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ABOVE IT ALL
For the living room of a Brickell Key vacation home, designer and interior architect Tatiana Moreira opted for seating that's as eye-catching as it is comfortable: a Malibu sofa and Cancun chair, both by Artefacto. A custom shaggy area rug from The Carpet Boutique anchors the room and infuses it with texture.

FASHIONABLY UNFUSSY

Elegant, welcoming and rich with textures, a high-rise Brickell Key residence by designer Tatiana Moreira proves “wow” factor is a fluid term when it comes to decorating.

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The design directive was clear. And Tatiana Moreira, principal of StyleHaus, has built her career on listening to her clients' needs. So when the parents of a family of four enlisted her to tackle their 30th-floor vacation home in the Carbonell tower in Brickell Key and insisted on a clean, comfortable and uncluttered aesthetic, she was ready to deliver exactly what they wanted. As she puts it, the couple and their two young girls are not in Miami very often—perhaps twice a year—so a “soft landing” was required for their two-bedroom, 2 ½-bath pied-à-terre.

Don't look for color pops in the 1,800-square-foot (heavy on beige) apartment. Instead, comforting textures and shapes create dimensionality, enveloping the owners and their guests in softness. The rich look is actually achieved with very few pieces. “I don't overdo,” says Moreira. “I hate it when too many things are going on at the same time.”

Moreira's go-tos for furniture and accessories were Artefacto and Florense. In the living room, the sofa and the very ample chair—certainly a conversation piece—were sourced **CONTINUED...**

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LESS IS MORE Clockwise from top left: In the breakfast nook, a Saarinen table is surrounded by Philippe Starck chairs, all sourced from Design Within Reach. Crowning the room is a Foscarini chandelier from Anima Domus; the kitchen is a testament to white and gray surfaces that run the gamut from high-gloss laminate to white quartz; a nook in the bath perpetuates the residence's neutral palette.



...CONTINUED from the former. The dark modular sofa is especially plush, with a chaise at one end, assertive neck rests and comfy pillow configurations, while the woven chair is a piece of casual, functional art that strikes one as especially inviting.

Facing these pieces are the clean lines of the tan Florense television unit: "It has very symmetrical architecture," says Moreira of the shelving configuration and TV wall. According to Marcel Menegolla, who leads business development at Florense, the TV wall is meant to nod to the open kitchen on the opposite side of the free-flowing residence: "The wall unit combined the same finishes as in the kitchen, but in a different scale, where the wood texture became even more pronounced and the lacquer added color and contrast to the TV wall."

Warming up the living room's marble

floor is a thick gray blend rug that anchors the room. "We want something very comfortable under our feet," was what Moreira's clients told her. An earlier choice had been rejected because it lacked the requisite fluffiness. In the end, one from The Carpet Boutique had to be fashioned from two pieces due to the floor space it needed to cover. Pillows on the sofa echo the rug's plushness. Balancing these dense, stimulating textures are a metal coffee table from Design Within Reach and a stainless steel and wood console from Artefacto, both of which are marked by simple lines and pure materials.

If the kitchen—with its marriage of white lacquer and smoky wood—feels especially up-to-date, credit Moreira's close collaboration with Florense. "It features a very balanced combination of materials and clean lines," adds Menegolla. CONTINUED...





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Clockwise from top: The master suite's aesthetic is elegantly subdued. The wallcovering (from the Caballo collection by Innovations) resembles an exotic skin whose gray tone is echoed in the area rug by Linie Design. The nightstands and Eames armchair were sourced from Design Within Reach. The wood and white high-gloss dresser and desk were found at Florense in DCOTA; wallpaper depicting purple butterflies adds a touch of sophisticated whimsy to the bedroom of the home's two youngest residents.



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INTERIOR DESIGNER »

...CONTINUED "The pronounced macadamia textured wood finish adds warmth and sophistication to the design of this pure and simple white lacquered kitchen. Meanwhile, the upper cabinets in arctic white glass deliver softness and depth to the kitchen area. This is an increasingly popular approach because it combines the warmth of complementary materials with subtle linear lines in a very sophisticated way. The beauty in this design is the simplicity of forms and the harmonization of materials that bring together the same sophisticated look in both the kitchen and the TV wall."

Over the island, a trio of Pod pendants from Design Within Reach add the surprise of amber, while the adjustable Lem barstools were sourced from Anima Domus. The dinette set is a vision in white modernity, with chairs by Philippe Starck, while the textured, doughnut-shaped chandelier by Foscarini surely catches the light—and the eye. It has an impressive pedigree: It is the Caboche suspension lamp crafted by the renowned Patricia Urquiola.

The master bedroom suite was a more limited part of the project: The owners wanted to keep their existing bed, but Moreira dressed up the room with a stunning wallcovering from Innovations. "It looks like a skin—simply amazing," the designer says. A classic Eames chair finds company with a desk and dresser unit (in wood, lacquer and leather) custom-made by Moreira with Florense.

The daughters' bedroom houses wholly original work, with custom-made units built by Florense and trundle beds outfitted with Italian fabric. As for the butterfly theme on the wallcovering? "No one wanted anything too childish," says Moreira. As the girls grow up, they will certainly recognize the cachet of being surrounded by Holly Hunt wallpaper—as much as their sophisticated parents already do. stylehaus.com ■