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Swarovski heiress' estate in Westlake bringing in European would-be buyers

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Swarovski heiress Vanessa Swarovski, who was formerly married to MLB player Jorge Piedra, has put her nearly \$4 million estate in Westlake on the auction block to sell to the highest bidder by the end of the month — and the international would-be buyers have come running.

The 8,923-square-foot estate, which is owned by the heiress of the Austrian crystal company, has landed national and international attention, with much of that international interest stemming from potential European bidders, said Randy Haddaway, president and founder of Florida-based Elite Auctions.



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"With the size and scope of this property it's about finding the right buyer and it's not always easy to identify or create urgency to buy a home," Haddaway told the *Dallas Business Journal*. "The auction creates urgency for a property."

The Westlake estate has been on the market for nearly a year and was last listed marketed \$3.69 million. The more expensive the property, the harder it is to find a buyer, but Haddaway has seen success in North Texas in the past by recently auctioning off a penthouse condo in Las Colinas.

And he's already seen good activity on the Swarovski estate.

"Aside from it being a Swarovski property, it's absolutely stunning and was built well in an outstanding community with lots of amenities," Haddaway said. "This would be an outstanding opportunity for anyone to bid on the property."

"Someone is going to get a good deal and the sellers will be able to sell it and move on," he added.

The 1.7-acre estate, which has a six-bedroom and nine-bathroom home, at 2208 Vaquero Estates Blvd. in Westlake will be sold at an absolute auction, without reserve, to the highest bidder on June 30.

The Westlake home sits within a guard-gated, amenity-laden community in Dallas-Fort Worth and will join other professional athletes and celebrities in the Vaquero neighborhood, Haddaway said.

The luxury property has a circular drive that wraps around to a rear motor court and four-car garage. The entry of the home has double-height ceilings and a built-in entertainment center.

The kitchen has marble countertops and custom limestone and travertine floors with stainless-steel appliances in the gourmet kitchen.

The Vaquero Estates home will begin showing to would-be buyers this Saturday, with weekend showings leading up to the auction. The last scheduled open house will be held the day before the auction on Thursday, June 29 from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Want to take a look at the estate? Check out the attached slideshow.

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