

Wretched excess

The home is entering its fifth year of development. When finished this spring, it will be one of the largest private homes in America – 100,000 square feet – and, at an asking price of \$500 million, will bill itself as the most expensive as well.

The property has 20 bedrooms. ... The largest bedroom is a 5,500-square-foot master suite. ...

The house has a commercial-size beauty salon and a lounge where the walls and ceilings are made of jellyfish aquariums. Asked why, Mr. [Nile] Niami [the developer] shrugged, looking slightly baffled by the line of questioning. "Because it's cool," he said.

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