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REDEFINED CLASSIC

A Collaborative Effort Poses Symmetry, Scale And Proportion Along With A Relaxed Beach Vibe For An Oceanfront Home In Delray Beach

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The home's elegant exterior displays elements of classical Georgian style, with extra-wide doors providing modern transparency. Lush, resort-style landscaping and tall coconut palms borrow from the classic Palm Beach look, while the lap pool and adjacent spa, both clad in cobalt blue glass tiles, lead to a cabana area.

IN THE DESIGN WORLD, an attempt at reinterpreting the classics is often akin to trying to improve upon nature; in worst case, impossible, at best, challenging. One oceanfront estate in Delray Beach, Fla., however, breaks the mold, exceeding all expectations for delivering a fresh interpretation of classical Georgian style that speaks to beachside living. And though builder Mark Timothy Pulte, architect Benjamin Schreier and interior designer Jeffrey Strasser completed this project as a showcase home, the owners still felt as if it had been designed specifically with them in mind.

At 11,185 square feet, the spacious home offered everything the family of five desired in a luxury beachfront residence. Panoramic views are available from all main living areas and an expansive landscaped area between the house and ocean gives the sense of a classic backyard. "Mark understands how to take advantage of the

RIGHT: Hardwood flooring in the living room complements the classically detailed design of the space, which features creamy beige crown molding. Asmara's botanical-print area rug echoes the hues of the Gaston y Daniela fabric found on the Kravet armchairs and helps pull the tones of the room together.





critical space between the house and the waterfront, which goes a long way in creating a good relationship between structure and site," says Schreier, who eschewed the classic brick facade that typically denotes Georgian style and, instead, utilized a more appropriate stucco block exterior with classic proportions and detailing.

Inside, a subdued traditional theme takes its cues from the home's classic architectural bones with an entry that counters refined with relaxed. A dramatic, sweeping stairway leads the eye upward from the foyer's glossy beige and white marble flooring, yet the view culminates

ABOVE: The sculptural lines of the foyer's sweeping stairway curve to frame the oceanfront view and establish a dramatic first impression. Polished flooring in beige and white pinstriped marble creates a formal palette in reference to the home's classical detailing.

RIGHT: Gilt-finished pieces in the dining room, including a crystal chandelier and a pair of candle sconces from Currey & Company, provide a classic note against the backdrop of upholstered wall panels in a silky periwinkle and camel-toned damask.





IN THE MASTER BEDROOM,
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at a coffered beamed ceiling with the coloration and texture of washed driftwood. "We were striving for a look that was at once timeless and fresh, something subtle yet dramatic with a relaxed, beachy feel," Strasser says.

In the living room, 20-foot-long pocket sliders disappear to establish a connection between indoors and out. Tall, 14-foot-high ceilings lend a feel of generous dimension, while meticulous architectural detailing helps preserve a sense of intimacy. A modified tray ceiling delineates the grouping, an eclectic combination of furnishings in shades of blue combined with creamy beige, green and warm wood tones.

Architectural detailing plays a key role in defining the formal dining room with recessed, upholstery-paneled walls and intricate moldings painted

ABOVE: Luxury abounds in the generous-sized master bath, where paneled walls are painted in a creamy beige glaze and a chandelier from Judith Norman elegantly displays over a single soaking tub from Everglades Design Center.



ABOVE: Shellstone tile flooring with marble inlays provide a practical yet elegant backdrop for relaxed entertaining on the covered loggia, where frond-like fans from Capitol Lighting, placed against the cypress-planked ceiling, echo the tall coconut palms that frame the pool.

in pale cream. Here, a Regency-style table pairs with chairs that feature a painted finish and seats clad in a striped, silk and cotton blend.

Upstairs, the palatial master bath takes its cues from the golden onyx and white marble flooring, done in a medallion effect under the room's focal-point center rotunda with domed ceiling. Sheer draperies in pale gold silk and an ornate, crystal and iron chandelier complete the opulent theme.

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Strasser's butter and cream palette prevails in the master bedroom, articulated in varying tones chosen to complement the signature yellow and beige plaid featured throughout the space. The room's classical elegance is defined by a molded ceiling inset with hand-painted motifs and two gilt and crystal chandeliers. Schreier explains that the change in ceiling proportions above the sitting area "makes the space more cozy."

Outside, the well-appointed covered loggia was designed as an extension of the interiors and is accordingly outfitted with furniture of a more formal feel. "We thought of this space as an outdoor living room," Strasser says. "While the furnishings feature fabrics that withstand the elements, we also utilized colorations and textures that reference the interior theme." Located adjacent to the pool and cabana, the space amply accommodates two side-by-side arrangements: one features an oatmeal-toned sofa facing two deep-seated lounge chairs in a blue and beige stripe; the other composed of four chairs upholstered in a floral motif. The result is a timeless home that truly represents classically styled living at its best.

SOURCES

Living Room

Sofas - Hickory Chair, Hickory, NC
Armchairs - Kravet Furniture, Kravet, DCOTA, Dania Beach, FL
Chaise - Custom designed and fabricated by Marc-Michaels Interior Design, Inc., Winter Park, FL
Glass-topped cocktail table and occasional table to left of armchairs - Baker Furniture, High Point, NC
Wood cocktail table - Amy Howard Collection, Memphis, TN
Occasional table by loggia - Henredon Furniture, High Point, NC
Chandelier - Currey & Co., Atlanta, GA
Drapery fabric - Stroheim, Jeffrey Michaels, DCOTA, Dania Beach, FL
Area rug - Asmara, Carpet Source of Winter Park, Winter Park, FL

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Foyer

Stairway, railings and ottoman - Custom designed by Marc-Michaels Interior Design, Inc., Winter Park, FL

Stairway and railings fabricated by Rock Woodworks, Inc., Lake Worth, FL
Chandelier - Bruce Eicher, Brian Austin Collection, DCOTA, Dania Beach, FL

Piano - Petrol, Atlantic Music Center, Melbourne, FL

Dining Room

Dining table - Hickory White, Hickory, NC
Chairs - Hickory Chair, Hickory, NC
Buffet - Amy Howard Collection, Memphis, TN
Mirror - William Switzer & Assoc., DCOTA, Dania Beach, FL

Master Bath

Shelving, glass shower door, wall tiling in shower and bench in shower - Custom designed by Marc-Michaels Interior Design, Inc., Winter Park, FL

Tub - Everglades Design Center, Boca Raton, FL
Chandelier - Currey & Co., Judith Norman Collection, DCOTA, Dania Beach, FL

Master Bedroom

Bed fabrication and armchair upholstery - Interiors by Beverly, Winter Park, FL
Bed covering fabricated by Drapery Castle, Boynton Beach, FL

Footstools - Amy Howard Collection, Memphis, TN
Desk chair - Ferguson Copeland, Ltd., Morganton, NC



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Sofa - Kravet Furniture, Kravet, DCOTA, Dania Beach, FL

Lounge chair and ottoman - Century Furniture LLC, Hickory, NC

Bedside table - Milling Road, Baker Furniture, High Point, NC

Desk - Burton-Ching, Nessen Showroom, DCOTA, Dania Beach, FL

Occasional table to right of sofa - Hickory Chair, Hickory, NC

Chandeliers - Visual Comfort, Houston, TX

Table lamp on table between sofa and armchair - John-Richard, Greenwood, MS

Area rug - ABC Carpet & Home, Delray Beach, FL

Carpeting - Carpet Source of Winter Park, Winter Park, FL

Loggia

Columns and railings fabricated by DeMarsico Custom Trim, Boynton Beach, FL

Pool and spa fabricated by Oster Pools, Inc., Boca Raton, FL

Lantern light fixtures - Franklin Lighting, Inc., Sarasota, FL

Sofa and lounge chairs - Pavilion Furniture, Inc., Miami, FL

Cocktail table - Century Furniture LLC, Hickory, NC

Cabana fabric - Perennials, Inc., David Sutherland Showroom, DCOTA, Dania Beach, FL

Garden stools in cabana - Elephant Walk Interiors & Antiques, Inc., Orlando, FL

Fans - Capitol Lighting, Boca Raton, FL

Area rugs - Ballard Designs, West Chester, OH

Flooring - New Stone Age, Miami, FL

Throughout

Millwork, molding, ceilings and wall paneling - Custom designed by Marc-Michaels Interior Design, Inc., Winter Park, FL

Windows and doors - General Glass & Window, Inc., Lake Worth, FL

Landscape installation - Land Designs Southern Florida, Boca Raton, FL

Window treatments - Drapery Castle, Boynton Beach, FL

Artwork - HG Art and Framing Consultants, Orlando, FL

Marble flooring - New Stone Age, Miami, FL, and Casale Marble Imports, Delray Beach, FL

Wood flooring - Designer Floors, Delray Beach, FL

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