



Making a splash

With so much time at home over the last 18 months, no doubt millions have been staring at their garden, wishing for a pool – or a pool upgrade. If inspiration is lacking but money is not, here are a few examples of how A-list celebrities do it across the world

When celebrities fork out millions for their mansions they come fitted out with everything from heli-pads to home theatres, gyms, multi-car garages, his and her walk-in wardrobes, and wine cellars. But the part we're most interested in are the wet decks.

MARK WAHLBERG

Star of *The Departed*, Mark Wahlberg's Mediterranean-style

mansion in the Hollywood Hills features a pool with a waterfall, cabanas and stunning views over the canyon. The 50-year-old's palatial palace includes a full-sized basketball court, large-scale gym, putting green, wine cellar, home cinema and a two-story library. Wahlberg bought the land that the 30,000 square-foot home sits on in 2009 for US\$8 million and created a fantasy family space in which

he, his wife and their four children could enjoy themselves. The pool features a spa and grotto and a private 'paradise pool' with an incredible cascading 12-foot waterfall, and a water slide.

The home, designed in a French mansion style, is the creation of Richard Landry, a designer who is developing a strong reputation as the property maker to the celebrities. There is also a two-story, two-bedroom

guest house, plus a kids' wing with high ceilings that opens up onto the grounds – and an airport hanger to build a two-story, 2,500 square-foot fitness centre where Mark put his very own professional-sized boxing ring.

CELINE DION

Set on six private acres on the Atlantic Ocean in Jupiter Island, one of the most expensive neighborhoods in the United States, Celine Dion and her late husband René Angélil built a Bahamian-style home in 2010, boasting 13 bedrooms, ▶

Above: Mark Wahlberg where he feels at home – in the pool. His personal pool wouldn't look out of place at Disneyland's Surfside Waterpark



14 bathrooms, a state-of-the-art golf simulator and a spectacular 125 metres of private beach. As if the Ocean didn't provide enough water for Dion, the Florida home boasts a pool that looks more like a water park, complete with firepit, multiple pool houses, a lazy river, water cannons, tree houses and water slides. After first hitting the market for US\$72m in August 2013, Dion sold the 20,000-square-foot estate for US\$28m in 2017, according to the *Palm Beach Daily News*, after purchasing the land for US\$7m in 2008.

PAMELA ANDERSON

Pamela Anderson's Santa Monica beach house sold for US\$11.8m earlier this year as the former *Baywatch* star is understood to have returned to her native Canada. The property is made up of two separate buildings

that are built around the central swimming pool, meaning that most rooms have water views. Anderson paid US\$1.8m for the property in 2000, offering it up twice before, once for sale at US\$7.75 million in 2013 and later for rent at US\$40,000 per month. The actress was originally asking US\$14.9 million for the teakwood retreat in the Malibu Colony neighborhood, which regularly ranks as one of Southern California's priciest enclaves.

Clad in wood and glass, the modern abode faces Malibu Lagoon State Beach and features a private pathway that winds its

way to the sand. Pocketing walls of glass and a retractable sun roof combine for indoor-outdoor living across the 5,500-square-foot floor plan.

Other highlights include a wood sauna, vegetable garden and fire pit wrapped in concrete. Two floating staircases navigate the home. One inside ascends to a primary suite with a custom closet and private balcony, and another outside spirals between the outdoor spaces, connecting a second-story deck to a covered patio. A guesthouse with a lounge and platinum-tiled pool with a bar complete the small compound.

light up any L.A. evening. The 33-year-old singer put roots down Stateside with the four-bedroom, six-bath property in 2016. The 6,600-square-foot home enjoys two floors filled with exposed beams and wide-plank floors.

RIHANNA

International superstar, fashion designer and beauty mogul Rihanna has several properties in her portfolio, with her 7,130 square foot Hollywood home currently on the market for \$US7.8 million. The extensive back yard boasts an infinity pool and spa, plus al-fresco dining and relaxation areas.

Overlooking the Sunset Strip, the Mediterranean-influenced property includes six bedrooms and 10 bathrooms, along with a guest house that's currently fitted as a home gym. ■

ABOVE LEFT: RIHANNA'S HOLLYWOOD HILLS HOME WITH INFINITY POOL IS RUMOURED TO BE ON THE MARKET

TOP RIGHT: THE POOL COMPLEX BUILT BY CELINE DION AND HER LATE HUSBAND Below: Adele's Beverly Hills home pool

ADELE

Adele has the most serene and relaxing pool area in her US\$10m Beverly Hills home. Complete with a gazebo, raised jacuzzi, loungers and mini floating lanterns above, the singer's home would truly

