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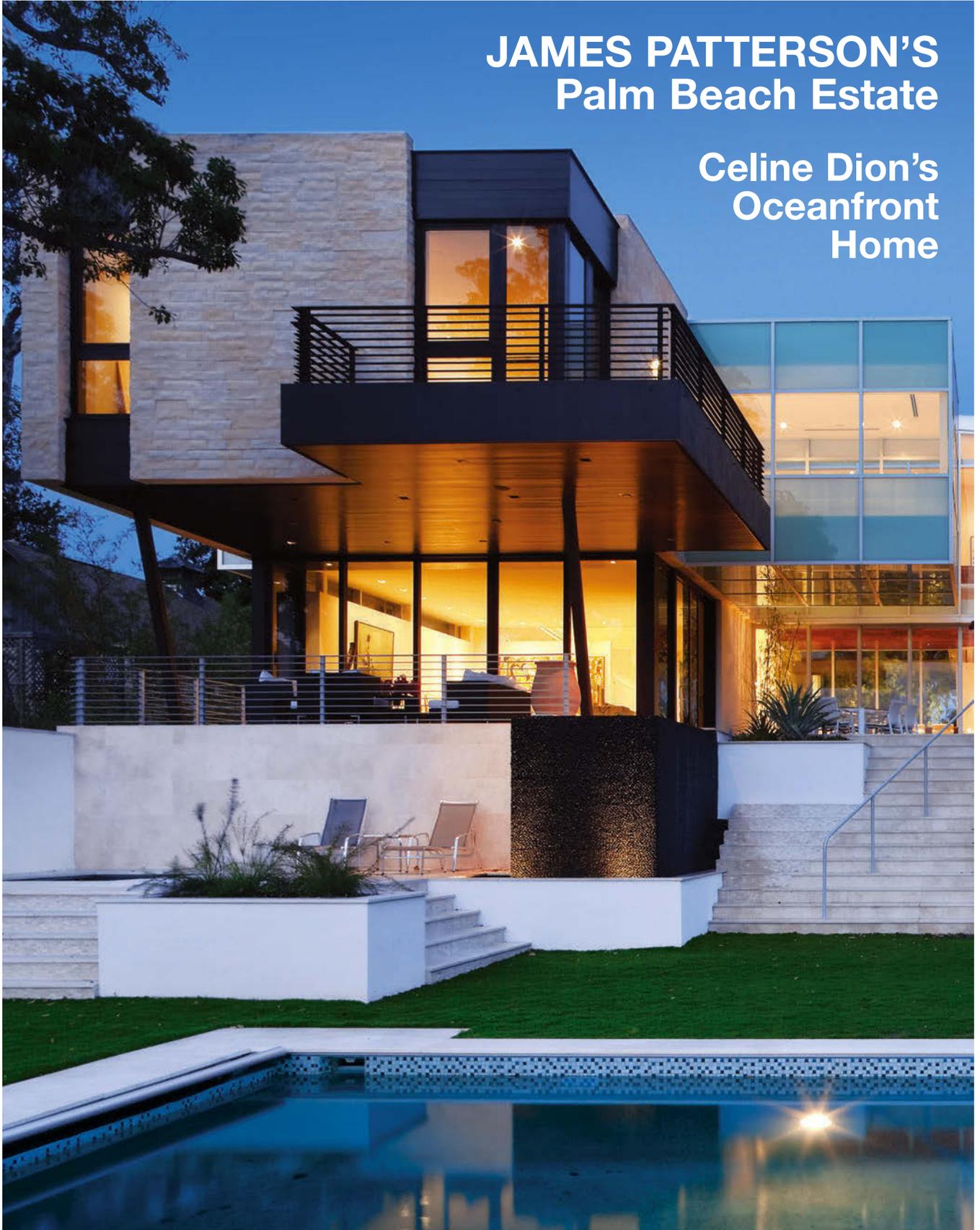


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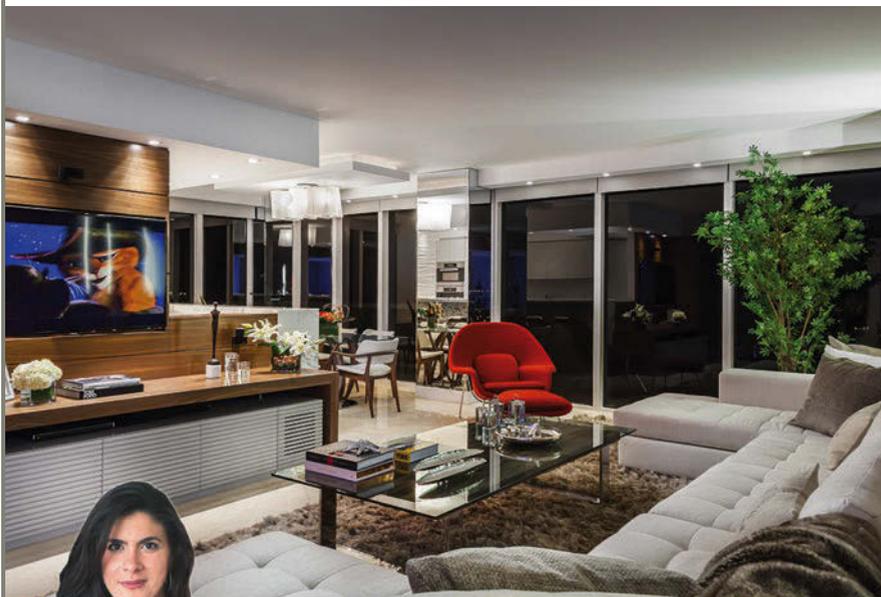
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Eero Saarinen's bold red "Womb Chair" from Design Within Reach sits in perfect complementary contrast to the sandy hued Crema Marfil flooring that flows from the living area to the open kitchen and dining area.

A GEM WITHIN A JEWEL

Dramatic Ocean Views And The Miami Beach Skyline Enliven
A Re-Invented Pied-À-Terre For One Large Brazilian Family





DURING THE PAST FEW YEARS, A GROWING INFLUX OF Brazilians have been purchasing luxury beachfront condominiums in the South Florida area for second homes. Sophisticated and with inherently good taste, they seek top designers to achieve their visions. And Tatiana Moreira has proven to be one of the most sought-after designers by Brazilians in South Florida.

"What I do is interior architecture and design," Moreira says. The singular architect designing and producing the entire project is de rigueur in much of South America. "This offers a sense of comfort for internationals that buy and decorate homes in the states," she says.

Through a recent referral, one such Brazilian couple commissioned Moreira to reinvent their first 2,335-square-foot apartment in the Green Diamond Condominium. With the building's emerald-hued glass apex lighted and shimmering at night, and its mirror-shaped sister tower's sapphire-colored apex shining in blue, the twin towers are a standout amidst Miami Beach, Fla.'s, jeweled cityscape at twilight.

ABOVE AND RIGHT: Anchored with an earthy shag area rug reminiscent of the sand just after sundown, casual seating by Artefacto takes prominence in the living area, where a shimmering wall covering from Innovations and beach-chic fabrics mimic the sandy shores of Miami's coastline.



Walls of glass afford a beguiling panoramic vista in the living area, where mirrored columns reflect a pictorial view of Miami Beach.

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Moreira often designs stateside interiors for international clients who stay in their main residences during the process. The key to her success — an all important initial meeting in Miami and then constant communication with the client via today's world-wide technology.

"I met the wife at the apartment when she had just completed the closing," the designer says. "She gave but one mandate, 'We want a vacation home with a beachy but elegant look ... that accommodates our entire family of 12.'"

Undaunted, Moreira began by questioning the couple about their likes, wishes, color preferences and other desires for their project. Reflecting their design preferences, the "beachy but elegant" concept was applied.

Inherent in the appeal of the apartment is the panorama of clear ocean views appearing majestically throughout the main living spaces. Step inside, where floor-to-ceiling walls of glass immediately draw the eyes to an overview of the Atlantic Ocean and clusters of Miami Beach's historic buildings hugging sleek, new towers.

LEFT: In the dining area, Artemide's handblown venetian-glass light fixture casts a resplendent glow above the handsome Porada Infinity dining table from Anima Domus centered by chairs framed in walnut and clad in white leather.



LEFT: White cabinetry from Ornare lines the kitchen, where sleek LEM "Piston" stools pull up to a breakfast bar shaped of Calacatta gold marble and faced with mosaic tiles from Trend USA in shimmering hues of silver, gray, green and white.

Waves of white walls lead the way to the great room, where a neutral interior palette washes across Artefacto's deep-seated sofa and glass-topped cocktail table in the living area. Walnut cabinetry houses a media center on one side and conceals the kitchen on the other. Concurrently, the custom walnut side table designed with a glossy lacquer plant shelf creates a pleasant diversion to prevent the sofa from visually dominating the space. Sandy colored Crema Marfil marble flooring runs throughout in a shimmering nod to the beach scene beyond. As a total but very appealing departure, Eero Saarinen's "Womb Chair" in brilliant red sits center stage to provide a bird's-eye view of the seacape.

Geometry takes precedence in the kitchen and adjoining dining area shaped by glass wraparounds. Ocean-hued accents provide a stark but warm, graceful canvas for minimalist furnishings that allow the eye to focus on the breathtaking views. Nearby, splashes

Saarinen's dining table and "Tulip" chairs provides an idyllic setting in the breakfast area for an early meal and light fare throughout the day.



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of red reappear in an intimate breakfast alcove to create a vibrant rhythm that brings a certain order to the space.

Through Skype and conference calls, Moreira communicated frequently with the couple, sending weekly progress pictures. And ultimately, this pied-à-terre pleased the entire blended family. So much that the owners purchased a second apartment in the building and gave Moreira carte blanche for that design as well.

SOURCES

Living Area

Sofa, cocktail table and solid accent pillows - Artefacto, Coral Gables, FL
Chair and ottoman - Design Within Reach, Miami, FL

Mirrored console, side table and cabinetry - Custom designed by StyleHaus Design, Miami, FL

Console and side table fabricated by Inzirillo Company Architectural Woodwork, Oakland Park, FL
Walnut wall cabinetry fabricated by Aphis Millwork & Cabinetry, Inc., Fort Lauderdale, FL
Wall covering behind sofa - Innovations in Wallcoverings & Textiles, DCOTA, Dania Beach, FL
Silver starfish and accessories on cocktail table - Sharron Lewis Design Central, Miami, FL
Small pillows - Restoration Hardware, Miami, FL
Glass accessories - Books by Taschen, Miami Beach, FL
TV - Samsung, Best Buy, Miami, FL
Mirror on columns - Miami Shower Glass & Mirror, Miami, FL
Planter - Cityscapes Landscaping, Miami, FL
Area rug - Carpet Boutique, Miami, FL

Dining Area

Dining table and chairs - Anima Domus, Miami, FL
Planters on balcony - Cityscapes Landscaping, Miami, FL
Chandelier - Artemide, Coral Gables, FL
Balcony chairs and tables - Saccaro, Miami, FL

Kitchen

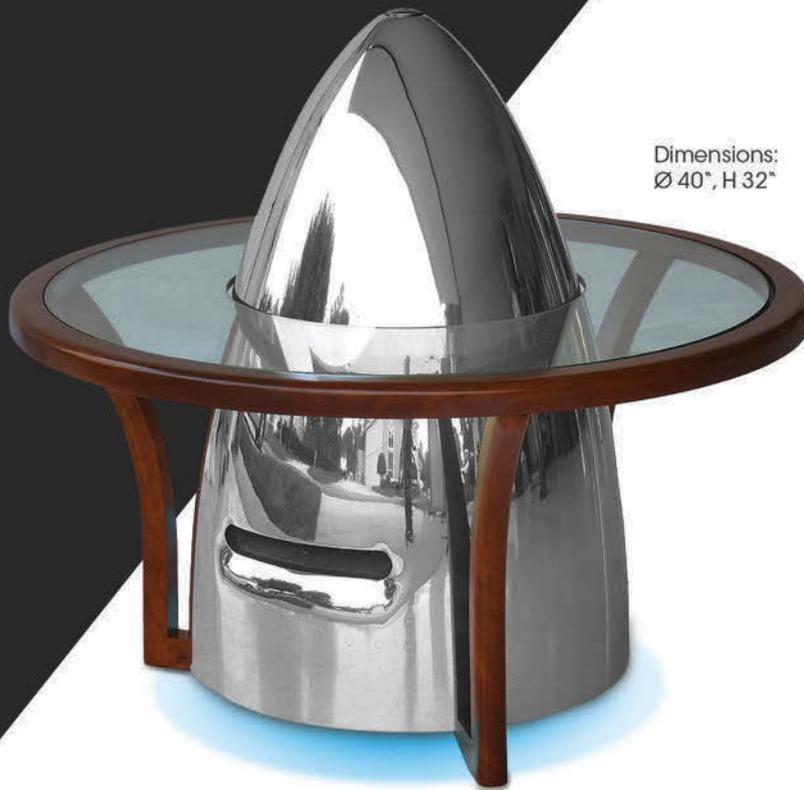
Cabinetry and breakfast bar - Custom designed by StyleHaus Design, Miami, FL
Cabinetry fabricated by Ornare, Miami, FL
Breakfast bar marble - Keys Granite, Miami, FL
Bar mosaic tile front - Trend USA, Miami, FL
Breakfast bar fabricated by Kee Kee Phillip Design LLC, Miami, FL
Double ovens - Miele, Bell's Appliances, Coral Gables, FL
Barstools - Design Within Reach, Miami, FL

Breakfast Area

Dining table and chairs - Design Within Reach, Miami, FL
Light pendant - Flos, Design Within Reach, Miami, FL
Bowl - Williams-Sonoma, Miami, FL
White wall treatment - Modular Arts, Seattle, WA
Throughout
Flooring - Stonica, Doral, FL
Fabricated by MCS Solutions, Inc., Miami, FL ◆

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