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The Very Best Of Miami Comes Together In This Waterfront Masterpiece
Styled With A Mid-Century Modern Footprint, Warm Tropical Touches,
The Highest Quality Materials And The Finest Craftsmanship

CREATED BY Casa Clara, Miami Beach, FL

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Architect Ralph Choeff sets the modern tone of this Miami Beach home's exterior styled with exotic Ipe wood and white stucco, adding contrast and warmth that is echoed in the Royal Botania furnishings from Inside Out 2. The infinity edge pool set within a limestone deck appears to float and glide onto the built-in, white-sand beach.



The formal living and dining areas are styled with timeless, modern furnishings from Henge and the unique architectural lighting by Kreon. Boffi's metal "Piombo" paneling and massive Montpellier stone slabs from Brastile shape the fireplace that delineates the great room from the streamlined kitchen beyond.

OUT OF NOTHING OTHER THAN PURE PASSION AND A SINGULAR insight to create a unique luxury lifestyle on the shores of the "Magic City," Casa Clara was born. "We envisioned creating unique, timeless, exquisitely finished and obsessively detailed luxury homes that surprise and delight at every turn," founder Ahmad Lee Khamsi says. To bring this vision to fruition, he tapped the diverse talents of architect Ralph Choeff with his firm's project manager Ruben Gomez for architectural direction, Charlotte Dunagan and Thomas Diverio for interior design, Bart Reines to build, and Justine Velez for exteriors and landscaping. And after three-and-a half years overseeing the project, the founder and creative director of Casa Clara unveiled the company's first creation dubbed "Dilido212" ...

an 11,500-square-foot home with one of the most idyllic and desirable views imaginable overlooking the Intracoastal Waterway of Biscayne Bay, the Port of Miami and the downtown Miami skyline.

In Choeff's signature tropical modern style, the home's architecture takes hold with its geometric design, consistent contrasting materials and horizontal concept. From the moment one enters the home, Casa Clara fulfills its promise to "surprise and delight." A palatial 25-foot-high fireplace and exotic suspended rings of light exude a majesty derived by the perfect melding of scale, proportional volumes and space planning. A dramatic two-story, glass curtain wall slides open and disappears to blur the boundaries between inside and out.

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Dark wood doors close for privacy or open to reveal an incredible skyline view from the master bath for “her” that features a 19th-century French mirror and Boffi’s “Pó” sculptural spa-like tub.



ABOVE RIGHT: The master suite is a private oasis situated in its own secluded area of the home. To add a warm touch, Casa Clara layered the bedroom in shimmering textures with sheers from Arabel Fabrics, Sferra bed coverings from ThreadCount and a plush creamy hue area rug underfoot.

“When you walk in through the main living areas, all you see is the bay,” Choeff says. In the great room, which encompasses a formal living area and dining area, tropical modern takes full effect with dark woods, linear shapes and a playground of textures in neutral tones mixed with strong steely hues. A timeless, creamy linen-clad sofa fronts the fireplace, while two blue-gray suede swivel chairs join the hearthside mix.

Dunagan opted for whimsical light fixtures from Henge that “define the spaces without competing,” she says. Horizontal brass rings hang from above in the living area, keeping the view from the second-story catwalk clear. The ceiling drops down to a more intimate height for the dining area, where another fun light fixture, with vertical brass tubes like organ pipes and bright red wire detail, adds a punch of color above the massive eucalyptus

Simply stated yet elegant, the classically modern seating in the social pavilion is another place to add subtle pops of color with throw pillows in Sunbrella's sunset orange and steely blue. The outdoor kitchen features an island counter topped in Opustone's granite, and a state-of-the-art grill complete with warming drawer, hood vent and other gadgets to make fellow grill masters envious.



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wood table that seats 12. On the opposite side of the fireplace wall, Boffi's sleek modern kitchen features sharp black and white contrast, stainless steel accents and clean lines.

The crown jewel of the home is undoubtedly the expansive master bedroom with its exquisite, spa-like his-and-her baths. Privately situated in its own wing of the home, the voluminous suite is luxurious and elegant with an abundance of soft supple textures. Exotic Ipe wood grounds the space, where a modern four-poster bed is placed to enjoy the stunning views, and a rich velvety chocolate-brown chaise offers the perfect spot to relax

"Incorporating timeless design and stunning vistas, Casa Clara's first creation takes advantage of all the water views with large glass expanses and cantilevered sections that shape areas you can literally live outside in," architect Ralph Choeff says.

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and watch the sunset. Outside, Casa Clara takes resort-level entertaining to the max as sliding-glass doors open to wraparound terraces and second-floor balconies with stunning vistas. Nestled beneath cantilevered roofs — a signature Choeff design — an outdoor kitchen pavilion, and living and dining areas allow for entertaining alfresco rain or shine. The heated and chilled infinity edge pool invites family and friends to take a dip year round, while a sandy beach the design team built out to the seawall entices sunning bayside.

Exceptional by design, "Dilido212" is the captivating result of marrying brilliant architecture, inspired interior design and top quality materials. With the passionate clear vision of Casa Clara at the forefront, talented teams continue to design quality luxury homes that bring the magic to Miami.

SOURCES

Patio and Pool Area

Pool, hot tub, balcony railings and rear wall treatment fabricated by Bart Reines Construction, Miami Beach, FL

Limestone decking - Miami Stone District, Inc., Miami, FL

Chaise lounges, cushions and accent pillows - Royal Botania, Inside Out 2, Miami, FL

Great Room/Kitchen

Console in entry, mirror in entry, wall sconces, sofas, swivel chairs, cocktail table, occasional table, dining table, side chairs and counter stools - Henge + Listone Giordano, Miami, FL

Chandeliers - Kreon, Henge + Listone Giordano, Miami, FL

Fireplace metal paneling, kitchen island, countertop and hood - Boffi Miami, Miami, FL

Fireplace stone wall covering - Tile & Marble by Brastile, Inc., Miami, FL

Area rug - Sansom Shag Rugs, Rocky Face, GA

Limestone decking - Miami Stone District, Inc., Miami, FL

Master Suite

Bed, console and chaise - Henge + Listone Giordano, Miami, FL

Bed coverings - Sferra, ThreadCount, Miami, FL

Drapery fabric - Arabel Fabrics, Inc., North Miami, FL

Area rug - Sansom Shag Rugs, Rocky Face, GA

Glass walls - Custom designed by Charlotte Dunagan Design Group, Coral Gables, FL

Fabricated by Bart Reines Construction, Miami Beach, FL

Tub and faucet - Boffi Miami, Miami, FL

French mirror - Owners' Collection

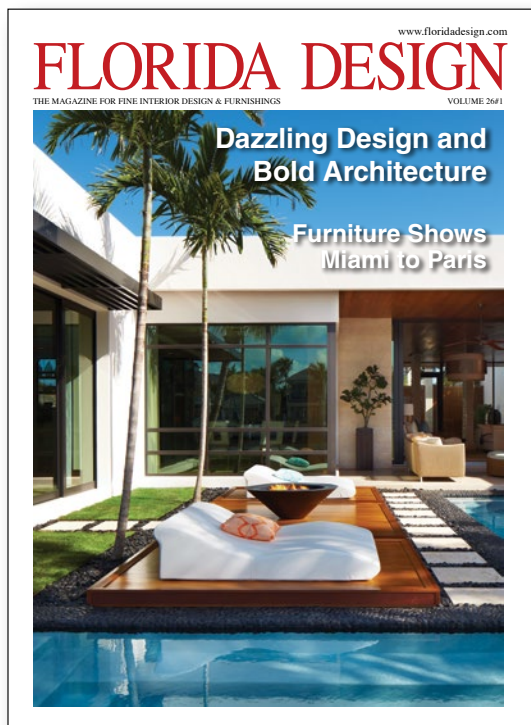
Pavilion
Sofa and cocktail table - Royal Botania, Inside Out 2, Miami, FL

Accent pillow fabric - Sunbrella, Inside Out 2, Miami, FL

Bar - Custom designed by Charlotte Dunagan Design Group, Coral Gables, FL

Bar and countertop granite - Opustone, Miami, FL

Grill and hood - Boffi Miami, Miami, FL ◆



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