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TURNKEY INNOVATION

ARCHITECTURAL DETAILS AND CUSTOM-DESIGNED FURNISHINGS TRANSFORM AN AVENTURA CONDOMINIUM INTO A MODERN MASTERPIECE FOR A FAMILY OF FOUR

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With just one look from the outside, the owners of this spectacular 1,400-square-foot Aventura, Fla. condominium, whose primary residence is in Brazil, knew immediately that it was the perfect location for a vacation retreat in the United States. However, the design team of Raymond Jimenez and Shannon Scott needed to streamline the one-bedroom residence to accommodate the needs of this family of four. "It's on the water, has a slip for their boat with access to the Intracoastal and the building has a contemporary feel," Scott says.

The designers' first directive was to convert the sole bedroom unit into two, a process that would create much needed living space for the couple's pair of children. To do so, the design team proceeded to transform a once den-like area near the entryway into a second bedroom. "Beyond that, the homeowners had very few requirements," Jimenez says. "But they did desire a motif with a black, white and silver palette, clean lines and a modern feel."

With keen attention to detail, the designers interchanged the original metal railing on the stairway with floating glass faceted to wood by stainless steel knobs. Across the living area, black-glass cabinetry lends storage for audio/video equipment beneath shelving comprised of wenge wood.





To establish the clean-lined aesthetic, white-glass tile flooring flows throughout the residence. In the dining and living areas, the designers created a backlit, rectangular soffit that connects and serves to elongate the two spaces. Square-shaped flush lighting invokes the feel of a luxury liner. "Since the exterior of the building is fashioned in the style of a yacht, we wanted to express some of those elements inside of the home," Jimenez says. To highlight this motif, the design duo wrapped the walls in custom coverings that shimmer like subtle waves.

Glass and chrome accents energize the dining area with a custom starphire-glass dining table and metallic base designed by RS3 Designs. Elegant black leather chairs framed in shiny chrome pull up to the table to gracefully complete the sophisticated vignette.

Close by in the living area, a white L-shaped sofa and chaise lounge clad in leather by Romo, lend a low-profile, contemporary flair. Underfoot, a plush area rug in silver-gray, defines the seating and gives



ABOVE: Complemented by Modani's crisp, white leather bar stools, a raised black-glass bar with chrome accents conceals the kitchen sink from the dining area.

ABOVE RIGHT: In the living area, Casa Dio's ottoman cushioned in purple crocodile leather doubles as a cocktail table and provides the perfect counter to the sofa wall's display of unique glass tubing from Michael Dawkins Home.

RIGHT: Perched on a Sharron Lewis glass console in the dining area, Miami photographer Fro Cruz captures a delicate orchid's image. Retouched by RS3 Designs in black and white, the photograph pops with a dash of Ferrari red, the homeowners' favorite color.



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Heating things up in the kitchen, the designers selected teak cabinetry for added warmth. "The kitchen is a place where the entire family gathers, so we didn't want it to appear cold," Scott says. Stainless steel appliances and glossy white Compac countertops convey the perfect amount of industrial panache.

The wife, an avid cook, prompted the designers to outfit a turnkey kitchen with a wide array of chef's tools, high-tech small appliances and the latest in cookware. Behind a kitchen wall, a frosted-glass doorway conceals an oversized pantry and provides a glimpse into the children's bedrooms.

Ascending the floating stairway, the master suite comes into view. Illuminated by a dropped backlit ceiling, a cruise-ship inspired white-leather headboard by Casa Dio spans the entire wall. The nautical white theme persists with a lacquered bedside table and crocodile-leather-dressed stools that foot the bed.

In the adjoining master bath, a custom-designed mirror runs the expanse of the room to create an illusion of greater space.

"We loved this project; it was a free-for-all for us," Jimenez says. "We had our design minds open and nothing to hold us back." The home's ending result — modern perfection.

BELOW: In the master bath, an oversized, frameless glass window commands the scenic panorama and conveys a boutique-hotel feel. Ensnconced between the bath and master bedroom, it creates a bold architectural statement that is also visually pleasing. "This way you have privacy, but you still get to take advantage of the spectacular views," Jimenez says.

