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The property at 341 Eden Road has just gone under contract after being listed at \$14.9 million.

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When a longtime Palm Beach real estate broker builds a new home on the island, what's on the "must have" list?

Linda Gary of Linda A. Gary Real Estate and her longtime partner, Michael Belisle, chose details that would please their family as the couple planned the house at 341 Eden Road on the North End of Palm Beach.



“We were building our dream home for our family members to stay with us over holidays and summers,” Gary says. “But due to the children starting college, they aren’t coming to stay with us, so we decided we would sell Eden. Even though we love it, it wouldn’t get used as it should. It is for a family.”

As such, the couple put their recently completed home on the market — and early this week, it landed under contract, Gary says.

With four bedrooms, five baths, two half-baths and 6,142 square feet of living space, inside and out, the house had been listed by Gary in April for \$14.9 million. With a service road behind it, the lot measures about a third of an acre, five roads north of the Palm Beach Country Club.

Gary and Belisle say they envisioned a house with soft, contemporary interiors, a traditional floor plan and strategically placed wall space for art. They also wanted an office, a family room, an exercise room and an oversized two-car garage.



Belisle explains that having a central axis from the front door through the house was an important consideration in the design process.

“When standing in the foyer, there is a straight line of view to the back yard, which is beautiful when lighted at night,” he notes.

The couple commissioned architect Patrick Segraves and his team at SKA Architect + Planner for the architecture and hired Cury Group as contractor. The interior finishes were chosen by decorator David Phoenix.



Belisle, who oversaw the construction process, says he gets the building bug every five years. Gary also enjoys the planning process.

And they often incorporate into new houses features they've loved in other homes. Take, for example, the seamless white Bolidt floors from the Netherlands, which they used in the main rooms on Eden Road.

"They are special," Belisle says. "We've used them three times in our previous homes. They are poured, have a cushion to them — and they are indestructible."

Adds Gary: "They are easy to maintain, too."

Kitchen has a breakfast-table extension

On the north side of the street, the house has a driveway designed around a planted area in front of the symmetrical façade, where the front door is flanked by floor-to-ceiling windows.

The foyer connects to a main hallway that serves as an art gallery. Directly to the north is the living room, which opens to a covered loggia overlooking the pool with fountains. To the west are the stair hall, the family room with a bar, the dining room, the kitchen, a powder room and access to the garage.

The dining room features custom built-in cabinetry that disguises a door into the area under the stairs, which could be used as a wine room.

The kitchen is finished with Euroline EnPointe custom cabinetry, white crystal-quartz counters, professional grade appliances and a work island with a breakfast-table extension. The latter feature is important to families, Gary notes.

Master bathroom appointed in marble

The house has a “split-bedroom” plan that was designed to accommodate visits by family members, offering the homeowners and their guests plenty of privacy, Gary adds.

To the east of the foyer is the master suite as well as a reception room — with built-in cabinetry — has doubled as Belisle's office.

Details in the master suite include built-in cabinets and a tray ceiling in the bedroom, along with custom-fitted closets and marble-appointed bathrooms.

Upstairs are the guest bedrooms, the laundry area and a home gym.

Bathrooms throughout the house feature Waterworks fixtures.

Gary likes the home's open feel.

“The living room is great for entertaining,” she says. “Sliding doors open to the covered loggia and pool, and the living room flows through to the dining room.” .

The downstairs rooms feature cove ceilings with hidden lighting.

The couple chose custom-designed hardware, Kolbe window and high-shine lacquered finishes for doors. In lieu of traditional baseboards, they used a built-in wall detail to complement the clean lines of the interiors.

Other amenities include an elevator and full-house generator as well as security and Lutron lighting systems, and a Sonos audio system.

The garage and additional parking are accessed from the service road at the rear of the house. With a half-bathroom, the garage has room for storing bikes as well as a charging system for an electric car.

The couple appreciated the house's location on the North End, where they have had other homes. The house is two lots away from access to the Lake Trail. Eden Road and adjacent Garden Road also have deeded beach access, another perk.

A final note, while Gary and Belisle are often on the move, the house was designed to stay put.

“It's all poured concrete slab and built like a bunker,” Belisle says.



