

Created to draw attention, a large mahogany front door with a stainless steel handle comes into view when pulling up to the long drive. Lush landscaping and tall trees surround the property.

AS SEEN IN  
FLORIDA DESIGN



## LIVING A RESORT-STYLE LIFE

Tasked With Turning A Large Contemporary Dwelling Into A Luxurious Home With Warm Touches, One Designer's Use Of Curved Lines And Lighting Helps Achieve Her Goal

INTERIOR DESIGN Danielle DePerro with Leigh Serling, D. DePerro Design, Inc., Boca Raton, FL  
ARCHITECTURE Robert Tuthill, Tuthill Architecture, Fort Lauderdale, FL  
BUILDER Bill Bentz, W.A. Bentz Construction, Inc., Fort Lauderdale, FL  
TEXT Deborah S. Hartz-Seeley | PHOTOGRAPHY Carmel and Robert Brantley, Delray Beach, FL

WHEN AN INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS OWNER WITH A YOUNG family decided to build his own personal "resort" in Fort Lauderdale, Fla., he desired the same level of luxury and quality that he was accustomed to from the five-star hotels he frequented in his business travels all over the world. In fact, during the creation of this 10,000-square-foot waterfront vacation retreat, he regularly sent his interior designer, Danielle DePerro, photographs of furniture details and finishes he'd seen used in private jets and top-tier hotels. "The photographs helped me understand the crème de la crème of style and accommodation," DePerro says. "We are talking about places in Dubai, Paris and all over Europe — always five-star gorgeous resorts." The designer welcomed the challenge to make his home feel like that too.



In the living room, lighting is cached behind semi-precious, exotic agate slabs on the fireplace. Above the bar area the drums of custom leather-wrapped chandeliers, designed by D. DePerro Design, are lined with LED lighting.

AS SEEN IN  
FLORIDA DESIGN

From the entry, the dramatic spiraling stairway comes into view. Wrapped in luxury with walnut treads, mosaic tile risers and a bent starphire glass railing with walnut caps, it hints at the luxury that awaits inside.



The homeowner had initially seen DePerro's work featured on the cover of *Florida Design* and contacted her firm to create his home. It was a good move to introduce the design team early into the project when the architect had a set of working plans but was still open to fresh ideas. With this in mind, the designer set about fulfilling the owners' request for clean lines and luxurious details but also the family's need for comfort and functionality. The grandeur is evident from the moment the long drive comes into view. "Since the house itself isn't visible from the street, we wanted the experience of arriving to feel mysterious," DePerro says.



In the dining room, a blown-glass sculpture from Orfeo Quagliata in Mexico lends a curvaceous feel in the center of the dining table. Overhead, a custom tiered chandelier from Wired Lighting casts a soft glow.

Upon entering through a large mahogany front door, the home's splendor is evident from its dramatic, three-story custom stairway designed by DePerro and constructed by builder Bill Bentz. "The stairway was designed with special steel and high-strength concrete to form the thinnest profile possible," Bentz says. "To illuminate the treads and risers, an LED strip was effectively concealed," he says.

Just steps inside, the formal living room's 25-foot-high ceiling towers overhead, and grand floor-to-ceiling windows reveal the Intracoastal Waterway in the back and a canal on the side. But as

stunning as it is, the size of the room created a challenge for DePerro. "The room was just a huge box that needed to be scaled down to make it feel more inviting," she says. To help bring the room into proportion and create warmth, she selected a color palette of rich warm tones. A Planum leather sofa and armchairs by Giorgio flank a towering fireplace wall comprised of semi-precious exotic agate slabs. LED lighting from the fireplace reflects in oversized, polished porcelain flooring. The bar, originally designed to mimic the shape of

Adrianna Hoyos' daybed in the family room is grounded in comfort by a geometric wool area rug. Above the sofa, *Turquoise Default Series*, a pigment print by artist Paul-Emile Rioux, brings a touch of the ocean's blue hues inside.

AS SEEN IN  
FLORIDA DESIGN



the room, was reshaped in a curved design. Airnova barstools from Casa Italia pull up casually to the bar and are positioned to take advantage of stunning water views.

When compared to the rest of the home, the dining room is a more intimate space designed with a table in a circular shape to encourage conversation. Armchairs upholstered in a luxurious, patterned velour are clustered around the table. A focal point of the home is the 18-square-foot wine room. The 350-bottle space can be

accessed from either the dining room or the kitchen, making it convenient when entertaining friends and family.

The family room is a comfortable area arranged with a leather sectional from Bracci, armchairs custom-designed by DePerro and a tufted daybed from Adriana Hoyos. The leather-wrapped cocktail table is created with rounded corners. "We were more conscious of sharp corners in areas where the owners' young children



The master bedroom features a zebrawood ceiling panel above the bed and walnut side panels that frame a custom leather headboard. "These touches help warm up this large space with proportion and scale," interior designer Danielle DePerro says.

might play," the designer says. The floating walnut soffit above had to be designed and planned far in advance so that supports could be placed during initial construction. Here too, DePerro added an elegant touch with LED lighting around the inside and outside of the woodwork. "We really pushed the envelope with our use of lighting in the home," she says. Beyond, kitchen cabinetry from Poggenpohl lends a striking impression in dark wood with clean lines.

Upstairs, the nearly 700-square-foot master bedroom is modeled after an opulent hotel suite. A bed with a paneled headboard upholstered in leather

and framed in walnut wood rests above an area rug in a geometric pattern from Mastour Galleries. Rich walnut flooring flows throughout the room. The owner experienced this flooring first hand at the Baccarat Hotel in New York and wanted it in his home. "He just liked the look and feel of it," DePerro says. A sophisticated sitting area, with swivel chairs and a deep lounging sofa from Directional of Thomasville, creates a relaxing space to read or just gaze out at the water.

In the luxurious pool area, LED lighting changes color reflecting on the balcony railings and in the shimmering pool. "The lights go through all the colors of the



AS SEEN IN  
**FLORIDA DESIGN**

Sleekly-styled water chaises from Ledge Loungers soak languidly inside the pool, while a large striped tanning bed that juts into the water adds luxury and comfort.

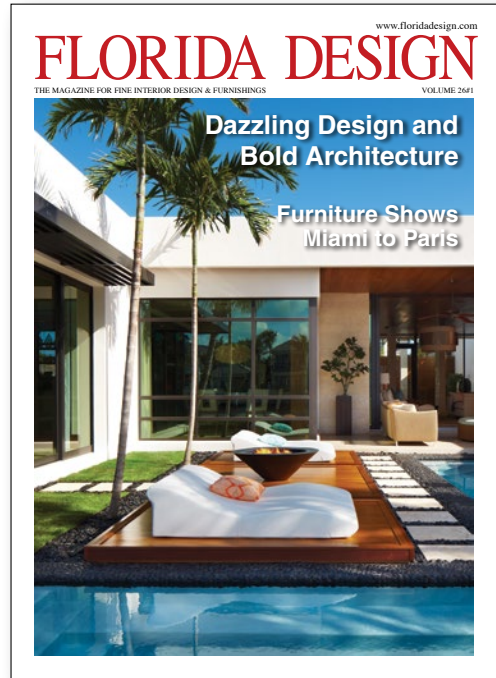
Taking advantage of the milder Florida weather, the family gathers around EcoSmart's firepit under the stars, while lounging on sofas from Andrew Richard Designs cushioned in a Link Outdoor striped fabric.

rainbow to provide changing art," the designer says. A firepit and an invisible-edge spa dressed in blue macauba granite add to the resort-style experience, along with a large striped tanning bed that extends out into the pool.

In keeping with her client's directives for quality, comfort and functionality, DePerro created a timeless home on a grand scale that could rival a five-star contemporary resort. But at the end of the day, for this client and his family ... it's just a place they call home.

**SUBSCRIBE NOW!**

**SAVE 50%\***  
OFF THE COVER PRICE



1 Year \$19.99  
(4 issues)

2 Years \$27.99  
(8 issues)

**BEST BUY**  
**Save 50%**

**1-800-523-3327**  
or for faster service go to  
**www.floridadesign.com**

Save 50% off the cover price on a 2-year subscription. Outside U.S.A. (Canada, all foreign countries) add \$29.99 per year. Payable only in U.S. funds drawn on a U.S. bank. Payment must accompany all foreign orders. Please allow 6-8 weeks for delivery of your first issue.  
\*For U.S. subscriptions only. Photography by Carmel & Robert Brantley, Delray Beach, FL

**SOURCES**

Living Room/Bar Area

Sofa and sofa table - Planum, Frazer, PA  
Armchairs - Designs by Giorgio, New York, NY  
Cocktail table - Hurtado, High Point, NC  
Fireplace and chandeliers - Custom designed by D. DePerro Design, Inc., Boca Raton, FL  
Stone - Marble of the World, Pompano Beach, FL  
Fabricated by CJ Marble & Tile, Pompano Beach, FL  
Cabinetry - Architectural Caseworks, Pompano Beach, FL  
Stainless steel fireplace trim - First Impressions, Deerfield Beach, FL  
Bar - Designs by Innovative, Boca Raton, FL  
Barstools - Constantini Pietro, High Point, NC  
Barware - Ralph Lauren Home, New York, NY  
Floral arrangement - Emilio Robba, Miami, FL  
Chandeliers fabricated by GMB Lighting & Trading, Pompano Beach, FL  
Drapery fabric - Romo, Chagrin Falls, OH  
Area rug - Mastour Galleries, New York, NY

Entry

Stairway railing - Gladman Stairs & Rail Designs, Cadiz, OH  
Tile step risers - CJ Marble & Tile, Pompano Beach, FL  
Planter - EurDecor, Whitehouse Station, NJ  
Sculpture - Mila Brown International, Miami, FL  
Front door hardware - First Impressions, Deerfield Beach, FL

Dining Room

Table - Hurtado, High Point, NC  
Chairs - Planum, Frazer, PA  
Centerpiece sculpture - Orfeo Quagliata, Naucalpan, Mexico  
Screen and wine room - Architectural Casework, Pompano Beach, FL  
Chandelier - Wired Custom Lighting, DCOTA, Dania Beach, FL  
Drapery fabric - Romo, Chagrin Falls, OH

Family Room

Sectional - Bracci, High Point, NC  
All accent pillow fabrics - V Rugs & Home, Miami, FL  
Armchairs and cocktail table - Custom designed by D. DePerro Design, Inc., Boca Raton, FL  
Armchairs fabricated by Directional, Thomasville, NC  
Cocktail table fabricated by Lee Parker, Inc., Deerfield Beach, FL  
Bench - Adriana Hoyos, Miami, FL  
Wood accent tables - Hurtado, High Point, NC  
Resin accent tables - Phillips Collection, High Point, NC  
Drapery fabric - Pindler, Moorpark, CA

...continued on page 202

...continued from page 200

Floral arrangement and planter - Emilio Robba, Miami, FL  
Table lamps - Visual Comfort & Co., Houston, TX  
Chandelier - Wired Custom Lighting, DCOTA, Dania Beach, FL  
Artwork - Las Olas Fine Arts, Fort Lauderdale, FL  
Area rug - Mastour Galleries, New York, NY

Kitchen/Breakfast Area

Cabinetry - Poggenpohl, Design by Innovative, Boca Raton, FL  
Island countertop - Marble of the World, Fort Lauderdale, FL  
Fabricated by CJ Marble & Tile, Pompano Beach, FL  
Barstools - Airnova, Casa Italia, Miramar Design Center, Estero, FL  
Chandelier - Wired Custom Lighting, DCOTA, Dania Beach, FL

Master Bedroom

Headboard - Custom designed by D. DePerro Design, Inc., Boca Raton, FL  
Upholstery - Lee Parker, Inc., Deerfield Beach, FL  
Paneling and ceiling - Architectural Casework, Pompano Beach, FL  
Linens and bedding - Matouk, New York, NY

Accent pillow fabrics - V Rugs & Home, Miami, FL  
Bedside tables - Adriana Hoyos, Miami, FL  
Lamps - Visual Comfort & Co., Houston, TX  
Armchairs - Planum, Frazer, PA  
Sofa - Directional, Thomasville, NC  
Small accent table and cocktail table - Interlude Home, Inc., Trumbull, CT  
Floral arrangement - Emilio Robba, Miami, FL  
Sculpture on cocktail table - John-Richard, Greenwood, MS  
Tree in corner - Forever Green Art, Bentonville, AR  
Drapery fabric - Robert Allen Fabrics, Foxboro, MA  
Area rug - Mastour Galleries, New York, NY  
Rear Exterior  
Pool and spa - Poolscares, Inc., Deerfield Beach, FL  
Pool loungers - Ledge Lounger LLC, Webster, TX  
Chaise lounges, sofas and cocktail table - Andrew Richard Designs, Toronto, Ontario, Canada  
Striped sunbed - Lee Parker, Inc., Deerfield Beach, FL  
Exterior fabric - Link Outdoor, Jeffery Michaels, DCOTA, Dania Beach, FL  
Armchairs - Pride Family Brands, Hollywood, FL  
Firepit - EcoSmart, Brown Jordan, Irvine, CA  
Floral arrangements - Dias Brothers Garden Services, Boynton Beach, FL  
Throughout  
Porcelain flooring - Cavastone, Boca Raton, FL  
Tile flooring and quartz slab installation - CJ Marble & Tile, Pompano Beach, FL  
Motorized window shades - Shading Source, Boynton Beach, FL  
Decorative draperies - Drapery Castle, Boynton Beach, FL  
Recessed lighting and Crestron system - Frank Barrett Electric, Fort Lauderdale, FL  
Wood flooring - Designer Floors, Delray Beach, FL  
Upholstered walls - Lee Parker, Inc., Deerfield Beach, FL

**SUBSCRIBE NOW!**

**SAVE 50%\***  
OFF THE COVER PRICE



1 Year \$19.99 (4 issues)

2 Years \$27.99 (8 issues)

**BEST BUY - SAVE 50%**

**1-800-523-3327**

or for faster service go to  
**www.floridadesign.com**

Save 50% off the cover price on a 2-year subscription. OUTSIDE U.S.A. (Canada, all foreign countries) add \$29.99 per year. Payable only in U.S. funds drawn on a U.S. bank. Payment must accompany all foreign orders. Please allow 6-8 weeks for delivery of your first issue. For U.S. subscriptions only. Photography by Kim Sargent, Palm Beach Gardens, FL