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AFFINITI ARCHITECTS

professionals begin the process together, ensuring the total integration and continuity of all elements, striving for a superior level of design regardless of architectural style. Architectural diversity is the driving force of their philosophy. Exploring each style for scale, detail, massing and combining those elements with an enhanced concept for the site is something about which the team at Affiniti is truly passionate.

Working throughout the United States, the Caribbean, Central America and the Middle East, the firm is eager to use its expertise to face the challenges unique to each region. The firm views these challenges as a chance

AS THE NAME AFFINITI IMPLIES, the Boca Raton-based architectural firm focuses on people working together toward a common goal: exceptional homes that enhance their clients' lifestyles and quality of life. Mitch Kunik, AIA, established Affiniti in 1993 when he recognized a lack of expertise in residential architecture. Three partners followed — Ronald Rickert II, AIA, Brian J. Collins, AIA, and Benjamin Schreier, AIA — and the four architects have collaborated for many years. Affiniti is intentionally an intimately sized company, and partners are involved on every project. One takes the lead yet the input from other partners becomes invaluable; in an open studio environment, that happens naturally.

The architects of Affiniti prefer not to compartmentalize their process, and that extends to the talented specialists with whom they join forces: interior designers, landscape architects and builders. Affiniti and these



to learn and provide the foreign region with a fresh perspective. Luxury home clients gain advantages from efficiencies culled from large development-type residential communities. International projects present new technologies, ideas and details that often translate stateside. This cross-pollination approach creates richness, diversity and inventive ideas.

At home and abroad, the firm has practiced sustainable design since before it became vogue. When working in isolated tropical environments, where electricity is not always accessible, sustainability became a necessity. Affiniti is responsible for one of the first LEED gold-certified homes in Florida. Going green can be as simple as returning to the fundamentals of great architecture: designing for the right orientation, catching prevailing breezes and selecting appropriate materials. Affiniti knowledgeably guides clients who want to reduce their energy footprint and those who have the ability to reach LEED accreditation.

Affiniti has produced some of the most extraordinary homes in South Florida, across the United States and throughout the world. It is the architect's prerogative to understand clients' wishes well enough to take the design where it needs to go in order to uplift those who will inhabit it. Idea exchange is vital. In the end, the house may look completely different than its muse. That evolution is the point of the creative process: to arrive at a home a bit unexpected yet perfect in every way for its dwellers.