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“When my clients approached me about designing their new Penthouse apartment in North Palm Beach, FL I was exhilarated as we had worked together many times before and developed a fabulous relationship,” says Berkowitz. “They had already toured the space and saw the standards set by the building, which is why and where I came into the picture”.

The husband and wife were hoping to achieve a unique look and had the opportunity to purchase this apartment in raw form. This allowed Berkowitz to have control of not only the interior design, but the completion of the floors, master bathroom, countertops, and some floorplan modifications as well. “The moment I saw the length of the main living area and its spectacular view of the ocean beyond, the concept of a cus-

tom three-sided bridge made from dashboard veneer was conceived with the sole purpose of framing it,” says this innovative designer. Within the same framework is a sectional by Thayer Coggin, 2 swivel chairs and the poised Cote D Azur chair from Christopher Guy.

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Upon entering the apartment from the private elevator, he was confronted with a series of long interior gallery spaces all leading out to the main living areas. The architecture posed a challenge as there was no natural light to work with. The decision was made to paper the coffered ceilings in a brilliant blue shade, suggesting a sky-like illusion by utilizing indirect lighting to gently illuminate the space below.

Tailored wallcovering by Eykon set the sophisticated yet casual backdrop for a stunning high gloss console table and gilded mirror by Christopher Guy. The boat-shaped glass sculpture is by Tomas Hlavicka. The large green glass and bronze Harlow pendants were procured from Gabriel Scott in New York. "I wanted to make a color statement with the lighting selection here", according to the designer. The last element he conceived for this space was to install a custom frosted glass door that would suggest natural light coming from the elevator entry.



"My clients fell in love with the sexy lines of the Dakota Jackson Chairs..."



In the dining room a wood and metal inlay table from Giorgio was used to anchor the seating area. "My clients fell in love with the sexy lines of the Dakota Jackson Chairs whose mirror finish was the perfect complement for the table".

It is always a decision as to how many chairs look best when the dining table is so large. To soften the look the designer had a low curved banquette made to minimize the chair count. The entire setting is cleverly backed up to a large wall mirror framed in the same dashboard veneer as the "living room bridge" and baseboards in the main living areas. This creative detail affords a view from the dining room of the ocean opposite, while at the same time mimicking an interior window. Also reflected is the Apollinaire fixture by Jonathan Browning Studios and a painting by Cat Tesla.

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The dining room is flanked by custom wood and a gold leaf oval walk around with the bar on one side (previous page) and the kitchen island on the other.

Adjacent to the bar and flanking, the other side of the dining room is the kitchen's custom island. After an extensive search for natural stone, Cristallo was selected as the counter material. "Its gentle variation of neutral tones and semi-transparent crystal was just the effect we were looking for," said the designer. "Although we chose not to backlight the material, it still has a glass-like quality".

The clients wanted a counter for bar stools as they entertain often and appreciate having their friends and family in the kitchen area, whether it's for morning coffee or afternoon cocktails. In order to achieve this, an art glass slab was commissioned from Reflective Collections in West Palm Beach and supported by aluminum standoffs. The soft blue leather swivel stools by Artistic Frame passed the quality and comfort test, as well as style with their partially upholstered leg and steel foot rail.



The focal point of the master bedroom is the Carree headboard by Christopher Guy with its interlocking upholstered sections and generous size. The designer flanked it on either side with low profile custom black lacquer night tables and crystal lamps.

Berkowitz is known for his use of textures and

varying materials. The walls are papered in a taupe woven fabric and are meant to play off the wool headboard. "We chose a very open bronze sheer by Rodolph to soften the edges of the windows without detracting from the view." Once again, the clients' trust allowed Berkowitz to paint the ceiling black.



Jewel tones were used in the drapery, upholstery, and bedding for one of the guestrooms. Orange lacquer night tables and blush glass lamps complete the inviting

look of this comfortable space. Berkowitz chose to keep the walls, bed, and rug subdued to create a sense of serenity.

“The outdoor space in this apartment is spectacular!”

The master bath afforded the designer the most freedom as it was a completely raw space. “I was handed a room with concrete floors and plumbing stubs in various locations. My clients and I worked very closely to layout a space that looked beautiful and still functioned as they needed” he says.

We created a frosted water closet and on the opposite side is a freestanding oval tub. The almost 12’ vanity has a large floating dual sink area with hidden supports to keep the look open and minimize the cabinetry.

Great lengths were taken for each side to have all the necessary storage and electrical hidden, as well as his and her recessed walls shelves for perfumes and colognes. A centrally located medicine cabinet hides the invisible TV.



Not only due to its large size and glass railings, but a stellar view of Lake Worth, Singer Island, and the ocean beyond. “We wanted to have a contemporary style on the terrace without sacrificing the feeling of classic comfort,” says Berkowitz. London Living Leather seating by Domus Ventures fit that dynamic perfectly with its neutral tone, soft leather upholstery, and an oatmeal woven resin body.

The designer chose a cozy face to face chair layout where guests can share ottomans thus not blocking the view with larger seating. He paired that with an aluminum tulip base stone table by West Coast Industries to allow for alfresco dining. To complete the setting, he chose blue tweed fabric pillows, stainless candle lanterns and a throw for breezy nights.

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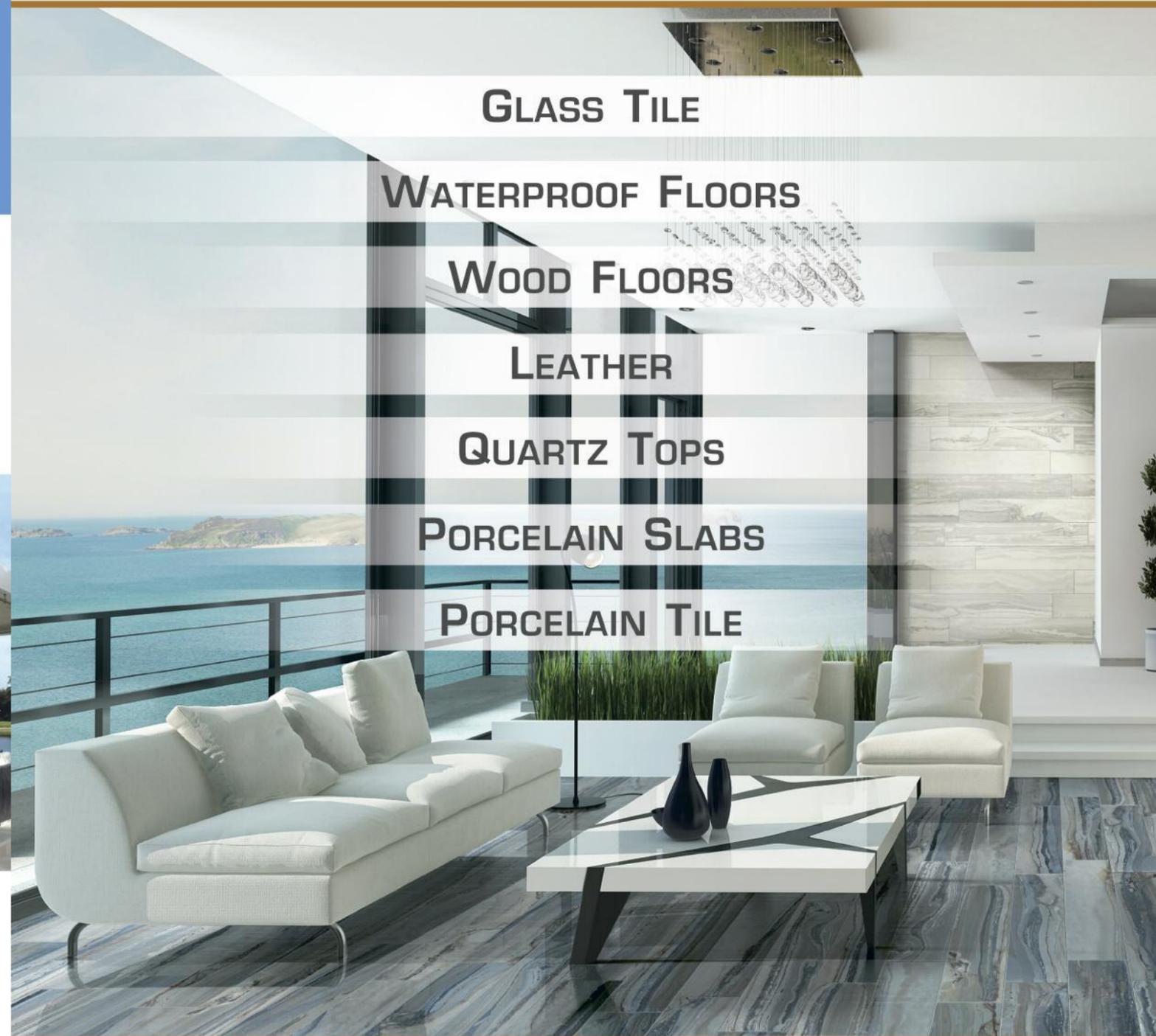
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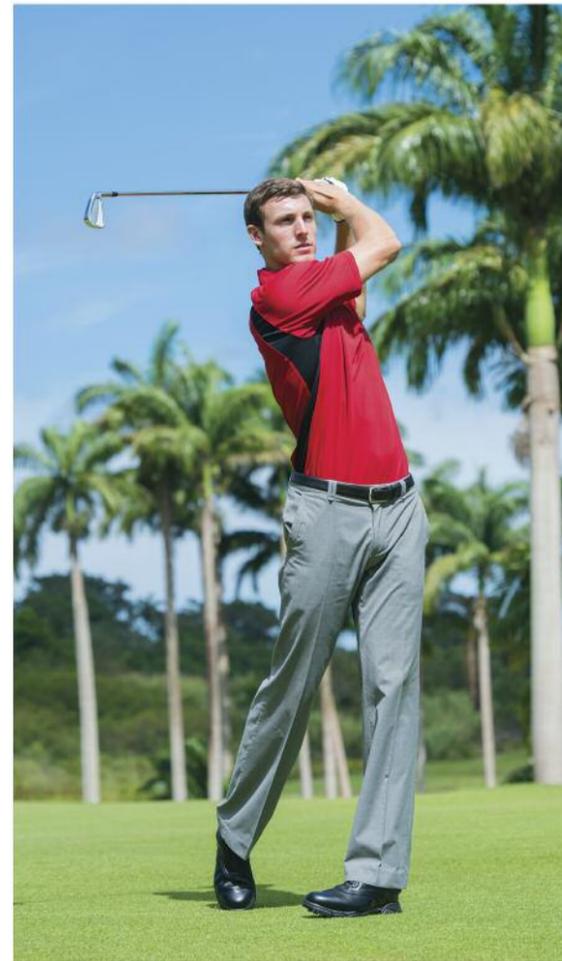
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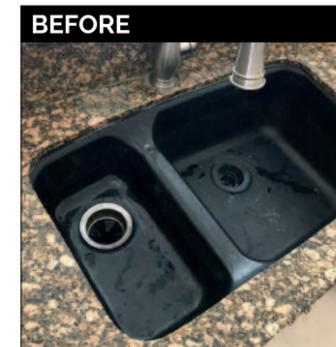
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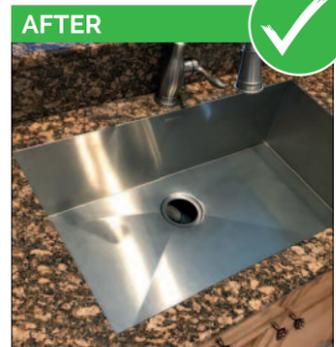
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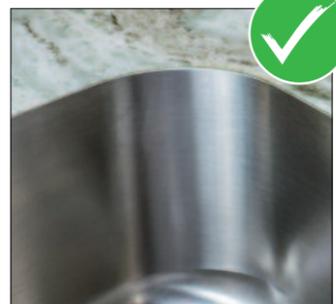
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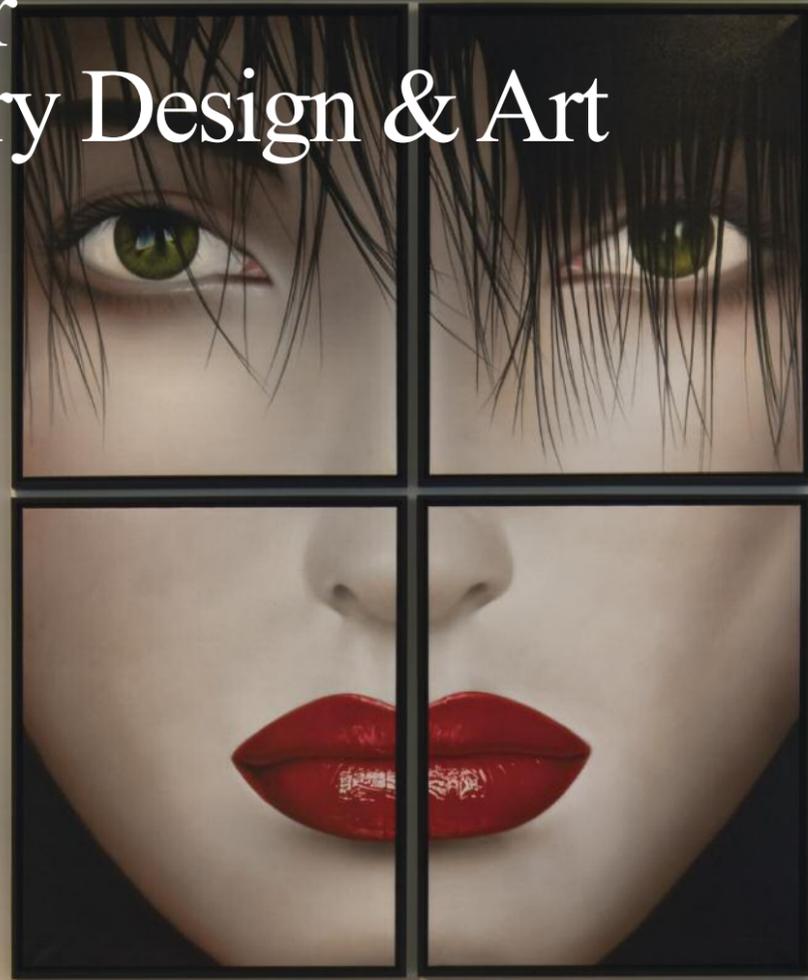
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The contemporary designs of Toby Zack and the owner's vibrant art connection created a posh spirit to the home in Royal Palm Beach County Club, Boca Raton, Florida. The couple hired Toby Zack Designs, long considered the best for contemporary design in South Florida to create a sophisticated interior, design the patio area and changes to the front entry to achieve this goal.

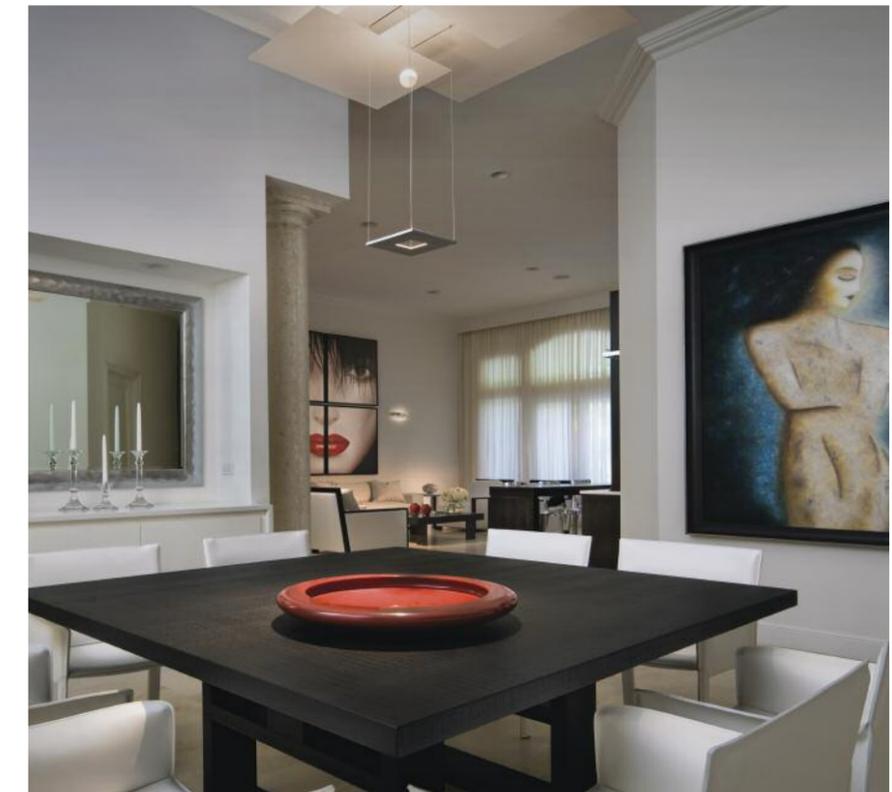
Zack, working with her design team of Carolina Velasquez and Jose Arango Toby selected and created pieces that resulted in a contemporary, one of a kind home much as she has done for years in Florida, Canada and South America.

The home was renovated from top to bottom starting with a new roof, impact glass windows, fresh landscaping, travertine tiles and a new summer kitchen for the patio.

The interior was treated by removing the faux fireplace, sanding and sealing the original travertine floors. Quartz replaced granite in the kitchen and the master bath was completely redone. The owner says she loves the house more than ever and is excited every time she walks in.

Toby designed a fabulous living room scene with a custom made A. Rudin white sofa and four wood framed chairs all covered in high quality Sunbrella fabric. The homeowner says "Everywhere you sit is extremely comfortable" I chose Sunbrella so we did not have to worry the dogs, grandchildren and even a red wine spill.

The art is featured prominently in this room and throughout the house. The oil canvas "Gigi" by artist Ngunjiri is a living room focal point for its size and vibrant colors. Other artwork includes a figurative sculpture by Lawrence Feir and a Pion Sigaretto glass sculpture purchased at Murano in Venice by the couple. The small table of ebonized Asti with bronze legs is by Antoine Provix from J. Batachelor.



The homeowner likes to entertain. Toby understood the design of this space was a priority. Toby chose a striking fixture to hang from the sixteen foot ceilings while sheer draperies softly filter daylight through the large window. In addition, she chose a square textured black oak dining table from Abitari which is offset with white Pellizzoni leather Chairs from the Toby Collection. The table can seat eight.

Publisher's retraction:

In our April issue (Issue 2, Vol 13, 2019), we featured an article about Alex Glass Designs. In the article, we showed a gorgeous digital printed glass panel, as shown below. However, we neglected to mention the person who was 100% responsible for this work of art, the well known interior designer, Perla Lichi, of Pompano Beach. We sincerely apologize for this omission.



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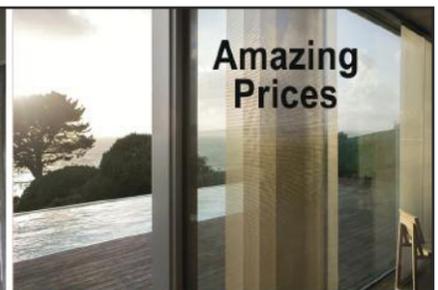
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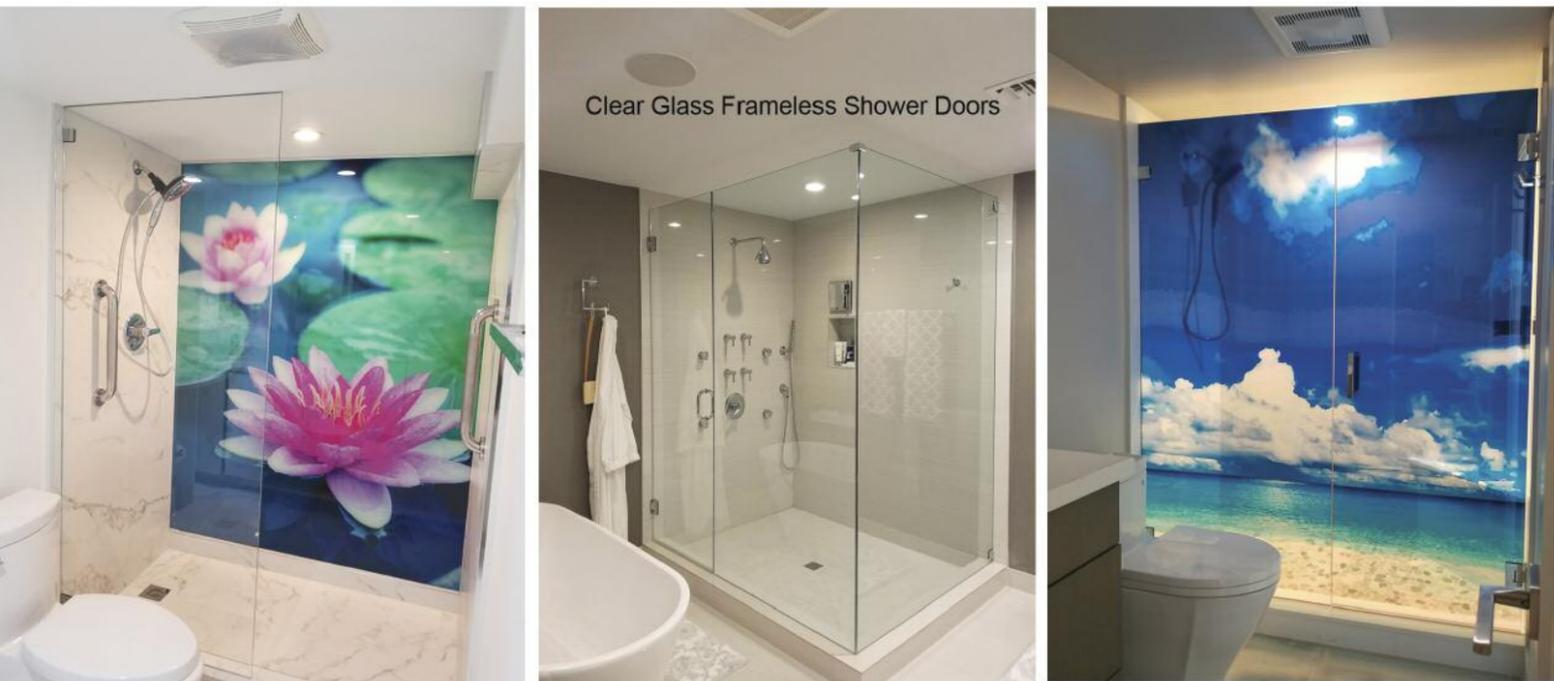
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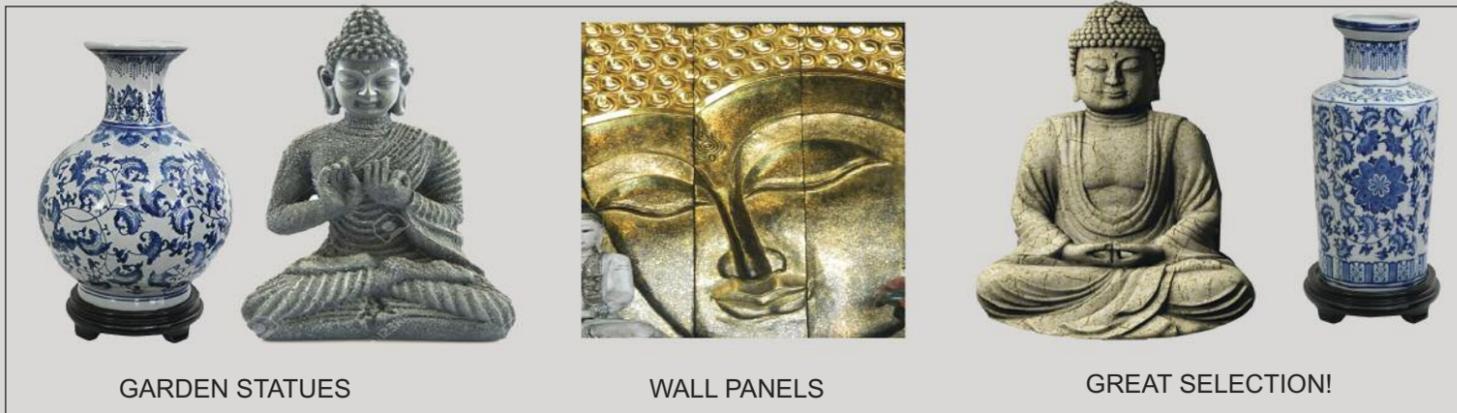
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