

# Akon's modern goes from drab to heavenly

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The pool area, like the rest of the property, is gleaming white after its makeover. (Today)

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The five-time Grammy winner, whose main residence is in Atlanta, bought the home at 5421 Lubao Ave, Woodland Hills, California 91364 last September, when it was gray and a little outdated. He made everything bright white, including the interior and exterior walls, the furniture, the patio, the pool, the floors, the railings and accessories.

The 4,098-square-foot home in Woodland Hills has three fireplaces and a beach-entry pool, five bedrooms, 5.5 baths and a recording studio. It also has a pay phone mounted on a bright blue wall — the one piece of decor Akon chose to keep after his purchase.

Akon bought it for \$1.95 million. He's selling the house for \$3.5 million, or \$4 million with the recording studio equipment and all the (white) furniture.

The listing is held by Aimee Stern of Coldwell Banker Beverly Hills North.