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Oprah Winfrey Purchases 23-Acre Property for \$28.85 Million From Dan Encell of Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices California Properties

One of the largest properties in Montecito has been sold to Oprah Winfrey for \$28,850,000 by Dan Encell, a REALTOR®-Broker Associate in the Montecito office of Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices California Properties, in partnership with Sage Auctions.

Known as Seamair Farm, the property is spread over 23 acres on two separate parcels, in the heart of Montecito. It is bordered on the north by a 40-acre world-class estate, and on the east by a 44-acre dedicated preserve. While it is tucked away and private, it is also close to all Montecito shopping, dining, parks, Montecito Union schools, and the beach.

"The rich legacy and personality of Seamair Farm allows the new owner an open canvas upon which to create and live her dreams," Encell said. "This was a truly rare opportunity for Ms. Winfrey as Seamair Farm had not been on the market in over 30 years. The main home was designed by renowned California-lifestyle architect Cliff May, and offers comfortable living with ocean and mountain views. It is surrounded by sprawling acres of equestrian facilities, fruit orchards, and flat, usable land. This remarkable estate truly has it all."

Iowa-based Sage Auctions brought in Encell to help provide local expertise, and facilitate local networking and marketing for the property. "Dan was just invaluable to us," auctioneer Marty Rogers said. "He and his team at Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices California Properties were great. They jumped right in and helped with so many of the local aspects of the auction."

"Time and time again, Dan has proven to be one of the top producers of estate sales in the Santa Barbara area, and prides himself on the fine properties he represents," Branch Manager Kyle Kemp said. "Whether you are looking for property in Montecito, Santa Barbara, Hope Ranch, or anywhere along the South Coast, Dan can help secure the home of your dreams."

Encell is a lifelong resident of California, and also lives in Montecito. He graduated from the University of California, Santa Barbara, with high honors and a double major in business economics and law and society. He also earned a law degree at UCLA School of Law with training in contracts, tax, real estate law, and estate planning. After passing the California Bar exam, he was a practicing attorney in Los Angeles.

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