

Listed at \$14.95 million: Seller calls updated 1960s house 'a fantastic property' on Palm Beach's Via Marila

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Sellers of 224 Via Marila carried out an extensive renovation of their light-and-bright home, with large windows and multiple sets of French doors that open onto the poolside covered loggia.

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After Michael Steranka and his wife, Jane Sinclair, bought their Palm Beach home at 224 Via Marila in July 2020, they embarked on an extensive renovation, working with developer Todd Michael Glaser.

And with new sights in mind, they are planning to move again. But they will look back on their North End home with fondness.

"It's a fantastic property," Michael Steranka says.



“We sold our (previous Palm Beach) home on Orange Grove (Road) because the lot was narrow. It was beautiful, but we didn’t have space. Here (on Via Marila) we have a 16,000-square-foot lot. It’s like a park. We live outside on our loggia.”

And now someone else will enjoy that spot. The couple are selling their four-bedroom, four-bath home, which has 4,683 square feet of living space, inside and out. Agent Gary Pohrer of Douglas Elliman Real Estate has it priced at \$14.95 million, with the furniture available separately.

Their Bermuda-style concrete-block home, which was built in 1960, had good bones, but it needed a complete renovation, Steranka says.



“We did everything — new bathrooms, new kitchen, new electric, new air-conditioning.”

They commissioned Victor Manuel Figueredo of Koi Design Group to provide the finishes for the interior.

“We did keep the original wood flooring in the bedroom areas. We just refinished them,” Steranka says. “Jane wanted our home to be bright and airy, so we went with (a) white (color palette) and a light color for the Italian porcelain tile flooring in the main part of the house. And it is airy. When we open the French doors from the family room to the loggia, the breeze is great.”

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There's another plus, as well, he adds. "The flow of the house is spectacular for entertaining. We can host 60 people and it's fine," he says.

East of the entry and hallway are the living room, family room, dining room, kitchen and attached oversized two-car garage.

The living room is open to the family room, where a wall of French doors accesses the screened loggia and overlooks the newly resurfaced pool and spa.

"When people come by, we hang out on the loggia," Steranka says. "It's just lovely when we entertain."

Details in the center-island eat-in kitchen include quartz-stone counters, subway-tile backsplash and high-end stainless appliances.

In the east wing are three guest bedrooms and the primary suite, which has French doors that access the back yard and pool area. Bathrooms are finished in tile.

"I use the bedroom next to ours as an office. We opened a doorway from there to the (adjoining) guest bedroom, and when the grandkids come down, they can sleep on the pull-out sofa. We took part of that bedroom for a second closet, so the master bedroom now has two walk-in closets."

In addition to the loggia, a favorite spot of Steranka has been his backyard hammock. "I'll just lie there, feel the ocean breeze and hear the ocean waves. It doesn't get better than that."

The midblock house stands on a lot of nearly four-tenths of an acre, several streets north of the Palm Beach Country Club.

"We have a deeded ocean-beach access, which is very private and gated, and we like that (an entrance to) the Lake Trail is right on the street."

