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THIS STAR ISLAND JEWEL IN MIAMI BEACH SEEKS TOTAL UNITY WITHIN ITS DESIGN THROUGH HARMONY WITH NATURE AND A HUMAN TOUCH

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INSPIRED BY SCULPTURAL FORMS, rejecting all hard edges, this extraordinary home embodies the essence of organic modern architecture. Interior designers Charlotte Dunagan and Thomas Diverio, along with architects Francisco Llado Neuffer and Rob Moehring, are part of the design team Miami developer Todd Michael Glaser assembled to create this modern marvel poised at the water's edge on Star Island, one of the most exclusive neighborhoods in Miami Beach. Influenced by its tropical surrounding environment, this exquisite dwelling appears to have sprouted from the grounds designed by landscape architect Chris Cawley to enhance the contemporary tropical feel.

"The landscape flows from the ground level to a series of raised gardens that are completely integrated with the home's architecture," Llado says. "Towering canopy trees and an abundance of tropical plantings accentuate the property." The pie-shaped lot,

ABOVE: In a seamless harmony with nature, this Star Island dwelling conveys the essence of modernity through smooth edges and sculptural forms.

RIGHT: At the back of the main residence along with its Mediterranean-style guest house, a massive pool area features floating daybeds and a metal-slatted cabana.



with a narrow front and wider rear, dictates the home's shape. Built as a primary family dwelling that boasts 250 feet of waterfront views, the main home comprises 17,000 square feet and includes an elevator, a media room, two custom wine cellars, a gym and a spa. A Mediterranean-style guest house, which was formerly the Miami Beach Yacht Club, hosts family and friends right next door. "The historic structure was lifted and moved to the other side of the property to make way for the new house," Llado says. "This created a wonderful mix of true 1920s architecture seamlessly integrated with unique modern architecture."

Innovative architectural elements meld with a minimalist interior scheme created by the design duo of Dunagan and Diverio to form the perfect marriage in this organically rich residence. Walnut ceilings with custom

BELOW: In complement to the home's minimalist organic architecture, a natural limestone stairway exudes a simple elegance as a visually compelling structural work of art that appears to float midpoint.



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The living room's natural materials, such as walls clad in travertine and limestone flooring, exemplify the modern architectural style of the home. Walnut accents offer warmth in complement to Minotti's seating ensemble and a black-framed "Dorcia" daybed by Jorge Arturo Ibarra. Artefacto's sleek "Bramare" lounge chairs corner the space beyond.

The second-floor master suite provides a luxurious retreat for the homeowners with a private plunge pool and patio. Sliding pocket doors open to a sunken balcony outfitted with Artea Home's sofa that follows the curve of the home.



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lighting throughout offer a bold contrast to clean elements such as white lacquer cabinetry as well as various leathers, suedes and light woven fabrics. The walls have a floating base reveal, and an oversized dining room and living room have operable wood fins so these areas can be more intimate when closed off from one another. Pocketed electric sliding doors throughout make indoor/outdoor living seamless.

“Curated furnishings in many different styles give the main-floor rooms a lived-in ambience and this modern home character,” Dunagan says. “We wanted the interiors to complement the architecture with natural organic elements such as limestone and travertine flooring, textured wall coverings, and wooden walnut finishes and ceilings. The style is part minimalist, part naturalist,” she says.

“All of this helped to create bold architecture and movement,” Diverio says. “We contrasted earth tones with black metal and white glass for all the lighting. Leather-clad furnishings enhance a sophisticated timeless background that allows for any art collection to be featured.”

RIGHT: Set amid breathtaking views of the Atlantic Ocean and Miami's skyline, this master bath exudes spa-like elegance styled in Calacatta marble slabs. Through large steam-shower doors, a deep soaking tub overlooks a plunge pool that integrates with the main pool.

ABOVE LEFT: In the office, an Eames leather chair from DWR balances the clean lines of Powell & Bonnell's black ash-topped “Dupont” desk from Stephen Turner.





The ultimate hangout, this main-floor loggia is generously furnished with comfortably cushioned outdoor seating from Exteta that overlooks the mosaic glass-tilled pool. The cabana is surrounded by water and has direct access to the pool plus a beach entrance.

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Interior walls become textural canvases as natural elements flow through to the private spaces, where the master suite's open glass doors with elongated wood panels lend a modernist sensibility that connects to a serene tropical landscape. The same aesthetic continues outside as a custom pool blends with the flow of the exterior architecture, while blue-gray finishes with hints of turquoise mirror soothing ocean hues. All the bespoke millwork was designed with clean lines to contrast with the sinuous organic vibe. Various heights and textures — a mix of wood with reflective glass, metals and marbles — stimulate the senses. Playing out the “simplicity is beauty” philosophy, the collaborative efforts of this talented design team resulted in a unique, out-of-the box home.

SOURCES

LIVING ROOM

Sofa, lounge chairs and armchair - Minotti, Miami, FL
Accent pillow fabrics - Cameron Textiles, Dania Beach, FL
Eros cocktail table, Peso occasional table and Dorcia daybed - 1stdibs.com
White glass art and rectangular occasional table - Owners' Collection
Bramare lounge chair - Artefacto, Coral Gables, FL
Area rug - Niba Designs, Hollywood, FL

OFFICE

Dupont desk - Powell & Bonnell, Stephen Turner, Hollywood, FL
Eames desk chair - Design Within Reach, MDD, Miami, FL
Table lamp - Modern Forms, Port Washington, NY
Do Maru side chairs - B&B Italia, Miami, FL
Litro occasional table - Cattelan Italia, Anima Domus, Miami, FL
MASTER SUITE
Bed - Poltrana Frau, Miami, FL
Chair and ottoman - Almora, B&B Italia, Miami, FL

Bench, Warren accent table, accessories and bedcovering - Owners' Collection
Area rug - Miyabi Casa, Madrid, Spain
PRIVATE BALCONY
Built-in sofa - Artea Home, Miami, FL
Fabric - Sunbrella, Burlington, NC
Cocktail tables - Owners' Collection
LOGGIA / POOL AREA
Sofas, cocktail tables, armchairs, accent tables and chaise lounges - Exteta, Brenna (CO), Italy
Planters - Atelier Vierkant, San Francisco, CA