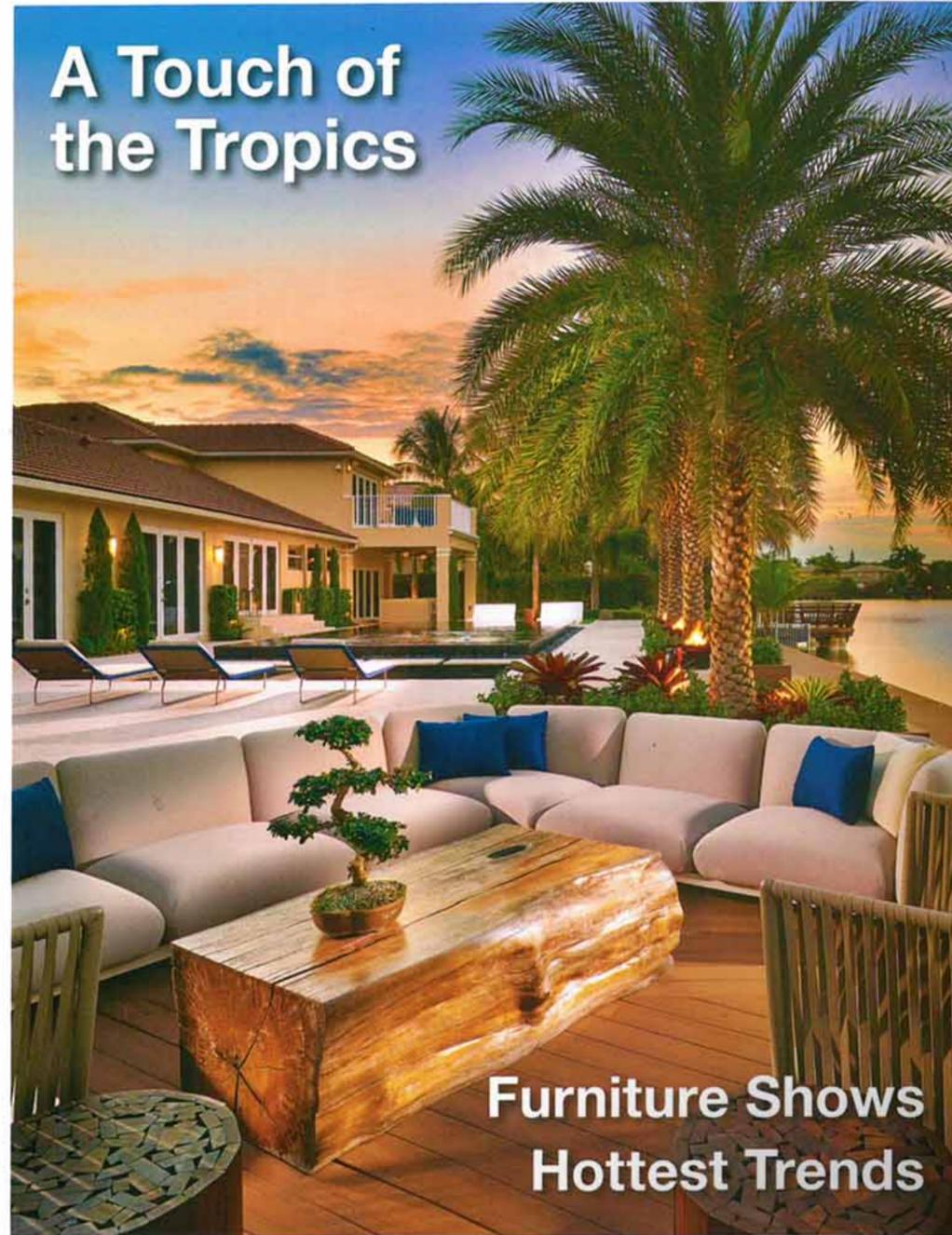


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ABOVE: Indonesian roof lines and brackets recall the original Balinese conception for the house. Now customized as a sleek contemporary residence, the owners' pared-down style fits perfectly with the luxurious outdoor complex complete with islands, fountains, a bar and a full outdoor kitchen.

## TWISTS AND TURNS

A Design Team Reimagines A Spec House To Embrace One Couple's Vision In Jupiter's Exclusive Admirals Cove

INTERIOR DESIGN: Katherine Thomas, Lifestyle by Design of Jupiter, Jupiter, FL  
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 LANDSCAPE ARCHITECT: Mitch Kunk and Benjamin Schreier, Affinity Architects, Boca Raton, FL  
 POOL CONTRACTOR: Koby Kirwin, Exteriors by Koby Kirwin, Naples, FL  
 POOL DESIGNER: Robert Brantley, DeTray Beach, FL

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ABOVE: "Even before entering, you're drawn inside," Thomas says. The original spec house's stairway was moved so that the entire foyer opens upon a view of the extravagant pool and its islands.

ABOVE RIGHT: Crisp whites and shimmering grays prevail, yet textural interest abounds. With white marble flooring, a lacquer-topped cocktail table, Lisa Taylor's stainless-framed club chairs, a white porcelain-tiled fireplace and Kravet's metallic-hued draperies ... monochrome is the interior palette.



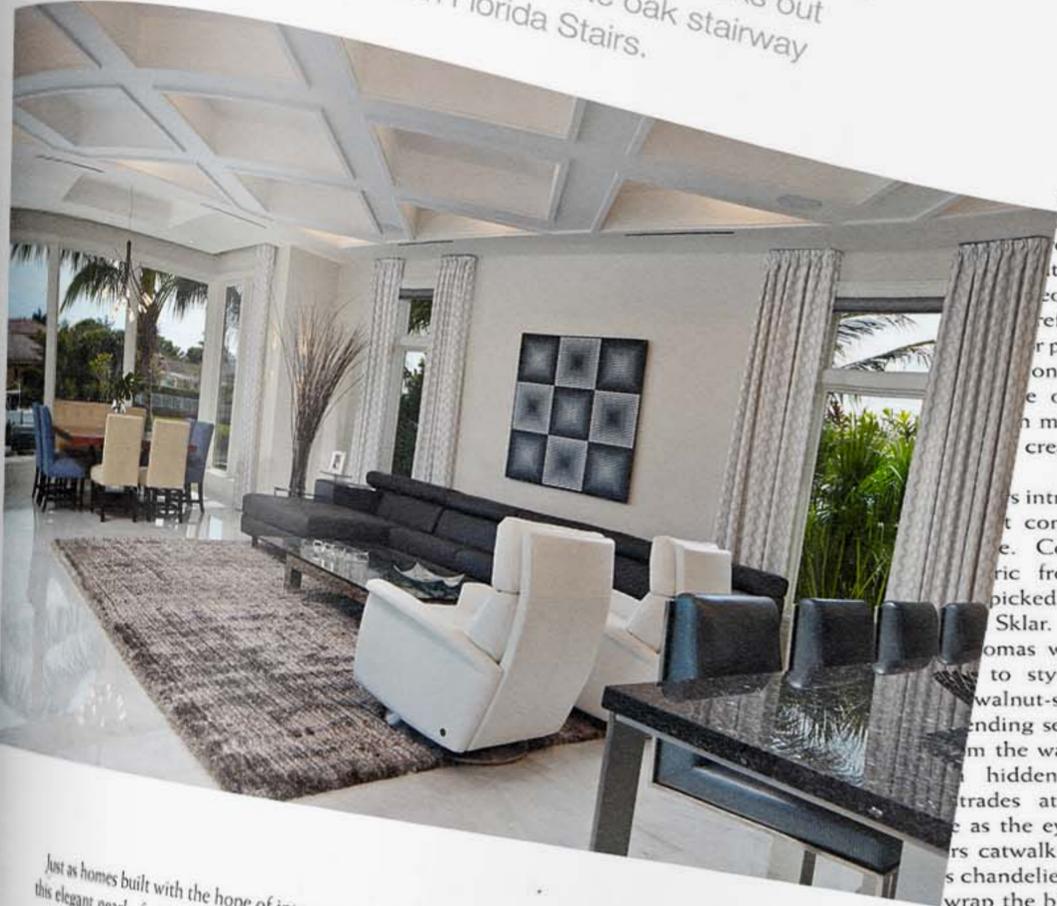
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THE AQUA WATERS OF JUPITER INLET ONLY MINUTES AWAY ... CHECK; golf courses on rolling green turf ... check, and a waterfront lot and dock perfect for a boat and some serious deep sea fishing ... double check. What wasn't perfect about the site in exclusive Admirals Cove in Jupiter, Fla.? Well, the original house that sat on that lot according to Ryan Kelly, Vice President of Turtle Beach Construction. "It was frankly, the ugliest, green house in the development," he says. And President of Turtle Beach, Sebastian Smallegange decided it should be razed. In its place the design/build company would create a property "on spec" that would reflect a contemporary mentality with some exotic ethnic lines. Along with longtime collaborator, Katherine Thomas of Lifestyle by Design, the partners planned a Balinese-inspired 9,000-square-foot home in a setting suggestive of an upscale Asian resort.

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"The owners chose to forego window coverings in the foyer," Thomas says. A strategically placed mirror peeks out from beneath the walnut-stained white oak stairway crafted by South Florida Stairs.



Just as homes built with the hope of interesting potential buyers are supposed to do, this elegant nearly finished property found purchasers who fell in love — with most everything. "That's when Affiniti Architects was called in," says Benjamin Schreier, who worked on the project. "The new owners wanted some tweaks ... a twist here and a turn there." Instead of an open upstairs balcony, the couple wanted an enclosed exercise room in its place, which called for structural changes to support an entire room and roof. And a new stairway, designed by Thomas, underscored the owners' desire for a sleek contemporary flavor.

Nothing less than a tropical oasis shapes the outdoor social spaces. "Koby Kirwin designed the amazing pool," Thomas says. The watery complex contains two islands holding pool beds, three planter islands with their own palms, a floating walkway and a spa, all clad in multifaceted blue glass tiles. A triple waterfall spills from the face of the bar as tiny fountains keep the water temperature just right.

*View Artist Juro Krulik's 'The Bright Side of Infinity' from DTR Modern Galleries dots the wall in the family room. Here, a deep-seated sectional sofa from Design NS and American Leather's white lounge chairs from Sklar shape the space. Just beyond the dining area, automated draperies pull open to reveal the tropical waterway.*

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Step inside, where exterior glass walls recede into pockets behind the fireplace to blur the boundaries between the loggia and living room. A glass wall abuts the porcelain-tiled fireplace to delineate the office beyond. "The homeowners required very little color, preferring textures and design lines for punch," Thomas says. One exception is the green glass sculpture the owners purchased from an Italian museum for which the designer created a subtly lit pedestal.

Hearthside, club chairs introduce stainless geometry that continues throughout the house. Covered in gray metallic fabric from S. Harris, their sheen is picked up by sequined pillows from Sklar.

In the foyer, Thomas worked with the architects to style the stairway crafted of walnut-stained white oak. The ascending sections are cantilevered from the wall and strengthened with hidden steel rods. Glass balustrades at once sparkle and recede as the eye lifts toward the upstairs catwalk and a galaxy-like Leucos chandelier.

Walls of glass wrap the blended dining area and family room in cool and casual comfort. A deep-seated, sectional sofa provides the perfect spot for total relaxation. Overhead, Thomas created a coffered ceiling in which hidden sconces illuminate like a starry night.

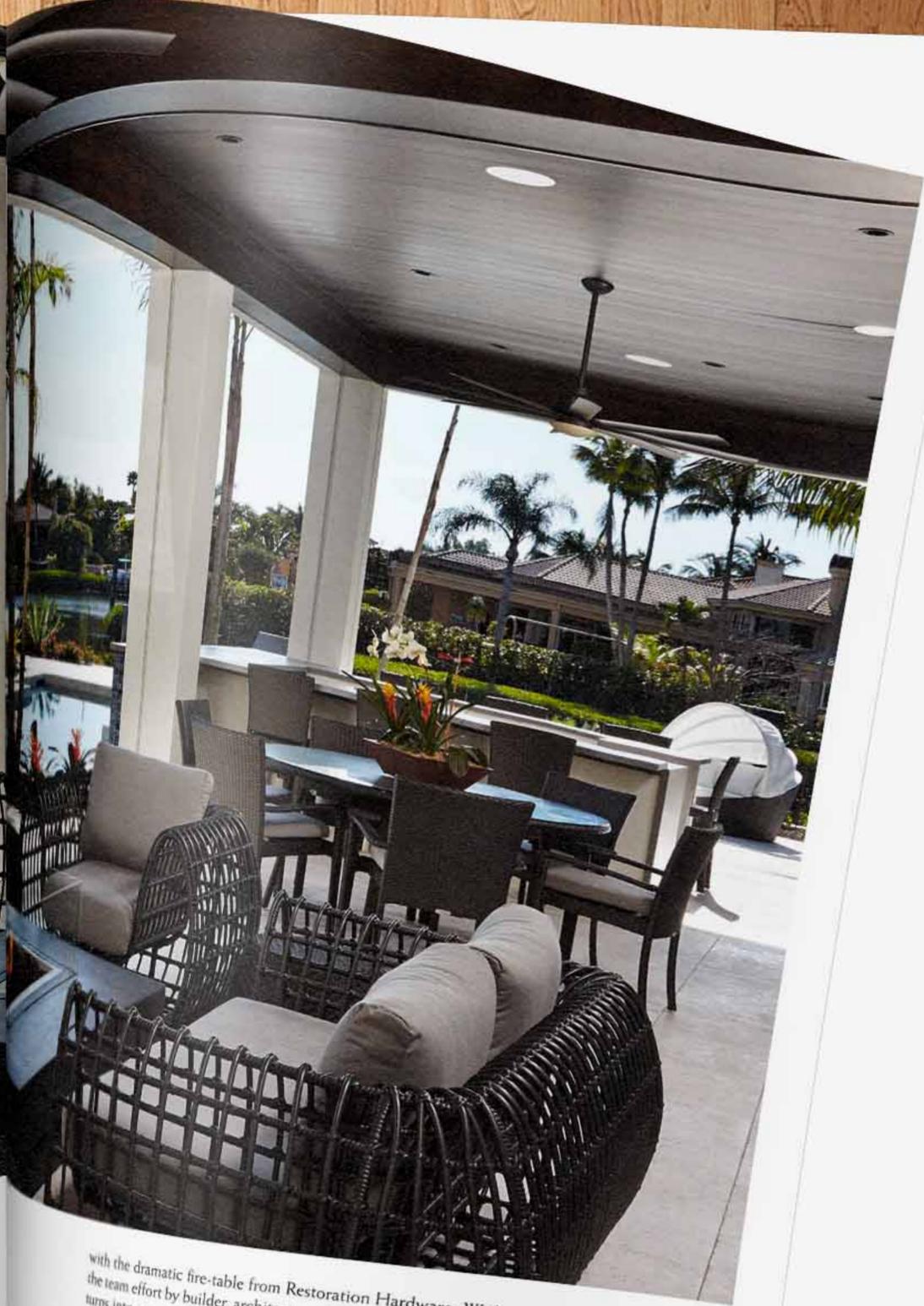
LEFT: In the master bedroom, Tech Lighting's glass pendants cast a soft glow over the custom bed and elongated bedside chests designed by Thomas. The homeowner's chaise and hearthside lounge chairs are positioned for ultimate relaxation.

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Styled in platinum hues and dark woods, the master bedroom overlooks the pool's "palm islands" and spa. With a woven plaster wall facing a soft, faux silk, upholstered headboard, Thomas introduced a third texture, a grass-cloth band of crown molding and bed surround, organically anchoring the high elegance found throughout.

Outside, cushioned sofas and chairs beckon swimmers and sunbathers from the labyrinthine pool area. "A place to put our feet up" was the goal the owners achieved



with the dramatic fire-table from Restoration Hardware. With a smiling sigh of relief, the team effort by builder, architect, and designer was certainly worth it as a spec home turns into a custom dream home. "Sometimes the intensity works to your advantage. Due to structural changes, the team lost three months on an already tight finish date, but the result was well worth the extra effort," Thomas says. "And most importantly, the homeowners love it."