Retired American Football Star's Home Enters The Market

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Matt Birk, retired All-Pro player and now director of football development at the National Football League, is selling his posh Greenwich home for the same price he bought it two years ago.

SLIDESHOW: The grey Colonial-style home was built in 1991 and completely remodelled in 2008, featuring a new swimming pool and balcony off the second-floor master bedroom.



















Former All-Pro player and one-time Super Bowl champion Matt Birk was named the director of football development by the US National Football League (NFL) in 2014 after a 14-year professional football career. That same year, Birk purchased a six-bedroom, almost 7,000-square-foot home in Greenwich, Connecticut, to be closer to NFL's New York headquarters.

Only two years later, Birk is moving out. The reason is uncertain but reports say that he will continue to work with NFL, this time possibly down south in Florida. Birk paid US\$3.85 million for the Colonial-style residence and it has just been placed on the market through real estate brokerage and relocation firm DJK Residential for the same price. Leon Grimm, the listing agent, told *Yahoo*: "It's competitively priced. Greenwich has gone up since the time [Birk] bought it."

Set in the waterfront and wealthy Cobb Island neighbourhood, located nearby Cos Cob Harbor and about an hour's drive from New York, the home was originally built in 1991. A Georgian-inspired sweeping staircase greets guests as they enter the marble grand foyer. French doors throughout the abode provide unobstructed views of Long Island Sound.

According to the listing, the home on 26
Cobb Island Drive was revamped from top to
bottom in 2008. The previous owners
renovated the kitchen and now it includes
latest appliances, a centre island and granite
counters. Its five full bathrooms and two half
bathrooms were also remodelled, while a
balcony off the upper-storey master suite
was newly added.

In the expansive and finished lower level, there is a home entertainment system surrounded by built-in cabinetry. Also downstairs is a gym studio with state-of-theart equipment and floor-to-ceiling mirrors. The basement is listed as 1,500 square feet in size.

The swimming pool in the backyard was also installed in 2008, surrounded by professionally manicured gardens. A wide patio completes the outdoor amenities.

To view the listing, please click here.

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