



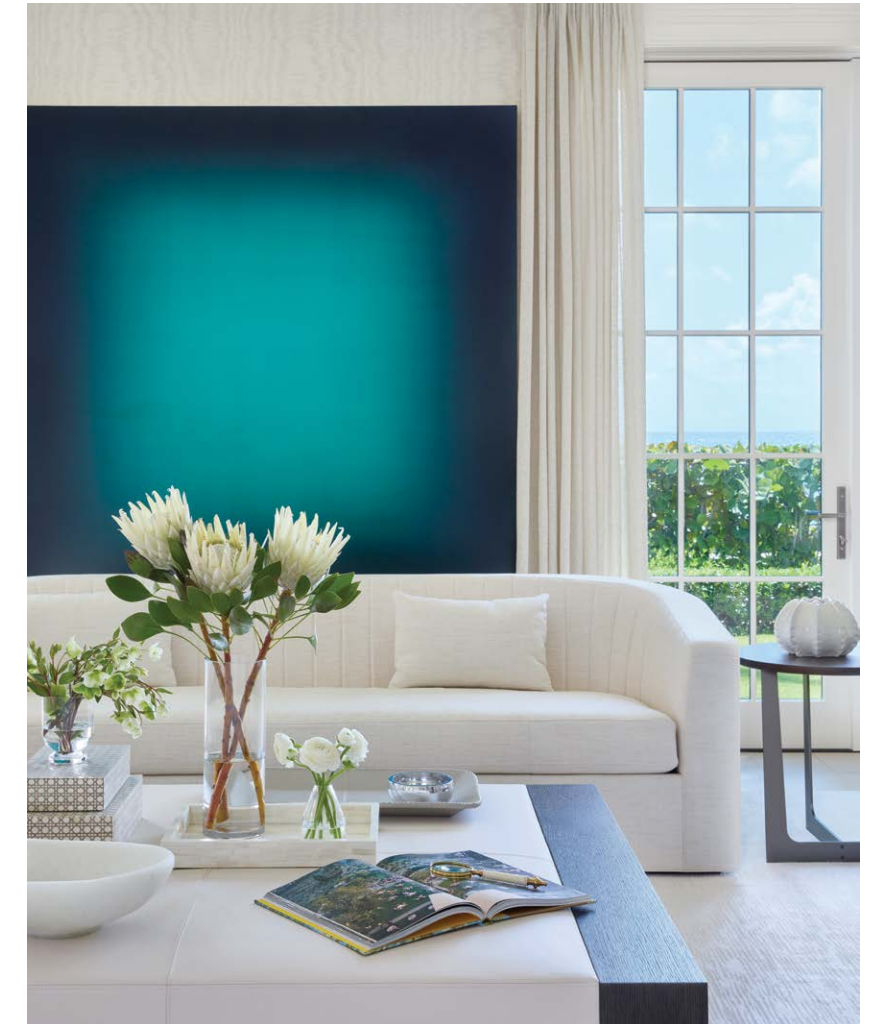
SECOND GLANCE

A PALM BEACH TOWNHOME UNDERGOES A SOPHISTICATED REINVENTION SPEARHEADED BY ITS ORIGINAL DESIGNER

ABOVE: The 7,750-square-foot townhouse, with five bedrooms and seven bathrooms, overlooks the ocean and is situated just south of Palm Beach's Clock Tower, walking distance from Worth Avenue. The residence boasts the largest backyard in its complex, with landscape architecture by Parker-Yannette Design Group.

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To add richness and warmth to the living room, interior designer Caitlin Kah layered textures by way of Venetian plaster, high-gloss lacquer paint, and an Armani/Casa wallcovering that evokes wood grain. The cream suede sofa, side chairs, and club chairs are by Holly Hunt, while the side tables are by Poltrona Frau. Underfoot, a custom Rosenfeld wool-and-silk area rug covers the white oak flooring and defines the seating area.



SOMETIMES, OPPORTUNITY KNOCKS TWICE.

A recent project involving a townhouse complex in Palm Beach played out as a dual endeavor for interior designer Caitlin Kah. First, she was directed by the Frisbie Group's development team to decorate all four townhomes in the community in a coastal-modern style that would entice potential buyers. A month later, a new owner commissioned her to redecorate one of them to his specifications and style tastes.

"It was cool to look at it with fresh eyes," says Kah. "I had envisioned it one way for the developers, and then, I immediately had to put the new owner's stamp on it and make it special. It was interesting to tackle the same space twice for two different situations."

To achieve the client's desired new look, the townhome's overall feel needed to be elevated. "We removed the coastal look, and then took it further with sleek lines and curvatures," says Kah. "We also layered it to make it cozy and warm, and to work for his lifestyle."

ABOVE: Another view of the living room reveals an ombré aqua painting, titled *Epiphany I* by Eric Freeman, that echoes the ocean tones just outside the window.



Cristallo quartzite surfaces and Leeds custom wood cabinetry balance out the textures in the kitchen. The pendant light is by Visual Comfort.

To accentuate the framework established by the dwelling's serene architecture by Roger Janssen, the palette chosen was inspired by the ocean blues of the Mediterranean and the white patina that's so ubiquitous on seaside villas in Greece. The colors complement Janssen's work in all areas of the home, but particularly in the living room, where a staircase in a floor-to-ceiling grid of metal-framed glass creates a dramatic focal point. "The idea was to keep the views open," says Kah. "When you stand on the stairs you can see the ocean and beyond."

To satisfy her client's penchant for Italian brands and high-gloss finishes, the living room is wrapped in a rich Armani/Casa faux-bois wallpaper and topped with a glossy veneer on the ceiling.

As one moves throughout the residence, variations of blue slowly make their presence known. In the living room, it's in the

RIGHT: Saturated in taupe, the dining room's walls are dressed in an Armani/Casa covering. The ash-wood table, also by Armani/Casa, can accommodate up to 14 diners. A metal chandelier by Ironies crowns the room. Impossible to miss is Helmut Koller's painting, *Blue Leopard With Yellow Eyes*.





LEFT: The primary suite is saturated in blue with Dedar drapes, an Armani/Casa wallcovering, and a bed, club chair, and ottoman by Holly Hunt. The taupe Rosenfeld area rug complements the white oak floor.

BELOW: Leeds cabinetry, Thassos marble, fixtures by Waterworks, and a soaking tub by Victoria + Albert give the primary bathroom its spa feeling.



form of the light velvet that covers two Holly Hunt side chairs (an ideal counterpoint to all the white in this space). In the dining room, shades of navy and cerulean alert the eye to various ceramics on the dining table and a striking artwork of a resting leopard by Helmut Koller. Upstairs, in the primary suite, the hue (with hints of turquoise and green) takes over the walls, the ceiling, the window treatments, a seating nook, the bed frame, and even the art. “We just went for saturation,” says Kah, “and it worked.”

It worked, all right. In more ways than one.

SOURCES

BACK EXTERIOR

Seating and table – Gloster, gloster.com
 Sconces – Bevolo Gas & Electric Lighting, New Orleans, LA
 Pool designed by Parker-Yannette Design Group, Jupiter, FL, and fabricated by Brosseit’s Pools, Palm City, FL

Landscape architecture – Parker-Yannette Design Group, Jupiter, FL

LIVING ROOM

White sofas and club chairs – Holly Hunt, Miami, FL
 Blue side chairs – Holly Hunt, Miami, FL

Cocktail table – Holly Hunt, Miami, FL
 Side tables – Poltrona Frau, Miami, FL
 Crystal table lamps – Porta Romana, portaromana.com
 Area rug – Rosenfeld, rosenfeldcarpet.com
 Stairway designed by Dailey Janssen Architects, West Palm Beach, FL, and fabricated by Palm Beach Stairs, Riviera Beach, FL
 Glass wall – Crystallia Glass, Brooklyn, NY
KITCHEN
 Cabinetry and island designed and fabricated by Leeds Custom Design, West Palm Beach, FL
 Pendant light – Visual Comfort & Co., Miami, FL

DINING ROOM

Dining table – Armani/Casa, Miami, FL
 Dining chairs – Armani/Casa, Miami, FL
 Chandelier – Ironies, ironies.com
 Entry doors designed and fabricated by Dailey Janssen Architects, West Palm Beach, FL
 Ceiling treatment designed by Fine Paints of Europe, finepaintsofeurope.com
 Glass doors – Crystallia Glass, Brooklyn, NY
 Area rug – Stark, Hollywood, FL

PRIMARY BEDROOM

Bed, lounge, and ottoman – Holly Hunt, Miami, FL

Bench – Potrana Frau, Miami, FL
 Drapery fabric – Dedar, dedar.com/us
 Wallcovering – Armani/Casa, Miami, FL
 Area rug – Rosenfeld, rosenfeldcarpet.com
PRIMARY BATHROOM
 Cabinetry designed by Leeds Custom Design, West Palm Beach, FL
 Tub – Victoria + Albert, Ferguson, West Palm Beach, FL
 Flooring – New Ravenna, newravenna.com
THROUGHOUT
 Builder – Sea Breeze Building, West Palm Beach, FL
 Project coordinator – Frisbie Group, Palm Beach, FL