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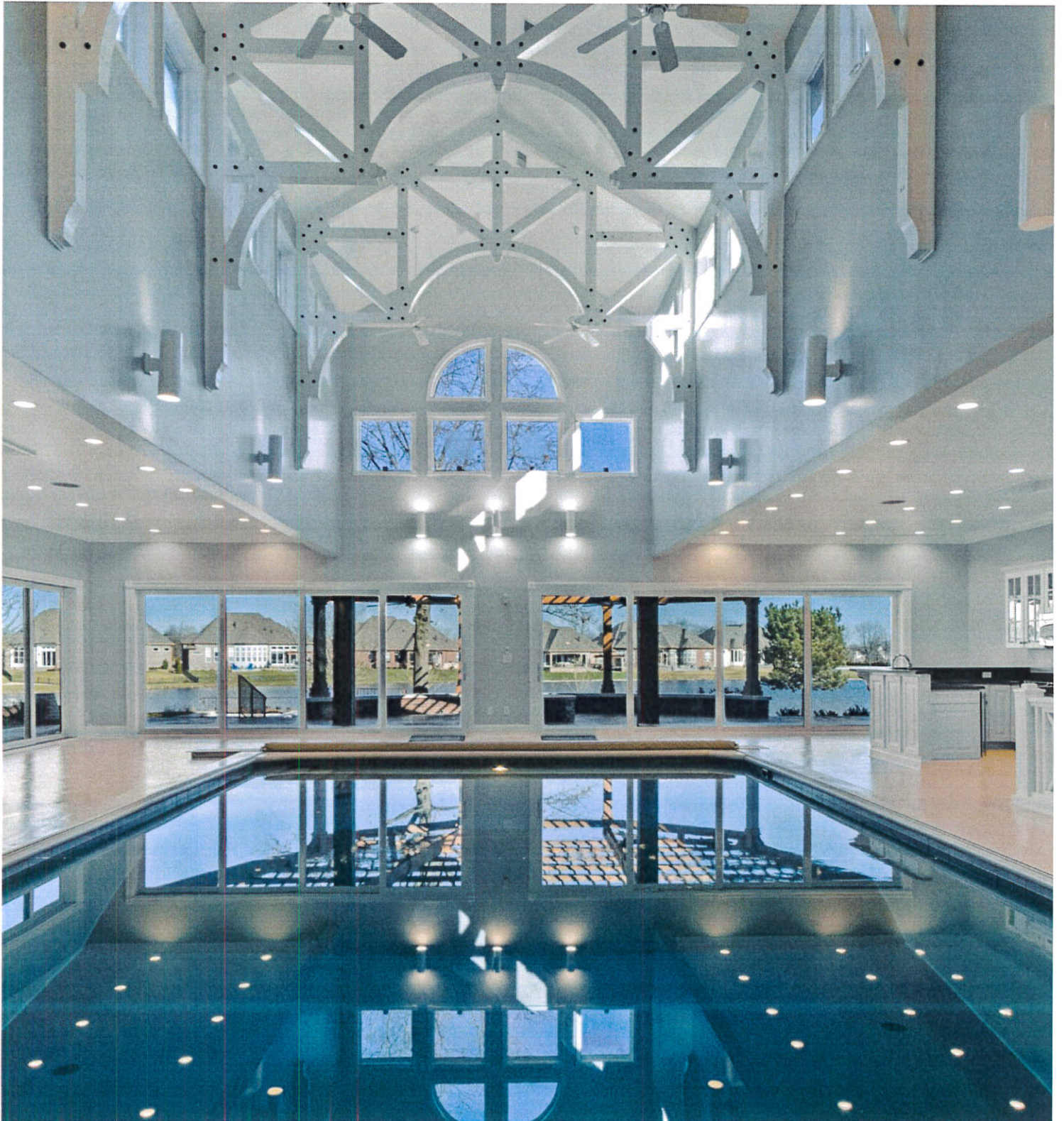
The roughly 30,000-square-foot home in the Indianapolis suburb of Carmel has three swimming pools and a bowling alley

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A home in Indiana with three swimming pools and a bowling alley is hitting the market for \$6.9 million.

The roughly 30,000-square-foot home is located in the affluent Indianapolis suburb of Carmel, according to the listing agent Carrie Holle of Compass. About 20 miles from downtown Indianapolis, it sits on roughly 2.2 acres and overlooks a 30-acre lake.





The home has amenities such as an indoor pool.

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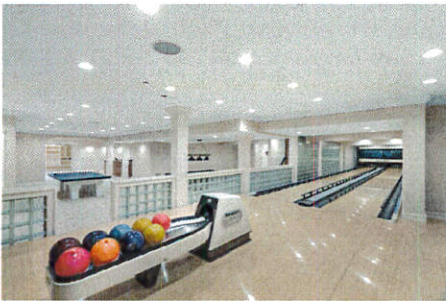
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The owners are Paul Shoopman, founder of Indiana-based Paul Shoopman Home Building Group, and his wife, Shelley Shoopman. Mr. Shoopman said they built the home in 1990 at a cost of about \$3 million, and it has since served as their primary home. The goal, he said, was to build a home with plenty of amenities to entertain their six children.

“We wanted to build a place where it would be more prevalent for the kids’ friends to come here and visit rather than going elsewhere,” he said.

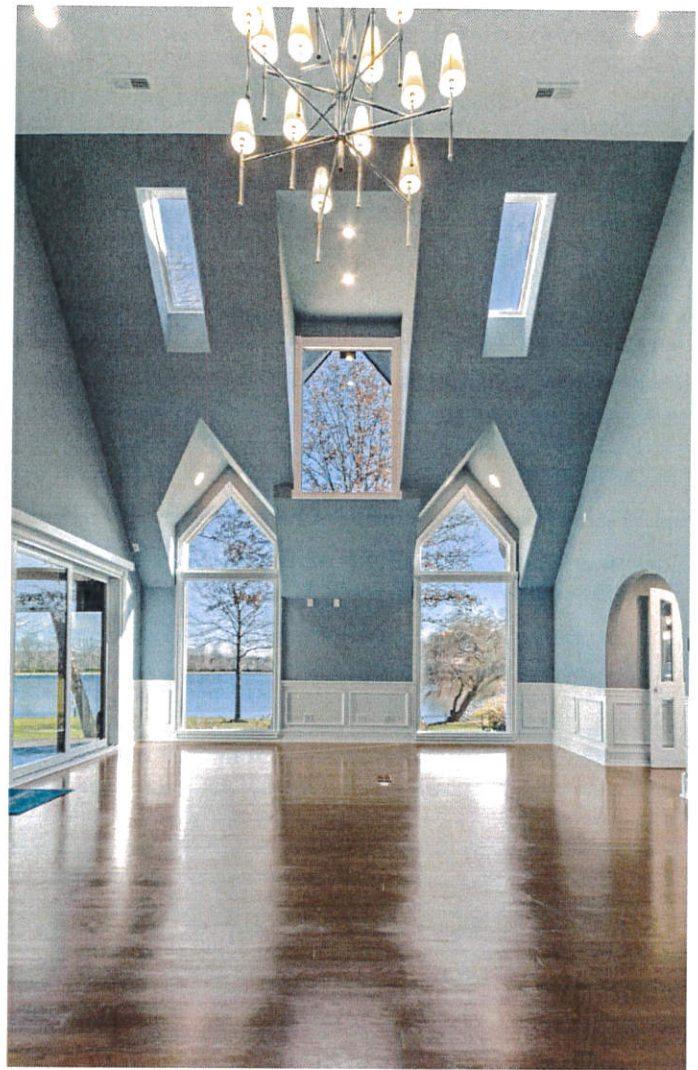
In addition to the two-lane bowling alley, the home has an indoor pool, theater, multipurpose indoor sports court, gym and locker room. Outside, there are two swimming pools—one for adults and one for kids—and a boat dock on the lake.



Other amenities include a bowling alley, boat house and theater. PHOTOS: BETH REFFEY/DREAM HOME MEDIA(3)

When Mr. Shoopman purchased the property, it was a cornfield on 160 acres, he said. About 10 years ago, he began dividing the property into lots and developing houses on them. Today, he has created a small neighborhood around his home, selling the houses he's built for upwards of \$1 million each.

Mr. Shoopman's home is the largest and most expensive out of the bunch, he said. The Shoopmans have decided to downsize because their children have moved out, he said, but they plan on remaining in Indiana.



The house spans roughly 30,000 square feet. PHOTOS: BETH REFFEY/DREAM HOME MEDIA(2)

The Shoopmans' home is poised to become one of the most expensive sales recorded in Carmel, according to Ms. Holle. The current record holder is a home that sold for \$8 million in 2005.

In February, the median sale price in Carmel was just over \$424,998, up 8.9% from the year prior, according to data from Ms. Holle's team, and the average home sat on the market for just three days.

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