

The Miami Estate that Starred in ‘Scarface’ Lists for a Whopping \$237 Million

The waterfront compound on Key Biscayne was part of Richard Nixon’s Winter White House in the 1970s.

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A waterfront estate in Key Biscayne that once shared the screen with Al Pacino is making a return appearance—this time with a \$237 million price tag that ranks it among the most expensive listings in the world and could rewrite the script for American real estate.

The 2.38-acre compound is renowned for its starring role in *Scarface*, where it served as the lavish home of Frank Lopez, played by Robert Loggia. The setting still reads like a scene from the film, from the dramatic approach over Biscayne Bay to the semicircular stainless steel and glass elevator that remains one of the home’s defining features, as seen in the clip below.

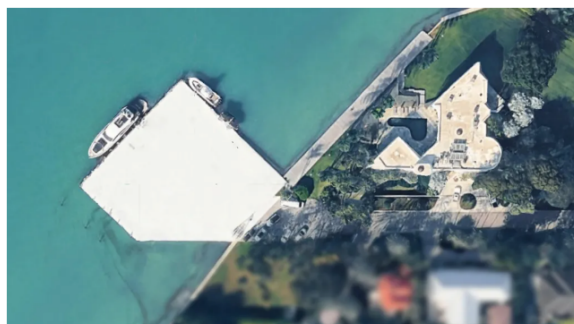


According to the *Wall Street Journal*, investor John Devaney first encountered the property in 2003 during a helicopter lesson, spotting its massive private helipad jutting into the bay below. He had recently acquired a Sikorsky S-76 helicopter and a \$22 million yacht—as well as a Gulfstream jet—and saw an immediate use for the landing pad. He touched down, knocked on the door, and quickly struck a deal, paying \$15 million for the home and another \$15 million on several neighboring parcels.



President Richard Nixon and Henry Kissinger walking the grounds of his Key Biscayne compound. Bettmann Archive; Getty Images

Before its Hollywood cameo, the property was part of an estate that served as President Richard Nixon’s Winter White House in the 1970s. A helipad built for Marine One arrivals and departures still remains, though Nixon’s original bungalow was demolished in the early 2000s. The existing residence—built around 1981 by pilot Roberto Striedinger—spans roughly 13,000 square feet and remains largely intact today. Devaney, who moved in with his family in 2007, has taken a light-touch approach to updates, preserving many original details still visible from the 1983 film, including wall-mounted toilets in saturated shades of green, orange, and yellow.



The Key Biscayne property includes a helipad originally built for President Richard Nixon’s use. Google Earth

The grounds lean into the home’s theatrical quality. A piano-shaped swimming pool curves along the waterfront, while 862 feet of frontage wrap the estate, which also includes a private marina and unobstructed views toward Miami. The humongous helipad that first caught Devaney’s attention remains in place, extending into Biscayne Bay.

“I am an investor in real estate,” he told the *Journal*, pointing to demand for trophy properties as wealthy buyers continue to pour into Miami. Although he and his wife, Selene, still enjoy the home, their three children are grown, and they plan to spend more time traveling on their yachts and at other residences in Miami, Vero Beach, and the Bahamas. “There are lots of guys looking,” he said. “Let someone else take a turn, one of these real big dogs in the market.”

The listing arrives amid a run of blockbuster deals across Miami-Dade County. Earlier this year, Mark Zuckerberg paid \$170 million for an estate on Indian Creek Island, setting a local record. Devaney said the decision to sell comes down in part to timing.