### **New Construction in Florida:**

### More Affordable Than You Think

# RBC

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### Today's Facilitator



#### ALAIN FORGET Head of Business Development

Alain has been working for RBC for over 45 years, holding various business and sales leadership roles in Canada, the Caribbean and the U.S. He is passionate about helping Canadians purchase U.S. homes and works closely with consumers, real estate professionals and other strategic partners to provide education and opportunity to Canadian buyers in the U.S. Alain acts as spokesperson for the media and at real estate conferences as a subject matter expert. He is also a licensed real estate agent in Florida with CIPS Designation (Certified International Property Specialist) and holds a degree in Finance & Management.



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# ESCAPE TO PARADISE



### ALEX HEMPHILL

I have personally been with the Lennar for the last 9 years and have been in both on-site sales as well as my current role, Internet Sales Consultant. This means I am not tied down to one location – I can help provide details, inventory, and exceptional guidance on all 41 of our communities we're currently building in in Southwest Florida. I personally live in the greater Sarasota area and have for the last 11 years, so I have firsthand experience about day-to-day necessities, lifestyle, and amenities the area has to offer.

I launched my real estate career in 2015 and have worked with multiple new construction builders ever since, so my knowledge on the process, materials, & guidelines are deeply rooted. My reputation amongst my peers is well respected and highly favored. My team and I work hard to keep ahead of the curve, combining luxury and affordable home building with the latest technology and state of the art amenities, both in the home and in the communities.

I've spent nearly a decade excelling in the competitive landscape of the greater Fort Myers and Sarasota real estate markets and have worked behind the scenes with hundreds of other real estate agents. My secret sauce, and the reason for so many great reviews, is my directness, transparency, and always making everyone feel like a close friend. This ability is both a natural instinct as well as dedicated commitment to advanced & ongoing training and education in the new construction real estate market.



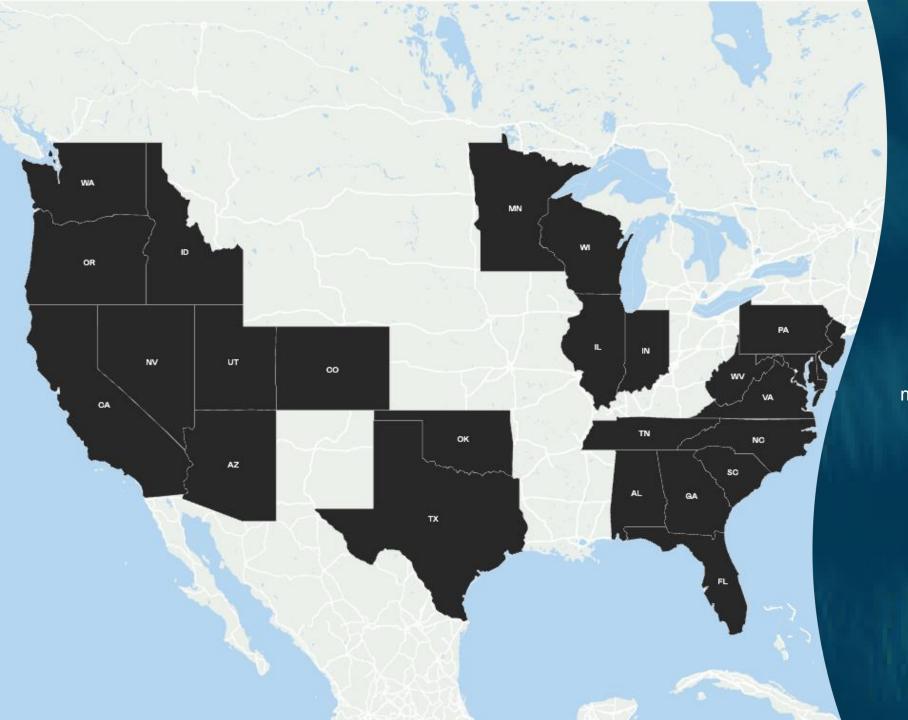




# ABOUT LENNAR

One of the leading homebuilders in the US Delivered more than 1 million homes since 1954





# ABOUT LENNAR

Lennar builds homes in 26 states and more than 70+ markets across the nation Options for every stage of life from first-time homebuyers to move-up buyers and active adults

### WHY LENNAR

Lennar's key values are Quality, Value and Integrity

Lennar is also known for their Everything's Included<sup>®</sup> program, which includes popular features and upgrades into every new home they build at no additional cost

Lennar also offers mortgage, title and of course, home services all under one roof for a truly simplified homebuying experience





### LENNAR SOUTHWEST FLORIDA

More than 65 new home neighborhoods across SW Florida's most desirable cities, from Sarasota to the Naples and Ave Maria areas Discover options for every type of buyer with prices that start from the high \$200s to luxury homes in the \$1 Millions



## SOUTHWEST FLORIDA

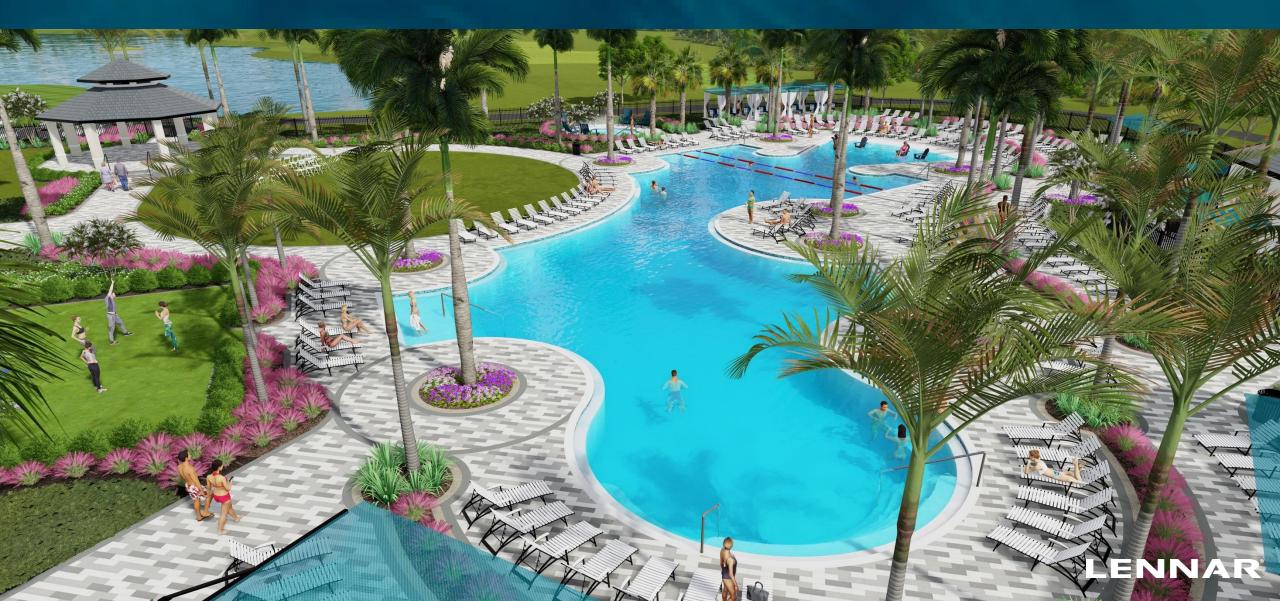
In Southwest Florida, there are numerous communities to explore, and Lennar offers options to suit every lifestyle preference. Our experienced real estate team is here to help you navigate the entire process every step of the way.













Variety of product types: Single-family, coach homes, villas, townhomes, condos

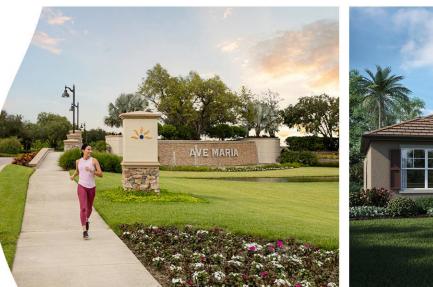
Ideal for seasonal use or year-round sunshine

Homes range from **1,200 to 5,600** square feet, 2 - 6 bedrooms; 2 - 4 bathrooms

Communities are set near pristine, white sand beaches on the Gulf of Mexico

Convenience to downtown areas, recreation and highways for commuting









The Lakeside in National Golf & Country Club From the high \$700s in Ave Maria, FL



The Venice in River Hall Country Club **From the high \$400s** in Alva, FL



The Arrowhead in Heritage Landing From the high \$300s in Punta Gorda, FL



The Birkdale in Ibis Landing Golf & Country Club From the mid \$200s in Lehigh Acres



The Caviano in Talis Park Fairgroves From the high \$900s in Naples, FL



The Princeton II in River Hall Country Club From the mid \$500s in Alva, FL

















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Resort-style communities with top-notch amenities

Bundled Golf & Social Membership available



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From the moment you arrive, you'll get acquainted with your team, who will show you all the best of living at one of our golf communities! With a lifestyle this exciting, we guarantee you won't want to leave!

### **1ST DAY** Arrival & Discovery

When you first arrive, you'll have a meet and greet with a New Home Consultant who will get you acquainted with the community and show you where you'll be staying!

Once you've settled in, a New Home Consultant will take you on a tour of the community

Spend some time relaxing or enjoy exploring the community and planned amenities.

Optional delightful dinner at the clubhouse for two (\$50/per person. Value not included in the \$299 figure. Gratuity not included.)

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#### 2ND DAY Exploration

You'll have a private consultation at the Welcome Home Center with a New Home Consultant, who will answer any questions you may have about the homes and the community.

Enjoy exclusive access to our amenities and club activities.

You can also participate in the following exciting experiences: Private Pickle Ball, or Private Tennis Lesson (two passes included) One 18-hole Round of Golf for two (cart fees & restrictions may apply)

> 3RD DAY Departure

Checkout is at 11 am — we can't wait to have you back!

### THANK YOU

Please contact us to learn more and find your new home in SW Florida.

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Garry Walmsley is a globally recognized expert in Orlando real estate, specializing in Airbnb, vacation rentals, and investment-grade assets, with a sole focus on helping clients enhance their lifestyle or increase wealth. With a career spanning over two decades and a unique blend of British personality and American drive, Garry consistently stands out in his field.

Garry's deep understanding of the hospitality industry, combined with his ability to stay up-to-date on market trends, economic indicators, and current affairs in Orlando, allows him to offer clients the most relevant and informed guidance. Whether helping investors navigate short-term rentals or advising on high-return lifestyle assets, Garry uses data-driven insights to ensure his clients make well-informed decisions.

Renowned for his approachable yet professional demeanor, Garry has built a business largely on referrals and recurring clients, guiding them through the complexities of real estate transactions. His alliances with top Airbnb management entities, along with his extensive knowledge of market trends, ensure a seamless process and unparalleled service.

Specializing in serving foreign nationals, particularly from Canada and the U.K., Garry leverages his expansive network of professionals to help clients confidently enter the Orlando market. His commitment to delivering results that exceed expectations has solidified his reputation as a leading consultant.

Through his unique combination of industry expertise, current market knowledge, and genuine dedication to client success, Garry continues to set the standard in Orlando real estate.



Canadians have consistently been the #1 foreign buyer and seller of real estate in the United States for 11 of the last 16 years

Canada By The Numbers Since 2007 \$169.5B

Since 2007, Canadians have purchased \$169.5 BN of U.S. Real Estate making Canadians the #1 Foreign National purchaser in dollar volume within the United States.

> Source: 2024 Profile of International Transactions in U.S. Residential Real Estate April 2023–March 2024.

474,000

Since 2007, Canadians have purchased 474,000 properties, making Canadians the #1 Foreign National purchaser of real estate units within the United States.

> Source: 2024 Profile of International Transactions in U.S. Residential Real Estate April 2023–March 2024.





### The Latest U.S. Data – 2023 / 2024

\$5.9B

Volume Residential Real Estate

Source: 2024 Profile of International Transactions in U.S. Residential Real Estate April 2023–March 2024. 7100

Units Purchased 4/2023 thru 3/2024

Source: 2024 Profile of International Transactions in U.S. Residential Real Estate April 2023–March 2024. 13%

Of All Foreign National Purchases

Source: 2024 Profile of International Transactions in U.S. Residential Real Estate April 2023–March 2024.

\$834K

**Average Price** 

Source: 2024 Profile of International Transactions in U.S. Residential Real Estate April 2023–March 2024. Median Price

\$549K

Source: 2024 Profile of International Transactions in U.S. Residential Real Estate April 2023–March 2024.





### Where Do Canadian's Like To Purchase?

# 41%

41% of Canadians favored Florida for their real estate purchases followed by Arizona (23%), Hawaii (9%), California (6%), New York (4%), Texas (4%), Pennsylvania (3%), North Carolina (3%), Michigan (2%), South Carolina (2%), Illinois (1%) and Ohio (1%)





### What Product Do Canadian's Like To Purchase?

# 69%

Canadians preferred the purchase of a Single-Family Home (69%), as opposed to a Town Home (8%), Condominium (18%) or Other (5%).

Insight:

Canadian buyers were the most likely of all foreign nationals to purchase a home for vacation use







### Florida Statistics – 2023 / 2024

3.2M

Canada remains the #1 Foreign Visitor to Florida and showed an 15% increase in visitors compared to the same time CY2022 - 3.2M

Source: Visit FLORIDA 2023 Year Review

\$416K

#### Median Purchase Price

Median sale price for international buyers was \$416,000 in 2023, which is \$68,700 more than the median sale price in 2021

Source: 2023 Profile of International Residential Transactions in Florida August 2022–July 2023



#### Of Purchases

The top five countries of origin were Canada (18%), Colombia (10%), Brazil (7%), Argentina (7%), and the U.K. (4%)

Source: 2023 Profile of International Residential Transactions in Florida August 2022–July 2023

47%

#### Favor Detached Properties

Although lower than the U.S. numbers, Canadians favored a Single-Family Home (47%), Condo (40%) and Town Home (7%)

Source: 2023 Profile of International Residential Transactions in Florida August 2022–July 2023

# \$2.1B

Dollar Volume

Canadians purchased the most in dollar terms by a significant margin. In total, Canadians purchased \$2.1 billion in 2023

Source: 2023 Profile of International Residential Transactions in Florida August 2022–July 2023

### 80% Intended Use

The number of Canadian buyers planning to use their purchase as an investment rental and/or a vacation home was 80% in 2023

Source: 2023 Profile of International Residential Transactions in Florida August 2022–July 2023





### How Did Canadian's Purchase?



81% of Canadians made an all-cash purchase, although records do not indicate if this amount was funded via a HELOC against assets in Canada Close to two-thirds of Florida's international buyers purchased a property entirely with cash.

Despite the availability of mortgage funding available to Canadians when purchasing real estate in Florida, many are still not aware of the ability to leverage funds through U.S. Lenders and Canadian Banks where preferential terms exist.

#### How Do Canadian's Plan To Utilize Their Property?

True to their reputation, Canadian buyers are naturally snowbirds, with nearly one in two (47%) indicating they plan to use their property as exclusively as a vacation home. Vacation Home (47%), Vacation Home & Rental (21%), Residential Rental (17%), Primary Residence (10%), Other (10)%.



38%

Insight: 38% of Canadians will purchase their real estate asset with rental income being a driving force in the decision being made.



#### Top 10 Reasons To Invest In Orlando!

Rapid Job Growth (#2 in the U.S.)
Consistent Population Growth (1,000+ New Residents Weekly)
#1 City for Tourism with 74 Million Visitors in 2023
Strong Market for Short-Term Rentals (STR)
Long-Term Capital Appreciation Potential
Favorable Tax Environment (No State Income Tax)
Diverse Industry Base and Economic Resilience
International Appeal and Connectivity
Thriving Sports and Entertainment Industry
Lifestyle Appeal and Quality of Life

"Orlando has an innate ability to turn fantasy into reality and is the driving force behind the success of the City." - Orlando Economic Partnership





Phase 1 - Now Selling

#### ENCHANTED GARDEN

With only 22 exclusive, turn-key units available, you can own a luxurious 4-Bed Town Home that's zoned for Airbnb, longterm rental, or primary residential use offering maximum flexibility and a range of exit options - from \$599K Phase 1 - Now Selling

#### WINDSOR CAY

Windsor Cay Resort, the 5th in the growing series of Airbnb Zoned Resorts from Pulte Homes - Phase 1 Now Selling. Detached Pool Homes (5-10 Bed) + TownHomes with Private Pool (5-6 Bed) -Pricing from High \$500K's Phase 3 - Now Selling

#### SOLARA RESORT

Mattamy Homes at Solara Resort - their only Airbnb Zoned resort in the U.S. offering Detached Pool Homes (6-9 Bed) + TownHomes with Private Pool (4-6 Bed) + Resort Clubhouse. Phase 3 Now Selling from \$597,000 New & Turn-Key Resales

#### REUNION RESORT

Orlando's Premier Resort spanning 2,300 acres and the most expansive array of amenities and services, including 3 PGA Tour Golf Course, Spa, Onsite Dining offering 1 Bed Condo (High \$200K's) to 15 Bed Custom Homes (\$15 Million)





Lake Nona

#### LAKE NONA

Lake Nona, located in the southeastern part of Orlando, Florida, is a vibrant, masterplanned community known for its innovative approach to health and wellness, technology, and sustainable living. Oasis - Winter Garden

#### DEL WEBB 55+

A boutique 55+ community near Orlando's top attractions. Enjoy world-class amenities, including a 12,000 SF clubhouse with a coffee bar, lounge, and wine lockers. Choose from single-family or villa homes in this tropical oasis! Sunbridge - St. Cloud

#### SUNBRIDGE

A vibrant community where nature meets everyday living. Featuring beautiful homes, workplaces, eateries, and schools, all set against the stunning backdrop of Florida's natural beauty. This is not just a place to live—it's a place to thrive. Montverde

#### BELLA COLLINA

Tuscan-inspired luxury homes amid Central Florida's hills and lakes. Custom-built residences, a Faldo-designed course, a 75,000 sq. ft. clubhouse, and resort-style amenities blend elegance with natural beauty and exclusivity.



#### **Orlando** – Historical Data

Mortgage Rates - Given that we receive questions relating to the correlation of mortgage rates vs. real estate values on a daily basis, which seems to a be data record that many investors look at in regards to whether "Is Now A Good Time To Buy?" or "I'll Wait Given The Rates!", I decided to conduct some research into the validity of what actually happens in the market and should you wait to purchase.

Year	Interest Rate Housing Market	Average Home Value - U.S.	Average Home Value - Orlando	Dow Jones	Warren Buffet Net Worth
1957	5.25%	\$18,899	\$12,220	435.69	\$140,000
1970	8.50%	\$24,758	\$15,001	838.92	\$25,000,000
1983	3.20%	\$63,948	\$59,654	1,258.64	\$620,000,000
1996	7.81%	\$111,923	\$105,500	6,448.27	17,000,000,000
2009	5.04%	\$187,295	\$187,700	10,428.05	37,000,000,000
2022	6.83%	\$388,238	\$381,762	28,725.03	97,100,000,000

Rates do not effect the value of a real estate asset, although the cost of ownership can be affected.

"Those who capitalize from the current market, will be those who have a long-term view or plan"

LONG-TERM PLAN + QUALITY ASSETS = GREAT UPSIDE!



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