



Great Dane! This Villa Is Denmark's Priciest Home

The late Danish architect and designer Arne Jacobsen is Midcentury Modern royalty. He is known around the world for his popular and influential furniture, such as the 1952 Ant Chair, whose narrow-waisted backrest suggests the body of an insect.

But Jacobsen also designed a number of homes. One of them, a 1956 waterfront villa north of Copenhagen, has come on the market for 200 million Danish kroner, or around \$31.5 million. That makes the Modernist home on 2.1 acres Denmark's most expensive residential property for sale, according to listing agent Ivan Eltoft Nielsen.

The current owner of the six-bedroom, shed-roofed house is Danish entrepreneur Ole Kristoffersen, who paid 58 million DKK in 2009 for the property, according to Nielsen. Kristoffersen, who comes from a family of bakers, is the Ole in the Ole & Steen bakery chain, although in 2017 he

sold his interest in the business, which includes Denmark's Lagkagehuset chain.

The house has special status with Jacobsen fans, who know about it but have hardly ever gotten up close. Kristoffersen has had many

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home, pool, tennis

inquiries from people wanting to visit or write about the house, but he virtually always refuses. "I never opened it up," he says.

"For scholars, it's an interesting but hidden house," says Danish design consultant Marie-Louise Høstbo.

The Jacobsen name adds a premium of up to 20% on the price, Nielsen says.

The property sits on the Øresund, the strait separating Denmark from Sweden.

The home was originally built for Copenhagen coffee importer Ruthwen Jürgensen and his wife, Emily Jürgensen. It has been expanded over the years, and now measures about 6,500 square feet plus a finished basement.

Nearly all the rooms have views of the sea, says Kristoffersen, who shares the home with his wife and their combined family of four children.

The large kitchen has three ovens, though Kristoffersen has all but given up baking. "I just eat," he says.

A tennis court and heated outdoor pool were later additions to the property, as was a three-bedroom guesthouse not designed by Jacobsen.

Kristoffersen declined to say why he is selling, but says he frequently moved before settling down in the Jacobsen-designed house, which he describes as "the place I have been living in the longest."

—J.S. Marcus