FLORIDA DESIGN
A Touch of the Tropics
Furniture Shows Hottest Trends
“Sometimes the intensity works to your advantage,” designer Katherine Thomas says. “Due to structural changes, the team lost three months on an already tight finish date, but the result was well worth the extra effort.”
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.

Also behind the Chocolate Room. Colleagures the owners referring to the owner’s own museum. Thomas worked to style the walnut-stained hardwoods along sections of the wall and hidden steel gates at once as the eye lifts to the carvings and a lavish chandelier. The blended family room in cool overhead. A deep-seated 3-seater sofa is the perfect relaxation. Overhead, a coffered ceiling illuminates the space in soothing light.

In the bedroom, Tech Lighting’s light casts a soft glow over the elongated bedside chairs. Thomas. The homeowners’ art is showcased to enhance the ultimate relaxation.
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.

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

In the lower level, Thomas worked with the architects to style the stairway carved of walnut-stained white oak. The ascending sections are cantilevered from the wall and strengthened with hidden steel rods. Glass balcony rails all sparkle and recede as the eye lits toward the upstairs can walk 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 covered ceiling in which hidden sconces illuminate like a starry night.

In the master bedroom, Takis Lighting's glass pendants cast a soft glow over the custom bed and elongated bedside stands designed by Thomas. The homeowners' desire for art and handmade items and are positioned for ultimate relaxation.
Stylish 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, lush 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 man asked his builders, architect, and designer if this was worth it as a spec home. Sometimes the intensity works to your advantage. The spiritual change, the team lose these moments on an already tight finish date, the homeowners love it.

"And most importantly, the detail is the difference," Thomas says. "The key is to focus on the nuances and make those moments count. It's about the little things that bring the whole project together."