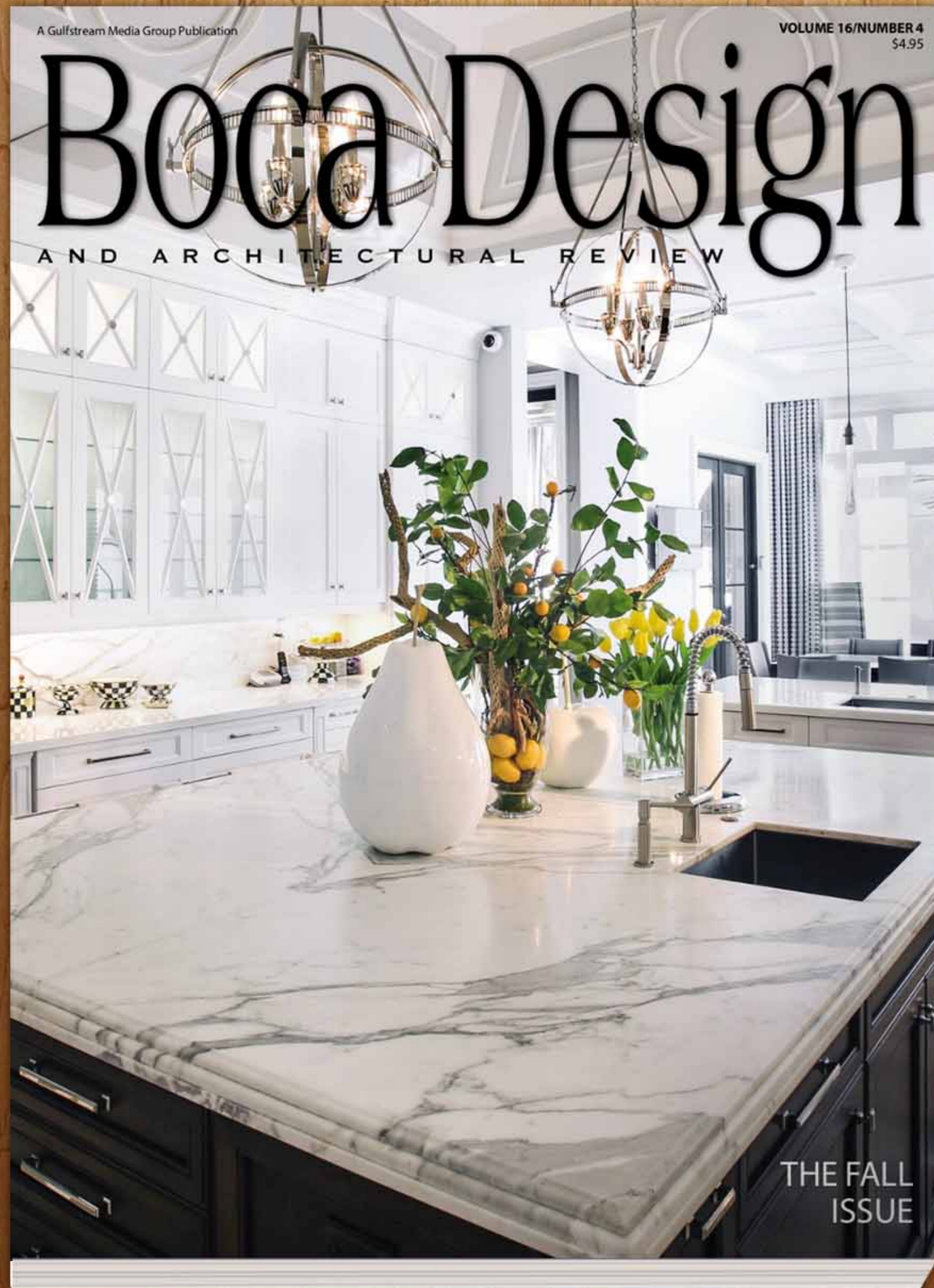


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# ROOMS WITH A VIEW

A Boca Raton Waterfront Spec Home by  
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The view from the foyer sweeps through the living room to the pool area beyond the house.



**W**hen an interior designer completes a project for a homeowner, he or she must interpret the specific tastes and desires of the client. With a spec home, there is usually far more freedom, because there is no homeowner to please. But there is also a different kind of responsibility. The design must appeal to a variety of buyers and encourage them to visualize themselves living there.

That was the case when Michael Duval, Lindsey Snyder, Tina Gaines and Mike Cohen of Winter Park-based Marc-Michaels Interior Design began to create the décor for a spec home in Boca Raton. And it had to be a design that captured the hearts of a very select group of buyers: those who had the wherewithal to purchase the 7,700-square-foot, five-bedroom, eight-bath waterfront home.

The design combines dramatic architectural features with sophisticated, understated furnishings reminiscent of high-end hotels. "Our goal was to create casual luxury," Duval says. "Luxury can be intimidating and make a house seem like a museum. But it can also be inviting, comforting and welcoming, and that's what we wanted."

Wide-plank walnut flooring throughout most of the home contrasts with creamy white walls. These neutral tones create a backdrop for a chic, fresh color palette of soft gray, green, gold and bronze for furnishings and accessories. "We wanted to use color in a dynamic way that reinvents itself room by room, yet has a consistent flow," Duval says.

Doors with a dark-stained finish accent and add dimension to the home's pale gray facade.

The open floor plan offers dramatic views from much of the first floor.



The dramatic view from the foyer sweeps all the way through the home to the lavish pool area outside. To avoid obstructing the sight line, furnishings in the living room are low and sleek. And to separate the foyer from the dining room directly on one side of it, the designers erected a custom, open-weave bronze metal screen. "It creates definition," Duval says. "But it doesn't make you feel closed in, and it gives a hint of what's behind it."

#### THE LIVING ROOM

In the living room, two-story windows and a volume ceiling create instant visual drama. An area rug in subtle grays and greens softens the wood flooring. "It's deliberately simple," Duval says. "We didn't want it to distract from the architecture or the furnishings."

A linear fireplace wrapped in polished marble with ribbons of the same golds, greens and bronzes found in the furnishings creates a focal point on one wall. Above the stone, dark wood facing climbs to the ceiling and serves as a backdrop for a colorful abstract painting. An L-shaped lighting channel that is both visually dramatic and functional runs through both stone and wood, and then continues across the ceiling.

Two tufted club chairs covered in gold velvet, and a character chair with arms and legs of faux horn and rust-colored cowhide upholstery add spark to the main seating group. A sofa covered in pale gray chenille, accented with velvet pillows in metallic gray, green, cinnamon and gold, and a darker gray daybed help to create a feeling of intimacy in the large space. In the center of the seating is a mirrored coffee table.

The two-sided daybed can also be part of a second seating area with a lounge chair upholstered in a chevron pattern and sculptural wire nesting tables. A hammered bronze console table holds two gold lamps.

#### WINE DOWN

Clear glass encloses a wine room with warm gold limestone flooring. Cinnamon oak framing on the floor and ceiling, which is lower than other parts of the main floor, anchors bottle racks made of steel cable. "Because of the transparency of the cable system, you get a geometric perception and the illusion that the bottles are floating in the air," Duval says.

In the formal dining room, the



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The kitchen's two-tiered white lacquer island has a waterfall Carrara marble top. Three stainless steel shelves offer a convenient place to store everyday dishes or display treasures. Stools are of espresso-finished wood and taupe leather.

designers created a cozy, intimate space for family gatherings and entertaining. A rust-and-bronze painted inset in the ceiling mirrors the shape of the table below. Hanging from the inset at different levels are five hand-blown spherical glass light fixtures in metal cages.

The walnut table with a pedestal base and a beveled perimeter edge can comfortably seat ten. Host and hostess chairs are upholstered in buttery cognac leather with bronze nailhead detailing, while side chairs have cowhide backs laser-etched with unique reptile patterns. "No two are alike," Duval says.

An inlaid mirrored niche on the back wall of the dining room houses a mahogany credenza with a warm cinnamon finish, illuminated by recessed lighting. A drapery in soft gold hangs from a hidden pocket over a window that looks out to the front yard, providing privacy when it is desired.

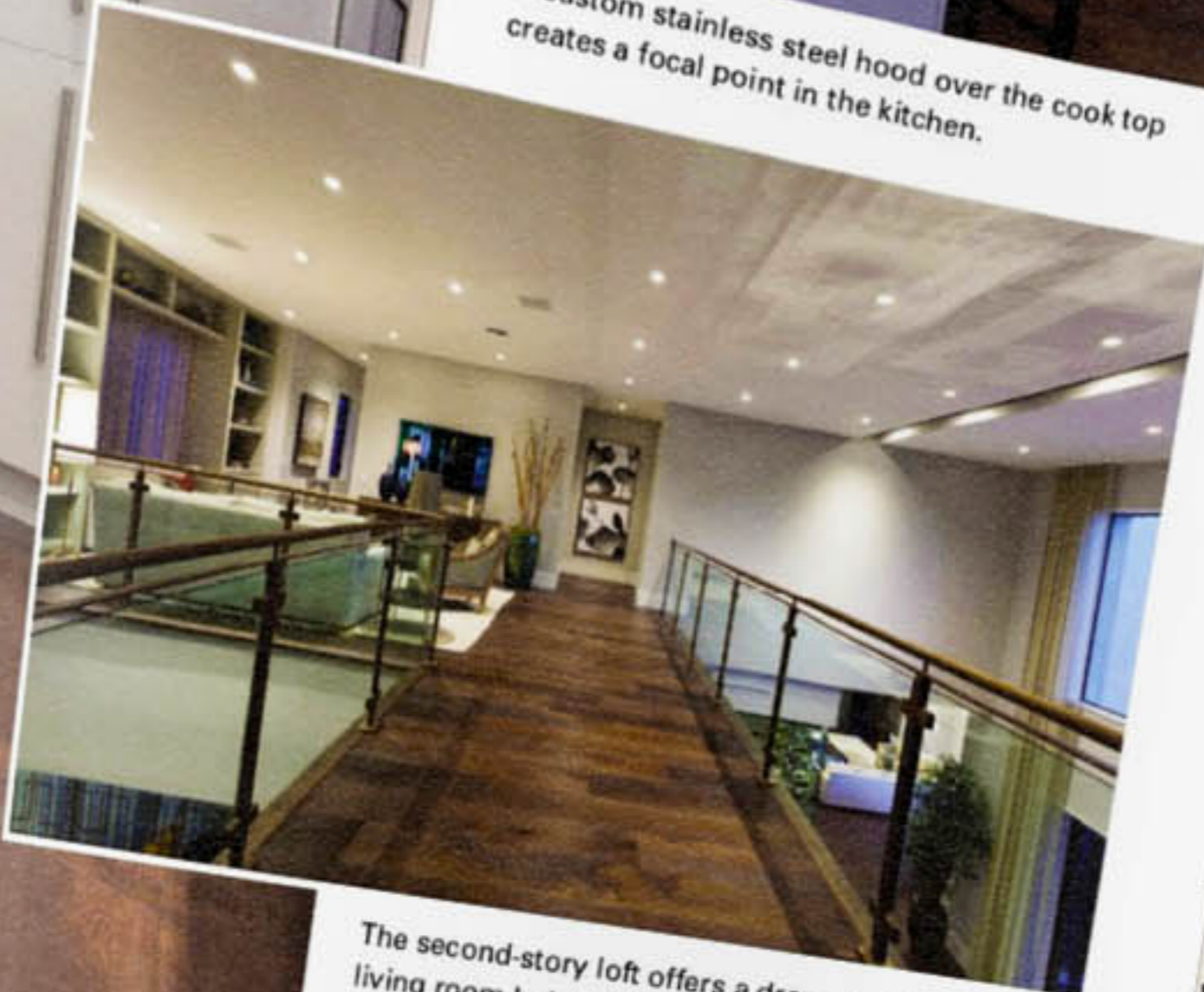
#### CASUAL CLUB ROOM

The club room is perfect for casual entertaining or just relaxing. Unlike anywhere else in the house, the space has wall-to-wall carpeting; it features an undulating ribbon motif in cream and gray that accents a sea foam background. Four club chairs covered in gray linen surround an hourglass-shaped ottoman upholstered with cut velvet in tones of taupe, cocoa and charcoal. A striking group of carved wood disks clad with gold leaf project at different depths from one of the walls. Running along the opposite wall is a granite-topped wet bar. White lacquer shelves above it wrap around a corner, while cabinetry below provides storage.

The club room also serves as a small office, with a partners desk and matching chairs at one end of the space. On the wall behind them, maple paneling with a taupe finish frames pale green Venetian plaster that serves as background for a colorful



A custom stainless steel hood over the cook top creates a focal point in the kitchen.



The second-story loft offers a dramatic view of the living room below. Like much of the rest of the home, a catwalk in the loft has planked wood flooring. A cozy seating area adjacent to the master suite offers a place to watch TV or read.

bronze and gray chevron pattern. Illuminating the space are two round white light fixtures with metal frameworks.

#### UP THE STAIRCASE

At the front of the house, a glass railing with an iron cap leads up the stairs and around the perimeter of a loft that overlooks the living room. On one side of a catwalk leading to the master suite is a cozy sitting area with a rough-woven, creamy area rug on the wood-planked floor, and sofa and loveseat covered in a coordinating creamy textured woven fabric. Unlike most of the other wood pieces in the house, the sculpted frame of a side chair has a light finish. It is upholstered in blue-gray cut velvet with nailhead detail, and a coffee table wrapped in cream plank entertainment credenza with an iron base provides storage for electronic paraphernalia. A TV screen hangs above it.

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A free-standing tub in the master bath is boxed in gray-veined marble.



Faux-wood porcelain plank tile that matches the wood flooring inside the house covers the pool deck. Outdoor seating groups, including a custom fire pit, offer multiple spots for conversation and exterior lighting creates a dramatic sight at night.

**THE MASTER SUITE**

In the luxurious master suite, the designers used tones of white, cream and pale blue to conjure the sense of floating in a cloud. A creamy, hand-woven wool blend area rug accents the wood floor, and simple white sheer draperies frame a sliding glass door leading to a balcony. A chaise with a chrome base and textured velvet upholstery and an oversized floor lamp offer a cozy spot for reading or admiring the view.

The bed is dressed with a tailored silk skirt lined in velvet and a silk coverlet. A custom headboard wrapped in white leather has a tufted texture. At the foot of the bed, a bench with a Lucite base creates the illusion that the seat, covered in sea glass blue velvet, is floating above the floor.

In the master bath, the location of a free-standing tub boxed in gray-veined marble offers a new through large windows. Iridescent glass also lines the back wall of the open shower, and the ceiling is painted a Champagne color that matches them. Ivory limestone flooring offers easy maintenance, and floating cabinetry has a simple distressed finish.

**THE POOL AREA**

The dramatic pool area extends living space outside. Faux-wood porcelain plank tile on the deck area matches the wood flooring inside. "When the glass doors are open, it creates a continuous look," Daval says.

Accent tiles and the finish of the pool itself also coordinate with the indoor color palette. A custom fire pit provides a gathering place, while ottomans offer resin and canvas, along with ottomans offer tables, create seating areas.

It is an enchanting decor that should appeal to a large audience—those wealthy enough to appreciate it. □

**SOURCE LIST**

**Builder:** Bloomfield Construction  
**Accessories throughout:** Global Views, Studio A, Arteriors Home, Uttermost and Interlude Home Accessories

**LIVING ROOM**

**Bulb Vase Lamps:** Global Views  
**Sofa:** Bernhardt  
**Mirrored Cocktail Table:** Bernhardt  
**Daybed:** Hickory Chair  
**Horn-style Chair:** Bernhardt  
**Drink Table:** Worlds Away  
**Lounge Chair:** Kravet Furniture  
**Armless Gold Chairs:** Bernhardt  
**Floor Lamp:** Visual Comfort & Co.  
**Area Rug:** Prosource of Orlando  
**Drapery Workroom:** Suncraft Industries  
**Drapery Fabric:** Fabricut  
**Leather Throw:** Zax  
**Artwork:** LeftBank Art  
**Oriental Vase:** Emissary Trading Co.  
**Console Table:** Bernhardt

**DINING ROOM**

**Table:** Ferguson Copeland, Ltd  
**Side Chairs:** Vanguard Furniture  
**Laser Cut Hide Upholstery:** Donghia Textiles  
**Host & Hostess Chairs:** Lee Industries  
**Sideboard:** Vanguard Furniture  
**Orb Chandeliers:** Currey & Company  
**Faux Artist:** Poff Art  
**Drapery Workroom:** Suncraft Industries  
**Drapery Fabric:** Fabricut  
**Artwork:** LeftBank Art  
**Petrified Wood Elements:** Sculptural Wood  
**Oriental Vase:** Emissary Trading Co.

**WINE ROOM**

**Wood Components:** Interior Services International  
**Steel Components:** Wine Cellar

**KITCHEN**

**Granite Fabricator:** Tile & Marble by Valentin  
**Countertop:** Omicron Granite & Tile  
**Refrigerator:** Sub-Zero  
**Dual Dishwashers:** Miele  
**Other Appliances:** Wolf

**BREAKFAST NOOK**

**Table:** Bernhardt  
**Side Chairs:** Lee Industries  
**Side Chairs Fabric:** Kravet Fabrics  
**Chandeliers:** Currey & Company

**CLUB ROOM**

**Sectional Sofa:** Lee Industries  
**Club Chairs:** Lee Industries  
**Faux Artist:** Poff Art  
**Artwork:** LeftBank Art  
**Floor Lamp:** Visual Comfort & Co.

**CLUB LANAI**

**Patio Furniture:** Kanna  
**Glazed Garden Stool:** Emissary Trading Co.  
**Countertop Fabricator:** Tile & Marble by Valentin  
**Countertop:** Omicron Granite & Tile  
**Cabinetry:** Kitchen & Bath Studios  
**Grill:** Wolf  
**Grill Hood:** Trade-Wind

**LOFT**

**Sofa:** Bernhardt  
**Loveseat:** Bernhardt  
**Lounge Chair:** Lee Industries  
**Lounge Chair Fabric:** Brentano  
**Linen Wrapped Cocktail Table:** Bernhardt  
**Entertainment Credenza:** Noir Trading  
**Table Lamp:** Arteriors Home  
**Floor Lamp:** Visual Comfort & Co.  
**Area Rug:** Surya Carpet  
**Drapery Workroom:** Suncraft Industries  
**Drapery Fabric:** Pollack Fabrics

**MASTER BEDROOM**

**Custom Headboard:** Interiors by Beverly  
**Headboard Material:** Brentano  
**Wave Nightstands:** Kravet Furniture  
**Bench:** Lee Industries  
**Bench Fabric:** Nobilis  
**Dresser:** Vanguard Furniture  
**Chaise:** Lee Industries  
**Accent Table:** Century Furniture  
**Ceiling Fan:** Capitol Lighting  
**Lamps:** Arteriors Home  
**Area Rug:** Surya Carpet  
**Drapery Workroom:** Suncraft Industries  
**Drapery Fabric:** Fabricut  
**Bedskirt Fabric:** Donghia Textiles  
**Pillow Fabric:** Collezione Cesaro  
**Accent Pillow Fabric:** Laura Lienhard Textiles  
**Artwork:** Leftbank Art

**HER MASTER BATH**

**Vanity Chair Fabric:** Romo  
**Wallpaper Installer:** Carmen DeJohn  
**Wallcoverings:**  
**Faux Artist:** Poff Art  
**Artwork:** Leftbank Art  
**Vanity Chair:** Bernhardt

**FAMILY LOGGIA**

**Dining:** Kanna  
**Lounge Chairs:** Kanna