Palm Beach Contemporary

A New Oceanfront Residence In Palm Beach, Created By An Award-Winning Team, Altans Warmth Through Timeless Detailing And Natural Elements
In the foyer, a Pagoda statue, surrounded by scattered wood floor sculptures and abstract wall art from HG Arts, shape a small gallery that welcomes guests and announces the living area.

ON THE POSH ISLAND OF PALM BEACH IN SOUTH FLORIDA, WHERE Mediterranean, Georgian and Bermudian-style luxury properties are considered the norm, it is rare to find a new contemporary home on Billionaires' Row with over 12,000 square feet of space plus a guesthouse. "It's one of a kind," renowned builder Mark Pulu says. "Today's modern homes appeal to younger buyers — they want something a little older, a little fresher and a bit simpler than their parents had." So, when Pulu was ready to build on this prime, half-acre oceanfront site, he turned for help to his award-winning creative team that was comprised of interior designer Marc Thore, and architects Benjamin Scheier and Mitchell Kunik.

To get the spirit of the project, the group met for lunch under a tent on the property when the new residential buyers for the design of the spec home had to observe social distancing, they had to be touchable and comfortable, and it had to be appropriate for beach living. The architect's approach was to style the home with light and airy lines, while the designer brought warmth to the project by incorporating elements found in nature — water, earth, fire, metal and wood.

The staircase with black glass and steel railings designed by Dussault, creates dramatic entry and makes a bold statement when hung from a glass mosaic ceiling.
"My design team of 19 years and I have been successful because we have been able to identify what our clients want," builder Mark Rutte says. "We work with their needs from year to year and from location to location."

**Top Right:** Conversation flows easily from the open living area to the custom contemporary kitchen, where gourmet meals can be prepared on an aquatic-colored glass countertop that appears almost translucent.

**Bottom Left:** On the breakfast silent, asymmetry is at play with a living edge walnut top that falls to the floor on just one end. "You have to walk through a door twice just to notice all the home's intricacies," interior designer Marc Therie says.

**Bottom Right:** Oxidized, natural wood - over edges a pool surrounded by a perimeter of walnut. Into this dining area, a Blue-Michael's custom table, topped with linens and tiled with an hour from Kingsley Bate, is perfect for dining alfresco. A slab edge, living edge, solid wood entry door with textured glass panels opens to a view that flows through to the living area. "There is no formal entryway — we want the home to be a haven for you," interior designer Marc Therie says. "We step into the kitchen/dining area, the designer adds casual comfort with pieces from her collection that include a double-backed sofa upholstered in a Robert Allen denim sofa in a roll, and heals, as well as a soft and grooved resin countertops lend an armchair to the home's perfect perfection," Therie says.
In the kitchen, high-gloss lacquered cabinetry, created by Superior Wood Products, is inset with gray-colored glass inserts that appear almost translucent, and lends Mid-
Mod flair to the space. The expansive sliding glass doors provide a large, open view of the
outdoors and create an impressive space that is perfect for displaying casual
cooking equipment such as wine coolers and small refrigerators.

The living room features a large painting by Mark McEntire, a contemporary artist known for his
abstract works. The large mirror on the wall reflects the light and creates a sense of depth in the
space. The plush couches and armchairs are comfortable, and the fireplace adds a warm
atmosphere to the room.

Pocket doors in the entryway provide a seamless transition between the living areas, keeping
the space open and inviting. The curtains are made of a soft, lightweight fabric that allows
gentle breezes to circulate through the room, creating a comfortable and inviting
environment.

The window treatments are designed to complement the overall decor and provide privacy when
needed. The use of natural materials and textures throughout the home creates a
harmonious and elegant ambiance.
A pair of overstuffed task chairs from Lexington cushioned in a bold Sunbrella blue whiteness are complemented by blue and white striped area rug from Surya. Pocker doors open wide to spectacular views of the pool and ocean, where warm gentle breezes add to the relaxed tropical setting. "Our design is all about being comfortable, kicking back and relaxing," she says.