

Jankovic anxious for work to start on US dream house

Amid economic gloom and doom in the US, Serbian tennis star Jelena Jankovic has tipped property as the best investment for these troubled times.

And the world No.4 is putting her own advice to good use by purchasing her second house in the US located north of San Diego.

With around four million dollars in career prize money, the 23-year-old had a large wad to toy with. And with the weak state of the dollar, buying becomes even more of an incentive for a European.

'I have a house in Miami and I also bought a lot in San Diego,' Jankovic said. 'It's on a hill and just amazing. But it will take maybe a year and a half or two years to build a whole house.'

With two parents trained as economists, little is being left to chance in the project. Some of the amenities Jankovic is planning for her palace in a gated community: huge swimming pool, tennis court, sauna, cinema.

As of yet, the busy player has not seen the property. But the architect did visit the family at Indian Wells to go over the plans.

'It's like a fairytale to me to listen to it,' said the excited Jankovic. 'When I have time I will go and check it out.'

As for furnishing the mansion, that won't be a problem for Jelena, who hates to shop for household items.

'I don't have to deal with that. My mom, she loves going to those shops, and she drives me nuts,' Jankovic said. 'She goes there like she's in a museum and she just keeps looking at all those things.'

'She has really good time because she was a designer before when she was younger, so she has good taste for that,' Jankovic added. 'So she's really the expert and she'll do all the job.'

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