



SOCIAL BUTTERFLY

It is clear that this splendid penthouse suite in Miami is perfect for entertaining and socialising in a beautiful setting.

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Above a tall Miami Beach skyscraper is a 9,000 square-foot penthouse that has the most breathtaking views of the ocean and an interior that is perfect for entertaining. This penthouse suite was built in 2008 and was bought over by owners who commissioned the services of the talented interior designer, Alene Workman to recreate the space into a showpiece.

Bravely accepting the challenge, Alene replaced everything including ceilings, interior walls and flooring. Most of the suite's walls were replaced with unique S-curved walls together with 11-foot ceilings, which create movement and a great sense of space. Highlighting the interesting shapes and forms on the indents and curves of the ceiling, both recessed lighting and soft cached floor and ceiling illumination are tucked into the indents drawing attention to the contours.



The stunning living room is something conjured from a wonderful daydream—complete with plush, white chenille sofas and dark caramel lounge chairs. The living room furniture is beautifully floating on a bespoke area rug which mirrors the flow of the curved wall. Gorgeous glass doors open to Earth's large expanse of water, the Ocean, for as long as the eye can see; making one kick against ever leaving this heavenly space.

Alene successfully created a kitchen that suited the owners' request to seclude it from the social areas when the staff is preparing for a party, as well as being a visual feast. Adding a dramatic accent to the kitchen space, Alene pays tribute to the amazing view of the oceanfront by incorporating a whimsical wave in the ceiling, illuminated by soft lighting.



Overflowing with luxury and self-indulgence, the large glass feature wall in the master bathroom gives the space a very different appeal.





A SUBTLE MIX OF HARD AND SOFT TEXTURES, MATERIALS AND BOLD AND NEUTRAL COLOURS STRIKE A GOOD BALANCE IN THE MASTER AND GUEST BEDROOMS.



The breakfast area and reading nook features beautifully unique furniture pieces and a spectacular shimmering crystal chandelier, adding dramatic flair to the space. The dining area features a custom designed dining table that can seat 12 guests happily.

Chandeliers illuminate a 49-foot-long hallway which leads to the guest bedrooms and luxurious powder room, featuring a suspended mirror and walls femininely covered in mirrored tiles in a vine-like pattern. The master bedroom can be reached via double doors and is the epitome of glamour with plush, white carpeting, appliquéd-silk-clad bed and framed, upholstered wall.

Embracing the owners request to make this suite a showpiece, Alene added drama to the master bedroom and created something very unique and interesting. Behind the lavish spa-bathtub is a large glass and bronze ribbon work of art, which waves and flows with beautiful movement. Complete with his and her vanities on either side of the bathtub, encased in soft pear wood and marble.

Dazzling glamour and luxury struts through this fabulous penthouse suite in Miami. Fit for those who appreciate the finer things in life, Alene Workman understood that in order to entertain and impress; only the best will do. ❖

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