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A Jewel On The Intracoastal Waterway: The Penthouse-Style Home In Boca Raton Glistens With Seamless Design And Relaxed Luxury.

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The vibrant painting, *Busy Street*, dots the entry with bold color, while a modern aqua-filled bench from Cox Manufacturing enlivens the space.

FOR THEIR CLIENTS ROBYN AND ALEX GELLMAN, architects Mitchell Fain and Benjamin Scherrer set out to create a home from their original spec concept, one that had all the style and ease of an occasional production but a ground level. Embodying the couple relaxing with a drink in hand, the architects nicknamed the home, "the Martin lea." Fain had a long history of collaboration with Marc-Michaels Interior Design. Korn and Scherrer teamed with two of its interior designers, Courtney Jacobson and Rachel Jones. "We wanted to style an interior that would complement the home's architecture with a relaxed, laid-back design," Jacobson says.

Sited on the treasured Waterway located in the Spanish River section of Boca Raton, Fla., this single-story, 7,584-square-foot home is secluded with high green vegetation and a wooden privacy fence surrounds, its lower-level patio is both extensively private yet understated. The exterior of the home is a blend of modern and classic, its arrestingly rocket-shaped windows and walls of glass create the most dramatic feature of the home.
A custom-designed cabinet, framed with travertine and built by United Stone Crafters, is fitted with Lucite shelving that displays the owners’ collectibles.

Utilizing minimal openings and creative space solutions, the massive windows and 12-foot-high ceilings work without compromising the architect’s vision of an uncluttered and open feel for the home.

Outdoors, the resort-like pool area is perfect for relaxing on dreamy white daybeds from La-Z-Boy Design. Nestled atop an ipe wood deck, they appear to float luminously in the large shimmering pool framed with dark pebble coping.

In the entry, the abstract painting, Bay Street, from REA Decor, and Cox’s modern, aqua blue bench lend visual interest near four large stone columns designed by Marc Michaels. Piercing a 15-foot-high ceiling through its openings, they divide the entry from the living area. Wrapping a wall of windows, rusty wood gates, custom-built by Affini Architecture, are fitted edge to edge and offer privacy from the road.

Beyond, in the neutral-toned living space, a creamy chesterfield sofa and Palecek’s organic, wood teak console are accessorized with pops of tangerine and orange in bold artwork. On the ceiling, rich sapeli mahogany echoes a grid pattern of wood slats in glossy limestone flooring that flows throughout the home.
In the loggia, Lee Industries’ chairs slip-covered in Sunbrella and topped with striped accent pillows from Donghia, form a conversation cluster around an ottoman in the shape of a stone that echoes the pool’s surround of pebbles.

An open, custom stone-framed cabinet designed by Marc-Michaels creates visual movement in a hallway. Well suited for intimate gatherings or larger soirees, the formal dining room’s wood-stained table from Vanguard extends to seat 10 comfortably with sophisticated leather chairs from Fairfield. An organic-root, teak server from large, floor-to-ceiling windows that draw the eye outdoors to a lush green garden.

A modern take on a classic Florida room, the spectacular custom-designed loggia can open up completely to make it a true outdoor living space, or it can be totally closed off with seamlessly hidden sliding windows,” Kunik says. The design team selected indoor/outdoor seating with chairs from Lee Industries clad in Sunbrella canvas, and draperies from Holly Hunt to soften a space designed to be as comfortable as a living room.

Today, boats are often seen passing the property, only to turn around and steal a few more glances at the striking residence that Kunik and Schaefer created along with the interior design team. When the home was completed, the Gelbman could not stop pinching themselves. "It was love at first sight," Alex Gelbman says. "We are living in functional luxury ... and the space is truly magical!"