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## MANSION

PRIVATE PROPERTIES | KATHERINE CLARKE



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### TWO FORT LAUDERDALE HOMES ON THE MARKET FOR \$60 MILLION

Two Fort Lauderdale, Fla., homes are set to hit the market for about \$60 million.

The properties, located on the New River, are owned by Tom and Katia Bates. Mr. Bates is a homebuilder and a Florida native, while Mrs. Bates is an interior designer from Venice, Italy. Together, they run Innovative Creations, an interior-design business.

The first property, on Isle of Capri Drive, is the Bates family home. The couple bought the property for \$950,000 shortly after becoming engaged in the early 1990s and razed an existing house to make way for a one-story, Mediterranean-style home. Over the years, they renovated twice, most recently building a guesthouse on an adjacent lot.

Together, the main house and a guesthouse comprise



about 12,800 square feet. The main house has five bedrooms and 10½ bathrooms and has views of the river. There are ceiling murals inspired by Italian palaces and a collection of antique Venetian Rezzonico-style chandeliers. The floors are Jerusalem stone, travertine

marble and onyx.

The property features about 435 feet of deep-water dockage, which would allow a large yacht to dock out front, Mr. Bates said. Outside, there is a large gazebo imported from Italy as well as a pool.

The couple bought the

nearby second home, on Bontona Avenue, two years ago. It was owned by Bonnie Huizenga, the sister of Wayne Huizenga, late-owner of the Miami Dolphins, public records show. A stone sculpture of a dolphin remains at the property.

The Bateses recently completed a massive renovation on the house. The finished project measures 11,800 square feet with six bedrooms, a beauty-treatment room, a gym and an enormous master suite spanning almost 3,000 square feet. With 700 feet of deep-water dockage, there is enough space to dock a superyacht.

The Isle of Capri home is asking \$27.5 million, while the Bontona Avenue home is asking \$32 million.

Christopher Wands, Pietro Belmonte and Chad Carroll of Douglas Elliman have the listings.