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BUBBLE IN THE SKY

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Period Lichi's design of an oceanfront Fort Lauderdale condo presents a fascinating study of the manipulation of spatial perception through strategic reflection. Confronted with an elongated and narrow unit, Perla Lichi and her team opted for a daring approach – to transform the physical constraints into an expansive illusion. This ambition is eloquently expressed in the project's moniker, "Bubble in the Sky," hinting at a transcendent escape from the limitations of the real.

The key instrument in this illusionistic feat is the extensive use of mirrors and highly polished surfaces. Drawing upon the principles of geometric optics, these reflective elements act as diaphanous portals, duplicating and extending the surrounding environment. This mirrored simulacrum transcends replication, creating a dynamic interplay of light and space. The observer's gaze is captivated by the intermingling reflections, drawn into a mesmerizing sequence of geometric forms. The spatial arrangement unfolds as a meticulously choreographed ballet. Straight lines and precisely defined geometric shapes, hallmarks of Perla Lichi Design's aesthetic, are mirrored and refracted, weaving a complex tapestry of visual relationships. Each vantage point becomes a unique lens through which the observer experiences the evolving spatial composition. This dynamic engagement, orchestrated by the interplay of light and reflection, transforms the passive act of viewing into an active exploration of spatial possibilities.

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Less is demonstrably more in this minimalist masterpiece. Reflective ceiling panels, strategically placed specular materials, and meticulously chosen LEDs, all meticulously curated by Perla Lichi's discerning eye, serve a dual purpose. They fulfill practical needs for illumination and spatial extension, while simultaneously evoking emotion. The unwavering focus on functionality does not overshadow the pursuit of beauty. Instead, it becomes a subtle tribute to the inherent elegance of utility itself. Furniture pieces are transformed into a harmonious marriage of practicality and aesthetic allure. This approach aligns with the tenets of minimalist design theory, which posits that form follows function. Perla elevates these principles beyond their dogma, infusing them with a poetic sensibility. The meticulously chosen materials and their interaction with light forge a spatial narrative of serenity and order.

Floor-to-ceiling windows, acting as expansive frames, seamlessly integrate the turquoise waters and golden sands into the living environment, transforming the landscape into a dynamic canvas. This interaction transcends mere visual connection, permeating the very essence of the interior. The walls, adorned in subtle neutral tones, serve as a receptive canvas for the vibrant hues of the outside world. This interplay establishes a harmonious tension between the playful dynamism of the beach setting and the sophisticated modernity of the condo's interior. Sleek fixtures and intricate paneling introduce elements of minimalism and sophistifuturism, creating a stark counterpoint to the organic rhythms of the ocean.

Within this framework, Perla orchestrates a nuanced dialogue between interior design and exterior environment. The soft neutrality of the walls acts as a bridge, allowing the vibrant colors of the ocean to infiltrate the space without overwhelming it. The stark lines and geometric forms of the interior elements echo the rhythmic patterns of the waves, subtly reinforcing the connection between indoors and outdoors.



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The master bedroom within the Fort Lauderdale condo designed by Perla Lichi Design presents a compelling case study in the power of minimalist expression. Eschewing vibrant hues and ornate embellishments, the space embraces a palette of serene neutrals - white and gray tones - that form the foundation for a sophisticated narrative of contemporary elegance. These restrained colors, rather than acting as mere passive backdrops, actively breathe life into

background, drawing the viewer's eye towards the textural and design elements of the headboard. Its intricate details, whether subtle patterns or sculptural forms are thus amplified, becoming the focal point of the room. This strategic use of negative space fosters a sense of visual clarity and focus, allowing the artistry of the headboard to take center stage. The re-Rather than relying on vibrant tones to convey opulence or extravagance, Perla Lichi celebrates the inherent beauty of simplicity. The minimalist color palette emphasizes clean lines, sleek finishes, and

the space with a unique sense of serenity and sophistication. The interplay between the neutral backdrop and the statement headboard creates a visual tension that is both captivating and calming, ultimately culminating in a space that embodies contemporary elegance through the skillful manipulation of color and

The balcony is a carefully orchestrated interplay of design elements that engage the senses, evoke emotions, and foster a profound connection with the natural world. Glass balustrades, devoid of visual obstruction, act as a transparent portal to the breathtaking panorama. The turquoise expanse of the Atlantic Ocean stretches out, unimpeded by visual barriers, inviting the viewer to absorb its serene vastness. This unobstructed connection with the natural world fosters a sense of mental clarity and peace, echoing the principles of biophilic design.

Stepping onto the balcony, one is greeted by the gentle caress of the sea breeze. This tactile element adds a layer of sensory engagement, further blurring the lines between interior and exterior. The inclusion of strate-gically placed poodle shrubbery injects a playful touch of whimsy, contrasting with the ocean view's grandeur and creating a lightheartedness.

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The lounge area beckons with driftwood-style furnishings. This material choice resonates with the organic beauty of the surrounding seascape, establishing a harmonious dialogue between nature and design. The natural textures and weathered tones of driftwood evoke a sense of rustic elegance, inviting relaxation and contemplation.

This lounge area's versatility caters to both solitary moments of introspection and lively social gatherings. One can envision sinking into the driftwood chairs, enveloped by the sights and sounds of the ocean, seeking solace and rejuvenation. Alternatively, the space transforms effortlessly into a stylish backdrop for entertaining, where the captivating skyline and Atlantic coast serve as a mesmerizing canvas for laughter and shared experiences. - THE END -

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