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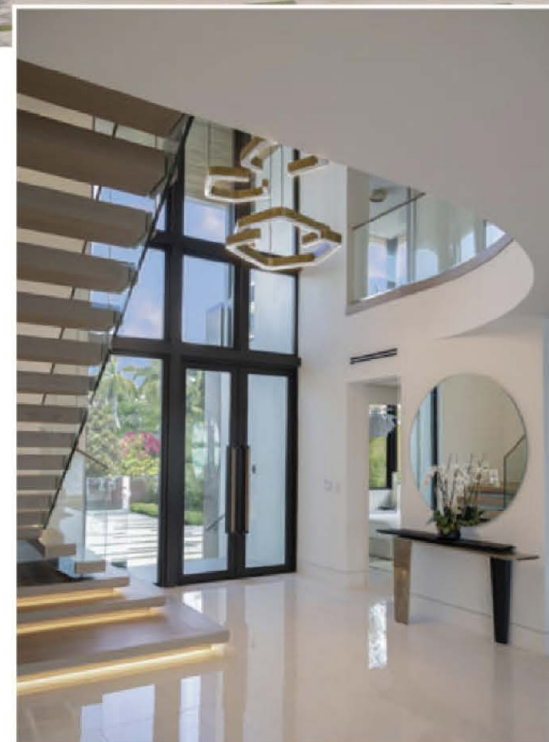




PRETTY IN PINK

A modernist house in Miami has a feminine charm.

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Don't be fooled when you pass the driveway to this house overlooking Biscayne Bay in South Florida. From the street, the home appears quite unassuming, resembling a modern bungalow at first glance. In fact, there was a modest single-story cottage on the property when the current owners purchased it 10 years ago. But step inside today, and the sheer beauty and grandeur of this three-story, 6,000-square-foot home with stunning panoramic views will take your breath away.

The Perfect Choice of Interior Design Firm

It wasn't long after purchasing the property that the new owners decided to replace the original house with a four-bedroom home that would bring their wildest dreams to life. They selected MS2 Design Studio, a design firm that Pacheco Architecture had worked with on many projects in the past.

Originally founded in 1998 in New York City by principal Michael Scigliano and named after his adored grandfather ("MS1"), the full-service interior design firm opened its offices in Miami in 2002. It specializes in high-end residential design that includes project management, built-in cabinetry, innovative furniture design, lighting systems, and wall and floor coverings. The firm offers comprehensive white-glove service, from design conception to final styling, handling every detail along the way, down to the fresh flowers, lit candles and perfectly made beds. MS2 couldn't have been a better choice for the owners, who were thrilled to put their complete trust in Michael and



A feminine feel is created by the custom pink onyx floating vanity with LED backlighting.
Marco Eggshell wallpaper by Weitzner graces the walls.

let him take the reins.

"These clients were an absolute dream to work with," Michael says. "During the four years this project went on for, they remained easy-going and lighthearted while trusting our firm with the entire process." MS2 was brought on board at the very beginning of the project. Already familiar with the architect and the contractor, Entek Construction and Michael were pleased to join the team. "I've been in the industry since 1995, and have never had so much fun working on a project," he says. "We started when the original house was still standing. We worked closely with the team to execute the clients' desires, doing the space planning and interior architecture, including the pool area, floors, glass, finishes—just about everything."

Feminine and Fashion-Forward

"From the beginning, the clients gave us carte blanche to do what we thought best; we had a lot of leeway," Michael continues. Working with photos provided by the owners to represent their desired look and feel, Michael put his signature touch on every aspect of the design to create something truly exceptional and special. The comprehensive work included every single detail that went into the house, from archi-

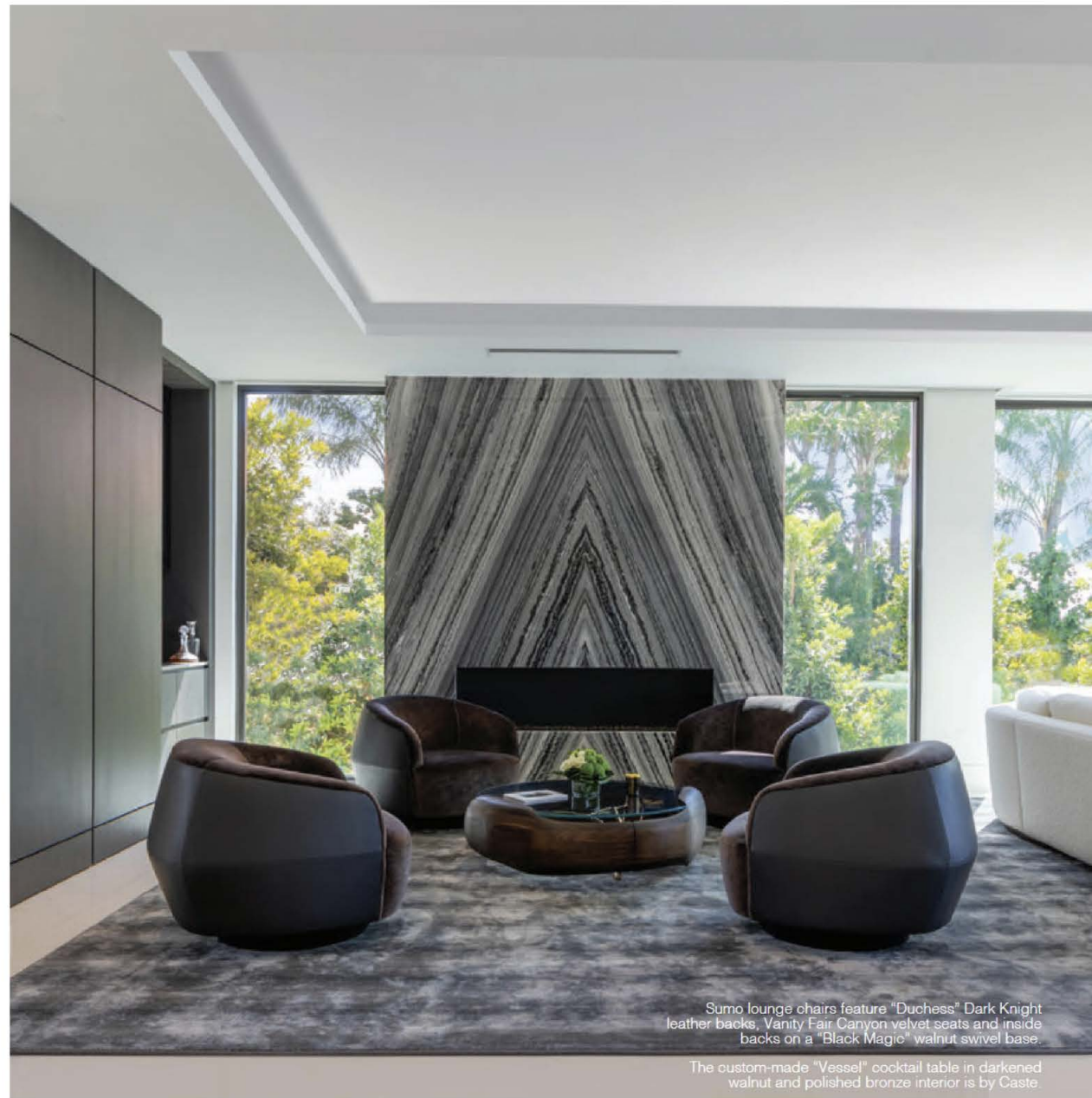
tectural design to the selection of furniture, accessories and finishes.

To complement the home's modernist architecture, clean lines and expanses of glass, Michael designed open closets and incorporated light wood accented with darker features, finished with a distinctly feminine look highlighted by shades of pink.

"The clients love fashion, and their home needed to reflect that in subtle but prominent ways," Michael explains. The design team selected colors and textures influenced by haute couture, such as velvet, mohair and leather. Hermès throws, buttery lambskin and hair-on cowhides by Kyle Bunting are on full display. Another element of the design concept was sparked by the clients' love of jewelry, resulting in a selection of finishes and fixtures that evoke sparkling gemstones and dazzling bijouterie.

A Stroll through the Space

Once inside, you are greeted by a sweeping staircase, soaring windows and a curved second-story balcony, all accented with shimmering metallic finishes. The four bronze pendants from Holly Hunt suspended from the high ceiling remind you of bangles, reflecting the jewelry



Sumo lounge chairs feature "Duchess" Dark Knight leather backs, Vanity Fair Canyon velvet seats and inside backs on a "Black Magic" walnut swivel base.

The custom-made "Vessel" cocktail table in darkened walnut and polished bronze interior is by Caste.

theme that subtly vibrates throughout the home. A porcelain floor from Valencia Coverings is polished to a brilliant sheen, reflecting both natural and artificial light.

Enter the powder room to freshen up, and you will be delighted by its feminine, jewel-like features. The floating backlit vanity crafted from pink jeweled onyx and the genuine tree bark wall behind it vie for your attention. The sculptural AXOR Edge faucet with a diamond

etching detail in polished gold and the brilliant Holly Hunt pendant in brushed gold immediately catch your eye.

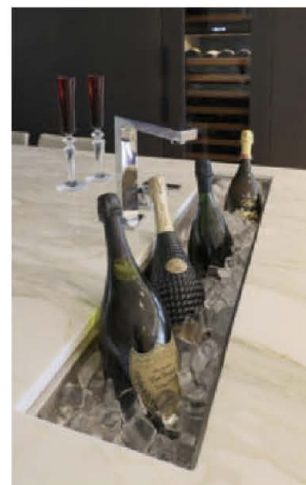
Gold and bronze tones beckon you into the Mía Cucina kitchen, featuring a custom gray mirror hood, book-matched polished calacatta gold marble countertops, and oak cabinets with matte taupe lacquer uppers. You'll notice the three glass flute pendants with black bronze hardware and Holly Hunt counter stools upholstered in buttery



The split dining table with chestnut burnished top with medium bronze detail top and base is by Holly Hunt.

The hand-carved onyx Oslo pendants are hand-carved onyx, made in France by Atelier Alain Ellouz and sold in the U.S. by Holly Hunt.

Stingray leather from Holly Hunt adorns the dining room chairs.



gray leather. The champagne sink at the end of the island is testament to the owners' love of entertaining.

Take a peek into the master bedroom, and you'll make note of the distinct feminine and fashion-forward accents that run through the home: the faux-fur throw pillows, lush velvets on the chaise lounges and bed, and buckle-shaped Paul Mathieu pendants with a burnt orange leather topstitch strap detail. The fanciful boutique-style, glass-enclosed cabinet handbag display in the wife's closet will induce a smile. In the master bath, the alabaster glimmers like a gemstone with white woods, gold accents and calacatta marble in the background. The leather banding on light



The cabinets are from Mia Cucina, and the glass flute pendant lighting is by Jonathan Browning from South Hill Home.

The appliances were supplied by Wolf and Sub-Zero.



The custom sectional sofa with walnut base features "Teton Winter White" fabric and Fox Faux Fur pillows by Holly Hunt.

The two swivel Wysiwyg club chairs by Vladimir Kagan are upholstered in a velvety textile supplied by Holly Hunt.

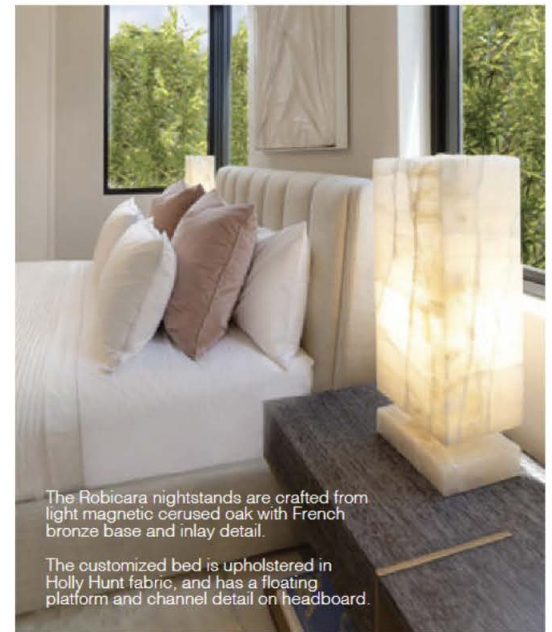
The 14- by 30-foot Hasana area rug in "Charcoal" by Stark





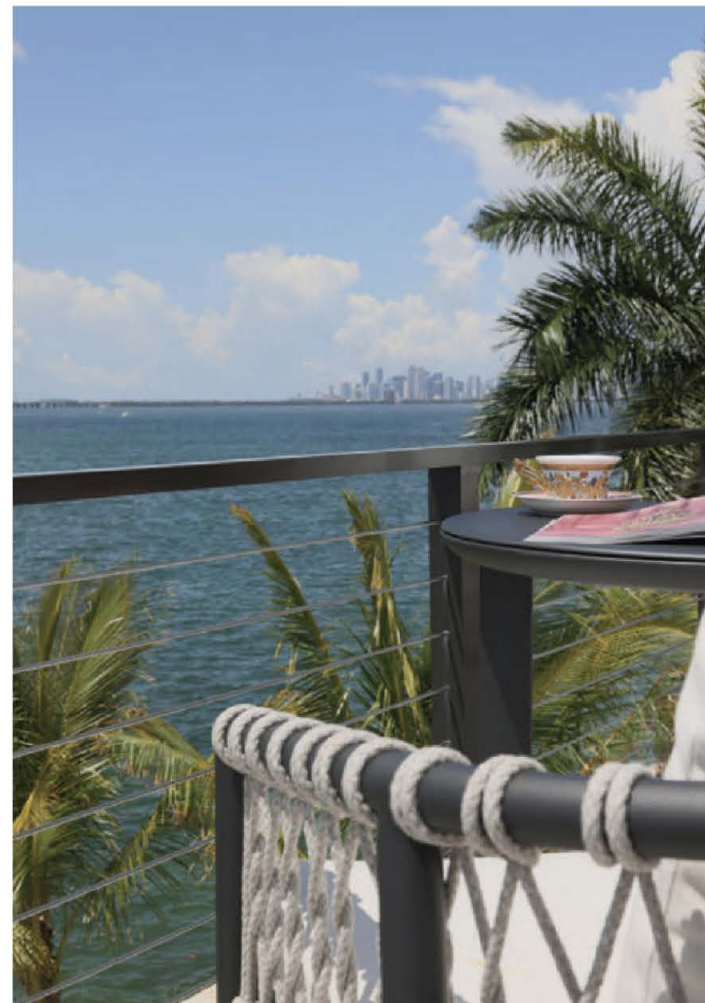
The king bed featuring a upholstered headboard was customized with Holly Hunt fabric.

The custom chaises with thin, tapered arms and loose seat and back are upholstered in "Dorothea" silk velvet in cream, by Schumacher.



The Robicara nightstands are crafted from light magnetic cerused oak with French bronze base and inlay detail.

The customized bed is upholstered in Holly Hunt fabric, and has a floating platform and channel detail on headboard.



fixtures with topstitch detail “has that fashion element,” as Michael points out.

Custom Creations

To add to the home’s fabulously unique design, Michael brought in items from Europe, such as the hand-carved natural alabaster Oslo chandeliers over the dining table, by Parisian designer Atelier Alain Ellouz, and the Vladimir Kagan swivel Wyswiyg chairs in the living room. He also commissioned items made by hand specifically for the space. “A big part of what we do is create a story behind what is inside the house,” he explains.

An example of this is the polished bronze coffee table base within the hand-carved walnut Vessel table by Caste, in front of the fireplace. “This is last piece we purchased for the project,” Michael says. “It’s more of a piece of sculpture than a coffee table. The pieces this company creates are unique and sophisticated.” Another custom element is the handmade couture Vahallen wallpaper that was chosen for the headboard wall in the guest bedroom, the elevator, the cabana and the master suite. “We actually sent the clients a video of how the wallpaper is made,” says Michael. “It is consistent with what we love to do—give our clients a story, something that they can talk about.”

Step Outside

Before exploring the cabana and pool area, you’ll want to check out the third-floor rooftop. Exit the elevator and you’ll be wowed by the 360-degree view, with Downtown Miami visible in the distance, as well as Biscayne Bay, the Atlantic Ocean and the islands dotting Miami Beach.

Back downstairs, you’ll enter the cabana bedroom, about which Michael says, “The pink pillows from Morada in the cabana bedroom set the tone for the entire house.” Outside is a sunken pool with an integrated hot tub and jacuzzi. All the outdoor furniture, with the exception of the dining table, is from Brown Jordan. Even from ground level, you can take in the sweeping views of Miami.

In its transition from a simple bungalow to a breathtaking, three-story getaway, this Miami modernist house on Biscayne Bay represents a magical incarnation, infused with feminine charm and adorned with jewel-like accents. From the grand entryway to the playful pink accents, every room evokes elegance and flair, leaving everyone who steps inside utterly enchanted.



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