island, the kitchen opens to the family room and is fitted with custom cabinets, granite countertops and professional-grade stainless-steel appliances. Barstools provide seating at a counter.



The family room opens to the back courtyard. There isn't a swimming pool on the property, but the courtyard has a whirlpool spa designed to resemble one of architect Addison Mizner's vintage tiled-wall fountains.

The guesthouse – with its living room, bedroom and bathroom — offers views of the courtyard. Its living room has a fireplace, a breakfast bar and glass pocket doors that recede to transform the room into an indoor-outdoor living space.

Upstairs in the main house, the master suite overlooks the courtyard, and two more bedrooms share a bathroom.

“My wife loves our Chilean house, but I thought we needed something bigger, and the views (from the Golfview Road house) are incredible,” he says. “I am excited about our Golfview house, and my wife and I are both excited to be back in Palm Beach.”