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JEWELLED LIGHTING AND A SOPHISTICATED BLEND OF COLORS AND TEXTURES CREATE HIGH DRAMA IN THIS STUNNING, OCEANFRONT PENTHOUSE IN SUNNY ISLES BEACH

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LEFT: Maya Romanoff's wood wall covering from Donghia covers the walls of the elevator entry with a tone-on-tone checkerboard pattern. Just inside the foyer, above, a glittering Swarovski chandelier from Nulco Lighting hangs in epic proportion, from the LED lit ceiling to well below the glass-enclosed marble stairway. A white-leather armchair from Poltrona Frau sits regally beneath. Photography by Craig Denis, Miami, FL.

B&B Italia's ultra-sophisticated, white-leather sofa from Luminaire provides elegant seating in the living area grounded by a soft-toned area rug from ABC Carpet & Home. Christopher Guy's mahogany table and shapely cream-silk chairs add style to the nearby dining area.

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Also in the living area, Dale Chihuly's fiery blown-glass light fixture is both artistic and quirky. It meets its match with a set of curved chairs from Tulipano, covered in red Ultrasuede from Alcantara and set around a table from Judith Norman Collection. Photography by Craig Denis, Miami, FL.



Metaphorically speaking, when a Chicagoan couple felt compelled to alter their design style from traditional to contemporary, it was like a balmy, tropical breeze blowing through their otherwise windy city — a sign that change was in the air. A two-story, 4,800-square-foot penthouse, located in the Jade Ocean condominium building in Sunny Isles Beach, Fla., would serve as the couple's new vacation retreat, providing an ideal venue to explore their edgier side. Working with interior designer Renata Pfuner, the clients had but one request: a contemporary design that wasn't too modern or cold. Fortunately, this directive tapped right into Pfuner's self-described personal style, "modern and elegant, contemporary yet luxurious and sophisticated." Her approach to employ strong contrasts of colors, surfaces and textures — set amidst a clean, open architectural layout — was quickly embraced by the couple, who are themselves luxury builders already well-versed in design. And just as the addition of the perfect Harry Winston jewels might complete a beautifully coutured evening gown, Pfuner adorns nearly every room with a shimmering crystal or glass chandelier, bringing unabashed glamour to the space.

INTERIOR DESIGNER RENATA PFUNER'S GRASP ON THE OWNERS' TRADITIONAL BACKGROUND, AS WELL AS AN APPRECIATION FOR THE BUILDING'S MODERN APPEAL, LED HER TO STRIKE A BALANCE WHERE CONTEMPORARY THEMES ARE COUNTERPOISED BY CLASSICAL TOUCHES.

LEFT: The breakfast area's festive atmosphere features custom-designed cabinetry built from wenge-wood veneer with glass shelving in a crisp, refreshing shade of apple green. Kartell's low-maintenance chairs add a dash of bright color to a translucent table from Anima Domus. Photography by Craig Denis, Miami, FL.

FAR LEFT: Rich materials found elsewhere in the home make a repeat appearance in the office, where wood floors are enhanced with linear inlays of Calacatta Oro marble. Clean lines shape the custom-designed cabinetry, accented by cut-crystal wall lamps from Luxe Cable + Light. Photography by Craig Denis, Miami, FL.



A dramatic statement is spoken loud and clear upon entering the elevator entry, where linear wenge-wood doors complement the floor's dark chocolate marble inlays. Quartz stone and Macassar ebony wood paneling layer the walls of the foyer, lit from above by ambient mood lighting in a soft shade of violet. Calacatta Oro marble, which graces the entire apartment, is the refined choice of flooring. "It is the use of such high-end finishes that expresses luxury," Pfuner says.

The nearby living area is kept minimal, letting the natural light and glorious ocean views do the majority of the talking. Its focal point, streamlined cabinetry comprised of ebony wood, extends outward to allow for a dramatic, down-lit effect. Here, Pfuner incorporates a variety of gathering spaces to accommodate the family's needs. "They have a very busy lifestyle, which also includes a large family that sometimes travel with them," she says. And so, the designer never lost sight of the importance of easy maintenance when making her selections.

Though subdued tones reign throughout, Pfuner injects bold colorations into each space. Starting in the living area, hues of red and orange color a vignette off to the side. Nearby, Philippe Starck's red polycarbonate "Eros" chairs enliven the breakfast area; their whimsy partnered by a 24-light fixture that dangles at multiple levels. Stepping up the glass-enclosed marble stairway and into the upstairs office, the vibrancy might be taken down a notch, but the stylized aspect is not. The unusual design of an intricately carved modern desk is sure to spark creativity.





ELABORATE WALL DETAILING, A SWIRLING MOSAIC CONCOCTION FROM SICIS, GENERATES EXCITEMENT IN THE MASTER BATH. ADDITIONAL TILE WORK DECORATES A PLATFORM, WHICH RAISES BOTH THE TUB AND THE STYLE QUOTIENT TO A HIGHER PLANE.

PHOTOGRAPHY BY NERY WASSERMAN, NORTH MIAMI BEACH, FL

The master suite reveals the home's romantic side, where shades of turquoise and midnight blue, present in wispy window sheers and undulating-patterned wall covering by Luigi Colani, draw the eye and stir the emotions. A luminous Venetian chandelier invokes a touch of Old World glamour, while a pair of Christopher Guy bedside tables, which feature his signature "X" base in polished chrome, adds a sleek, contemporary flair. Lavish materials make their return in the master bath, where custom-designed Macassar ebony cabinetry is crowned in Calacatta Oro marble for the countertops. Tubular fixtures give energy to the mirrors, while cove lighting above induces a subtle glow.

By expertly blending sumptuous fabrics, luxe materials and dramatic lighting, Pfuner conveys her intended design message ever so eloquently. "I wanted to create a luxury feel that is clean and modern, but still inviting with an unmistakable warmth," she says of the home, which has since been sold to another couple — Manhattan-ites who also use these stunning quarters as a vacation spot. According to the designer, they haven't changed a thing, and who could blame them?

LEFT: Luxury casts its spell over the master bedroom, where the centerpiece bed, a sleek design by Christopher Guy, is garbed in lustrous metallic, from iridescent accent pillows in moonlit silver, to a pale gold bed covering patterned with an interlocking design. Sophisticated bedside tables, a chandelier from Cyan Design and sheer drapery fabric complete the look. Photography by Craig Denis, Miami, FL.

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SOURCES

ELEVATOR ENTRY

Entrance doors and wall covering - Custom designed by Pfuner Design, Inc., Miami, FL
Doors fabricated by Sheridan Lumber Co., Hollywood, FL
Wall covering fabric - Maya Romanoff, Donghia, Inc., DCOTA, Dania Beach, FL
Light fixture - Nulco Lighting, Nesquehoning, PA

FOYER

Stairway - Custom designed by Pfuner Design, Inc., Miami, FL
Stairway installation - IBC Construction, Inc., Aventura, FL
Armchair - Poltrona Frau, Miami, FL
Occasional table and vase on occasional table - Urban Art Home, Miami, FL
Chandelier - Nulco Lighting, Nesquehoning, PA

LIVING AREA

Sofa - B&B Italia, Luminaire, Coral Gables, FL
Chairs, cocktail table, television, candlesticks on cabinetry and artwork - Owners' Collection
Game table - Judith Norman Collection, DCOTA, Dania Beach, FL
Light fixture over game table - Chihuly Studio, Seattle, WA
Cabinetry lighting - Luxe Cable + Light, Miami, FL
Vase on game table - Urban Art Home, Miami, FL
Drapery fabric - Maxwell, Windows on the World, Dania Design Center, Dania Beach, FL

DINING AREA

Quartz stone wall - Custom designed by Pfuner Design, Inc., Miami, FL
Fabricated by Ginex, Inc., North Miami, FL
Dining table, chairs and sideboard - Christopher Guy, Judith Norman Collection, DCOTA, Dania Beach, FL

OFFICE

Desk - Christopher Guy, Judith Norman Collection, DCOTA, Dania Beach, FL
Desk chair - Philippe Starck, Kartell, Miami, FL
Wall lamps - Luxe Cable + Light, Miami, FL
Floor vases - Owners' Collection
Decorative accessories on desk and shelving - Urban Art Home, Miami, FL

BREAKFAST AREA

Breakfast table - Anima Domus, Miami, FL
Chairs - Philippe Starck, Kartell, Miami, FL
Light fixture above table - Bocci, Luminaire, Coral Gables, FL
Pendant light fixtures over kitchen bar - Terzani, Farrey's Wholesale Hardware Co., Inc., North Miami, FL
Television and decorative bowl on cabinetry - Owners' Collection
Fruit bowl on table and decorative accessories on cabinetry - Urban Art Home, Miami, FL

MASTER BEDROOM

Wall covering - Luigi Colani, Eykon, Memphis, TN
Bed and bedside tables - Christopher Guy, Judith Norman Collection, DCOTA, Dania Beach, FL
Bed covering, sparkly silver accent pillow and candlesticks on bedside table - Owners' Collection
White accent pillow and large, solid silver accent pillow fabrics - JAB-USA, DCOTA, Dania Beach, FL
Chandelier - Cyan Design, Fort Worth, TX
Pendant light fixtures - Schonbek, Farrey's Wholesale Hardware Co., Inc., North Miami, FL
Vase and decorative accessory on bedside table - Urban Art Home, Miami, FL
Drapery fabric - Nobilis, Windows Couture, Inc., Coral Gables, FL

MASTER BATH

Wall tiling, frosted and clear glass doors, and shower enclosure - Custom designed by Pfuner Design, Inc., Miami, FL
Tiles - Sicis, Materials Marketing, Chicago, IL
Frosted and clear glass doors, and shower enclosure fabricated by Aboy Glass & Design, Miami, FL
Tub and television - Owners' Collection
Faucets and light fixtures - Dornbracht, Farrey's Wholesale Hardware Co., Inc., North Miami, FL
Sinks - Vitra, Farrey's Wholesale Hardware Co., Inc., North Miami, FL

THROUGHOUT

Developer - Fortune International Realty, Sunny Isles Beach, FL
Ceiling, millwork and molding, woodwork, cabinetry and flooring - Custom designed by Pfuner Design, Inc., Miami, FL
Contractor, fabrication of ceiling, millwork and molding, and flooring installation - IBC Construction, Inc., Aventura, FL
Cabinetry and wall panelling fabricated by Heritage Luxury Builders, Northfield, IL
Windows and doors - ITALdoors, Ginex, Inc., Miami, FL
Recessed and ambient lighting - Luxe Cable + Light, Miami, FL
Area rugs - ABC Carpet & Home, Delray Beach, FL **M**

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