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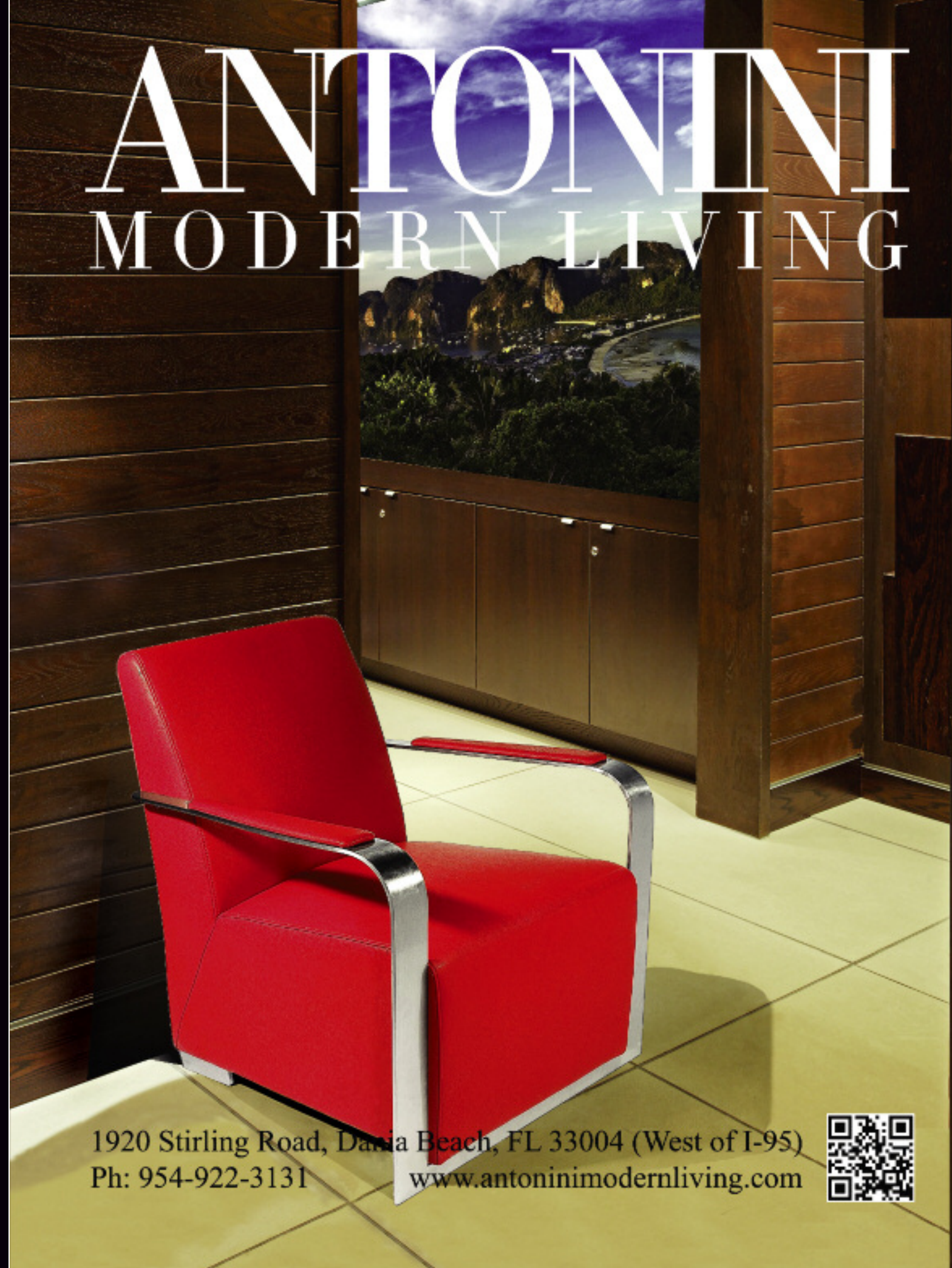
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Tucked away in Central Florida, is an impressive structure reminiscent of the client's native Pinecrest (Miami) area. The sweeping driveways, ample parking spaces and rolling foliage as one drives onto the property is the start of feeling the warmth of the special family living in this house. In the beginning of the planning process, the client told their designer, Sandi Samole, ASID, they would like a home that reflects their casual day to day lifestyle and at the same time would provide the ambience for large dinner parties.

After the planning phase of the project was completed, the con-

tractor Bevis Construction, set upon the task of building the house, which called for all the exterior walls to be fabricated out of poured concrete. These walls were fabricated in Okeechobee, FL. at Royal Walls, brought to the site and then tilted up into place. The coordination between the contractor, designer and other trades was paramount as the window and door openings had to be exactly planned as well as to provide appropriate means of installing electrical devices or anything else that needed to be put into these walls. The process was long, but well worth it when one sees how solid the house is. **CONTINUED ON NEXT PAGE**



Setting the tone for the house is the striking main entrance. The sweeping staircases on either side of the foyer provide elegant paths to the family living area upstairs. Early in the project, the client expressed the desire to have interesting, dramatic ceilings. In order to create a feeling of “wood” stained crown moldings on the ceiling, flex molding was primed, faux finished, installed and given a whisk of the brush to complete the “wood look”. The centerpiece of the foyer is the custom glass chandelier that is comprised of over 1600 pieces of glass individually hung on site by the designer and contractor.

As one walks further into the foyer, ahead is the breath taking view of the living room overlooking a professionally designed go-cart track and beyond that a lake. When designing the house, Samole clung to her beliefs that form must follow function. Everything should be a “useful” work of art. All the furnishings in the room are custom designed except for the client’s treasured Grandfather’s clock.

The design of the two-story fireplace went through many revisions as the building process proceeded. Starting as a more traditional looking fireplace, the look evolved into a sleeker custom design using Crema Nacar and Dark Emperor Marble topped with a Harlequin design and “wood” molding.

When the owner approached Sandi to meet a local furniture artist, she was skeptical but met with him. To her delight, he turned out to be extremely talented and brought her the initial design for the coffee table that has become the centerpiece of the living room. The original design, which Samole loved, was all wood and not quite in the proportion she wanted for the room. Working with this young artist, Andy Dilly, she found him receptive to changing size as well as adding glass as the top instead of it being all wood. The result was so pleasing, Andy was given the go ahead to create an end table next to the sofa. - continued on next page -

The dining room table top is the result of another collaboration between Samole and an artist, Wayne Gilbert. Together they worked on a design that was going to be two 6' long tables X 5.5' wide that were going to sit on individual pedestals next to each other, creating a 12' long surface. When this was presented to the client, he requested that the top was to be made as a single piece. This presented several challenges, not the least of which was getting the top transported and then lifted into the house. After seeking the help of the construction foreman Gary (Bevis Construction), a plan was devised for a forklift and additional manpower to "make this happen". The result is a glass top with a geometrical pattern that lines up with the solid wood, brass trimmed bases. To soften the lines in the room, two curved crystal light fixtures hung over the tables suspended from the custom soffit. This not only provided additional down lighting in the room, but ambient light around the perimeters.

From the dining room, one can get peak at a mural that sets the tone for the "European Coffee Bar". The concept of this area was to give a feeling of sitting inside a coffee house looking out to the streets.



The center of family gatherings is the family room. The room is flanked in the rear by the kitchen/breakfast room. One side is the Coffee Bar while the other side features large doors and windows leading to the breathtaking patio. In front is the fireplace/entertainment unit with a doorway that peaks into the grand foyer. The shapes of the doors and windows were used as a muse for the ceiling, which Samole created. The circle in the ceiling is asymmetrical and is surrounded by rectangles and other shapes. This ceiling provides layers of light for the room, giving both indirect lighting and direct lighting, depending on the activity going on at the time. The combination of brown brick and tan brown granite pulled together the leather sofa, chocolate-brown cabinetry, and ultrasuede storage ottomans. The brown brick tones were then used as the "wall mattes" for the artwork in the room.

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The three main areas for specific entertaining in the house are the wine cellar, the game room and the movie theatre. Each one was carefully discussed with the owner. As a matter of fact, when designing the wine cellar, Samole and the project foreman visited some of the client's favorite "public" wine cellars. The result is a unique tasting area that combines a coiffured coral stone ceiling with slate and leather walls, along with a custom-designed tasting area. This area houses a refrigerator for cheeses as well as a sink and dishwasher. Once again for the centerpiece of the room, the designer collaborated with the new design discovery, Andy, for the unique table and chairs in the center of the room. The light fixture over the table not only provides light, but also has hanging glass grapes to complete the theme of the area.



The wine storage area was extremely important to the client. After looking around for the right company to complete the task, Wine Cellar Innovations was consulted early on in the project. Since building a wine cellar is more than just providing space for bottles a client presently has or wants in the future, they advised the client on the proper chilling system to use, the insulation needed, and many other construction details to be sure the storage room would be done properly. The end result for the client is a "Wine Cellar" for tasting and storage that not only met the client's expectations, but exceeded them.

The breakfast room table combines wood and granite for the top of the table. The square top easily fits the family and some friends for casual dining. The circular granite insert in the top continues the designer's play on shapes while forming the functional part of the room by providing a surface to be served on without completely covering it. The base is an original design combining wood and metal.

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Just off the wine cellar and game room is the movie theatre. The theater has ample seating for 14, with room for a refreshment area and space in front for any shows the youngsters in the family may want to put on. The comfortable power recliners provide the seating in the first two rows, while the back of the theatre boasts a custom sofa. This room features a fully integrated audio-visual-lighting system. With the push of a button, the lights dim while the sound comes up. As the movie is starting, one gets the full effect of the front, rear, back and side speakers. The surround sound system provides a true “theatre experience”. The upholstered panels used on the walls not only to add to the ambience but enhance the sound in the room.

The owners wanted to make sure that their guests could move easily from playing poker to shooting pool to watching a good movie. In both areas there are refrigerators to provide refreshments as well as what is called the “Summer kitchen” off the pool table area, which boasts a large double BBQ with a searing station, dishwasher, oven, and a beverage center to provide refreshments from a single drink to a full meal without leaving the “gaming/entertainment area of the house.

The game room was designed to reflect a “English Men’s Club”. With the Crema Nocar from the main area of the house flows into perimeter of the room providing a contrast to the Brazilian Cherry floor with custom-designed ceiling. The walls were glazed a deep rich green to play off the pool table’s color. Behind the pool table one can see into the poker room adorned by a wood and leather table with matching chairs.



This house is a “smart house” with a combination of Central Lite and Crestron controls to operate the lighting, audio-visual system and air conditioning. The master “Suite” provides the area in the house where this is best demonstrated. One can control not only specific “scenes” in the master bathroom and bedroom, but throughout the entire house. From the good-morning button that quietly opens the drapes and turns on dimmed lights, to the good- night button that closes the drapes, dims the lights and turns on the fireplace, this room typifies how the system is used throughout the house. - continued on next page -





The master retreat provides the owner with a space not only to sleep, but to sit and relax and enjoy the view. The master bathroom has a unique "TV" in a mirror, as well as a soaking tub in the center of the room. This design allows for watching TV while enjoying the ambience of the tub. Samole designed the bathroom cabinets to be the perfect blend of utility and aesthetics. The columns sit on "pedestals" that open to provide storage, while the onyx countertops and undermount glass sinks are lit from underneath to provide an elegant feel in the room. The layers of the light in the room provide multiple options for ambience as well as proper lighting for hair and make up .

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Renovating a 1970's Boca Raton condo is no easy feat, especially when you have the typical low ceilings, boxy rooms and virtually no architectural details. Palm Beach interior designer, Joseph Pubillones recalls entering a partially gutted space and being in awe of the view. In his usual shoot-from-the-hips manner he told the owners "the horizontal windows and close proximity to the ocean reminds me of being on a 1950's ocean liner". The owners, a couple of retired snowbirds, an accountant and an educator, agreed with the description. As a matter of fact, they liked the comparison so much; they turned around and said "Joseph, let that be your point of departure for the design".

Pubillones originally trained as an architect, followed through the maritime theme subtly, but chose to make emphasis on the architecture and the view. To this end, Pubillones suggested introducing architectural paneling inspired by the work of Louise Nevelson. This helped give the condominium much needed architecture, and kept the need for art to a minimum. The furnishings selected are all simple geometric shapes, upholstered in neutral tones allowing the ocean view to shine.

The renovation encompassed the demolition of a string of small rooms, removing as many walls as possible, ultimately turning an enclosed kitchen into a kitchen open to the dining area and living room, perfect for cooking and entertaining simultaneously. To further create an open floor plan, Pubillones also repurposed and opened a third bedroom as a den open to the living room, which can be closed by a pair of pocketing glass doors.

The project left behind all the restrictions of the 1970's and emerged refreshed and au courant. The homeowners feel Pubillones' design vision was a success. They love that although the design makes a statement, it is still understated and elegant. Their one regret is that going on vacation is never as exciting anymore as staying at home...then again they always feel they are cruising the high seas.



The dining table was placed at an angle in the space taking advantage of the views and breaking away from expected formality and geometry of the former dining room. A custom alabaster lighting fixture lightly floats above the table.

The entry hall is punctuated by a colorful work of art of the owner's collection. A small vintage black lacquered console by Baker and contemporary mirror complete the décor."

In the main seating room (right page), the geometric forms in the art are echoed in the architec-

tural paneling, which has endearingly been named "Louise" by the owners.

A soft sisal area rug anchors the main seating area. An Art Deco coffee table acts as a center to the room. The room is accented with bursts of red in the pillows and accessories.



The den is anchored by an Art deco partner's desk. The walls are covered in atobacco colored woven natural fiber wall coverings, and highlighted by built-in contrasting white bookcases. A bright orange sleeper sofa adds a punch of color that is echoed in the works of art. The elements bring warmth and play up the tones of the desk and the contrasting white bookcases.





Soothing cream and chartreuse are the main colors in the Master Bedroom. An upholstered linen headboard blends in to the textured fabric wall covering on the walls. Chartreuse glass and Lucite lamps top off vintage nightstands and dresser. A comfortable chair and ottoman paired with a floor lamp create a cozy corner for reading a good book.

The powder room walls were faux finished in a powder blue to resemble being up in sky on a cloud. The custom designed vanity floats above the floor. A clear vessel sink was selected to further the illusion of lightness.



Twin beds are ready for the grandkids in the guest bedroom. The orange and yellow scheme is a whimsical take on the colors of the sun. The Jetsons-like wall mounted lamp highlights the collection of multi-colored Murano parrots atop of the mirrored chest for a

touch of glam meets the tropics. The overall concept of this project demonstrated that the "less is more" design philosophy holds true. In this condominium, Pubillones' vision was to be focused and show restraint, where others might have truly gone overboard.



SOURCES

Entry Hall

Vintage Baker Console – Decorations of Palm Beach, FL
 Framed Mirror – Pottery Barn, West Palm Beach, FL
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Living Room

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 Art Deco Coffee Table – Motif Design
 Architectural Wall Panels – B&N Industries, Burlingame, CA
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 Solar Shades-Drapery Castle-Boynton Beach, FL
 Area Rug – Soft Sisal – Blackstone Carpet, Dallas, Texas
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Dining Room

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Master Bedroom

King Upholstered Bed –Joseph Pubillones Interiors, Palm Beach, FL
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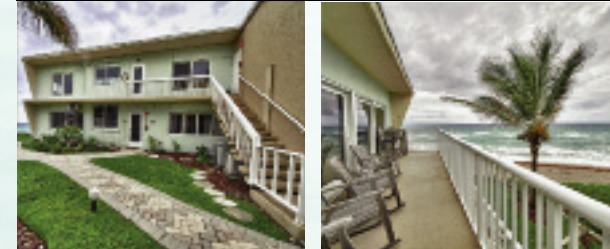
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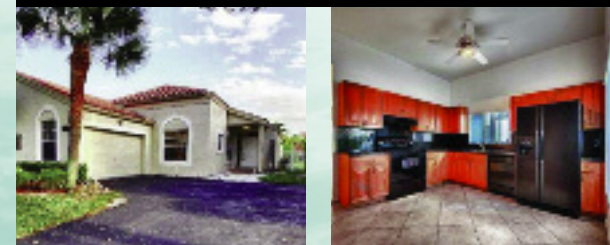


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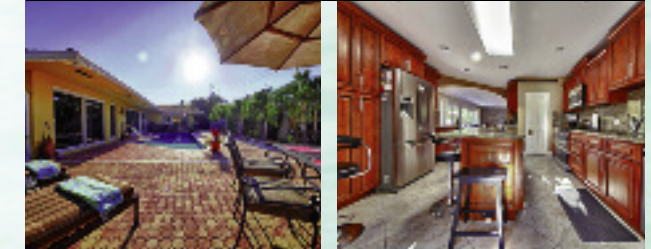
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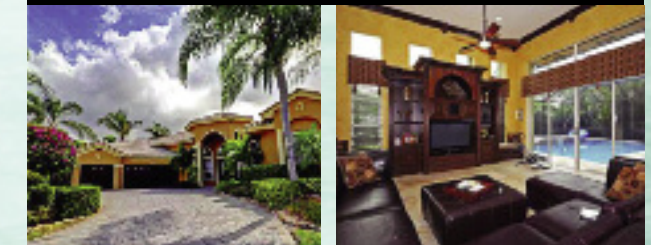
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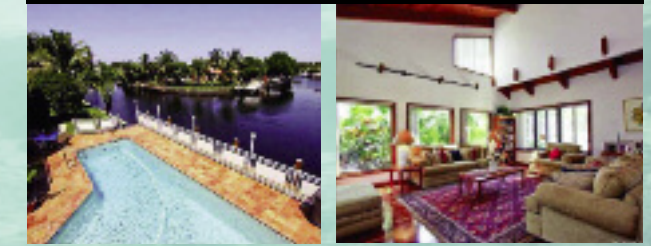
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The trend of using wood flooring has caught up the momentum. People find them more attractive and reasonable in costs. Their ease of maintenance is also one reason to make them so popular. They can be used to give any kind of appearance to your room. Your office can be made to look more professional by using wood on floors. They can also give you a cosy and warm feeling.

When you decide to use these floors, you have various options to choose from. But select them according to your requirements. For example engineered floors serve as best option for your rooms where high traffic is expected. But if you want the flooring design to create according to your choice of pattern, then you should opt for solid flooring.

You can also select the style of designing for wood flooring from parquet flooring, strip flooring and plank flooring. In Parquet designs, geometrical patterns are created by combining the wood flooring pieces which makes them perfect for your living rooms. Strip flooring is a kind of linear flooring done in different sizes to give the illusion of large space. And in Plank flooring is done with planks of woods having greater width than strips.

Whatever style or type you choose for your flooring, always keep some points in your mind for the maintenance. Do not let the water stand for long time on these floors and do not wash them. They should be cleaned using vacuum cleaners or special products which are manufactured for wood cleaning. Keep the foot mats and rugs in the high traffic area, so that dirt is wiped off at the entrance.

Whatever wood flooring you decide, make the selection wisely. It would be advisable to consult an expert before making any selection. He can help you by giving you the needed information about the flooring, what all aspect you need to consider before getting the flooring done, what type of flooring would be suitable to your place and pocket. There are many great wood flooring stores in the South Florida area such as Enduracolor and Vintage Floors & Interiors, both located in Dania.

Consider all the important things about the wood floors and then get your floors designed with style. Use of wood has always been advised for building homes as they can be recycled. They are safe for the environment too. But their use can make your place look classy, exquisite, exotic, contemporary, stylish, whatever way you want. So get your home redesigned with these floors and let your visitors get amazed.



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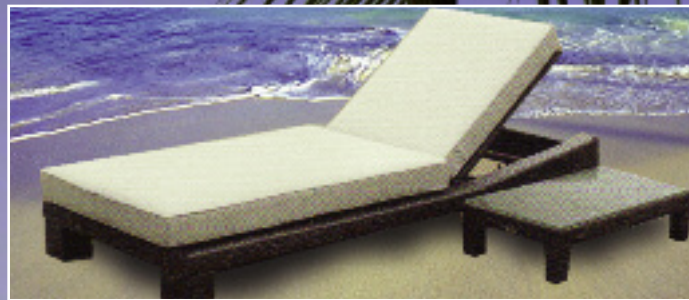
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