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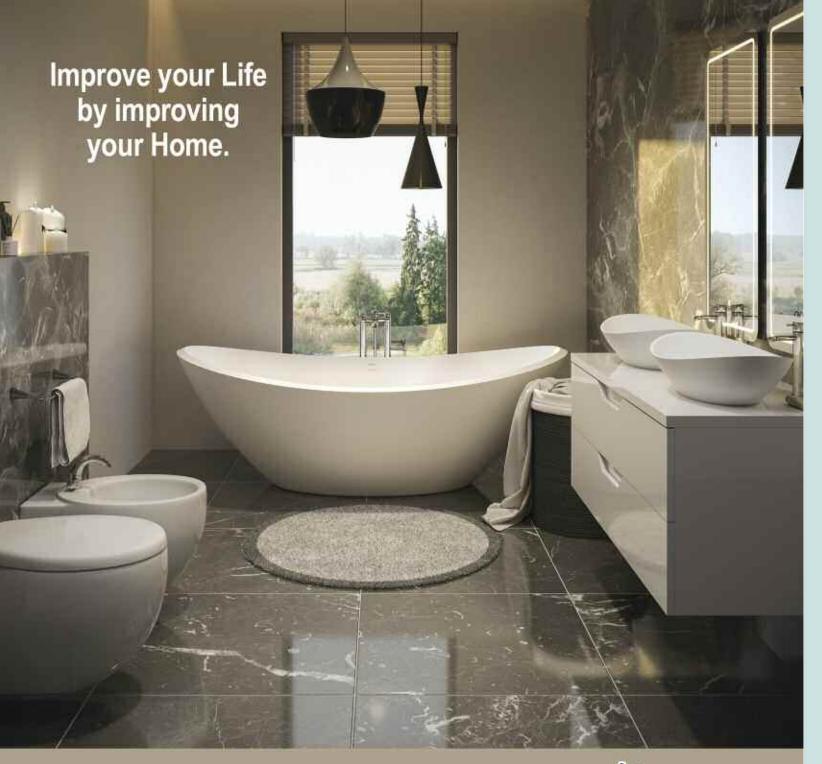
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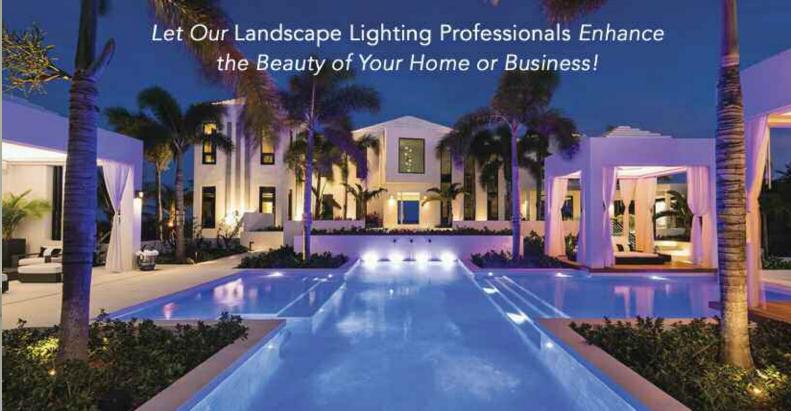
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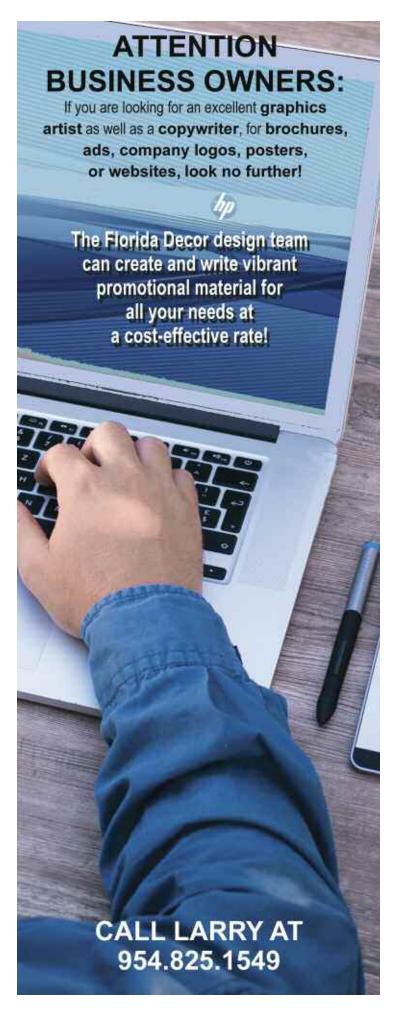
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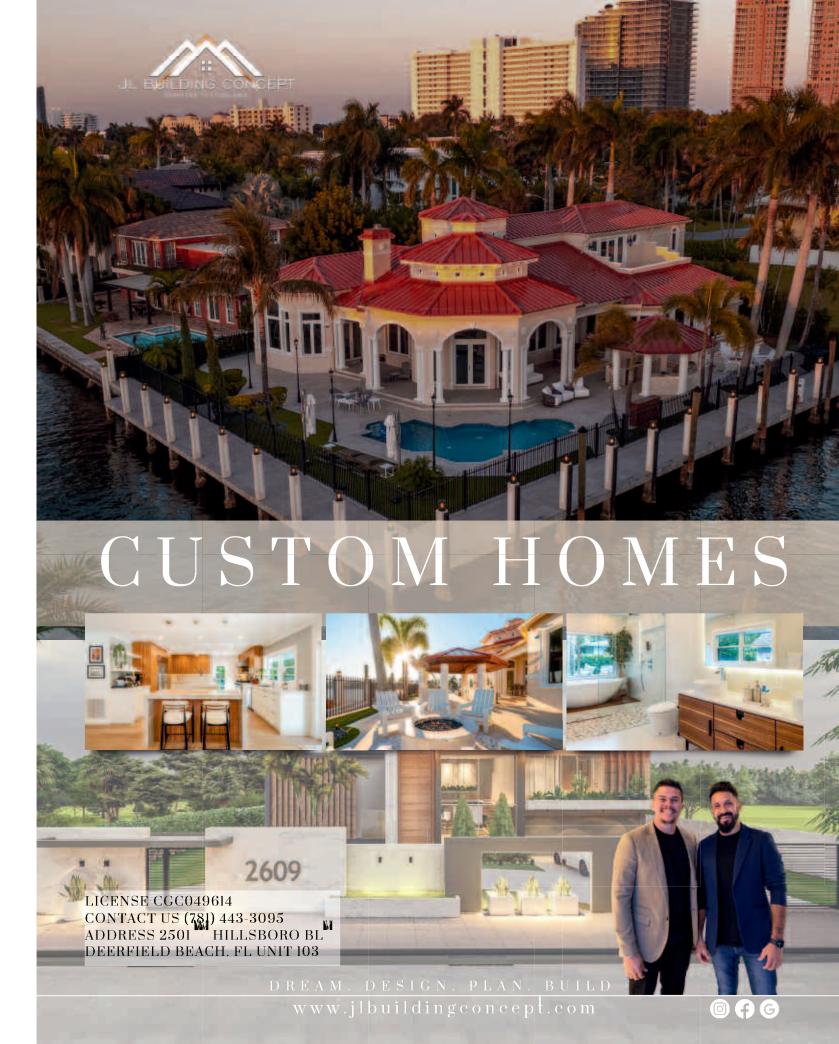
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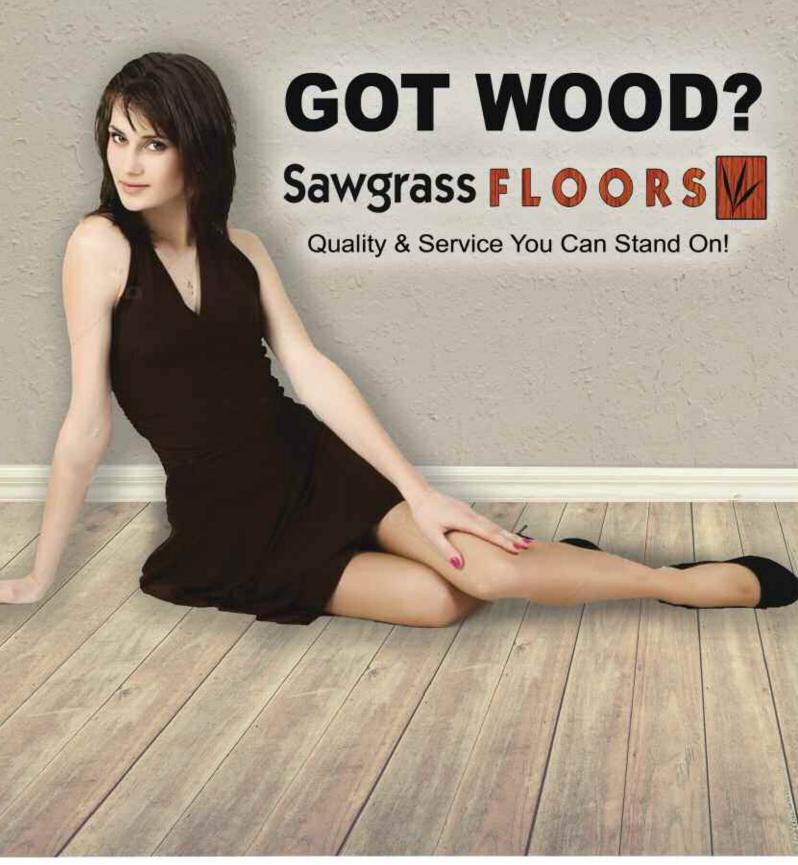
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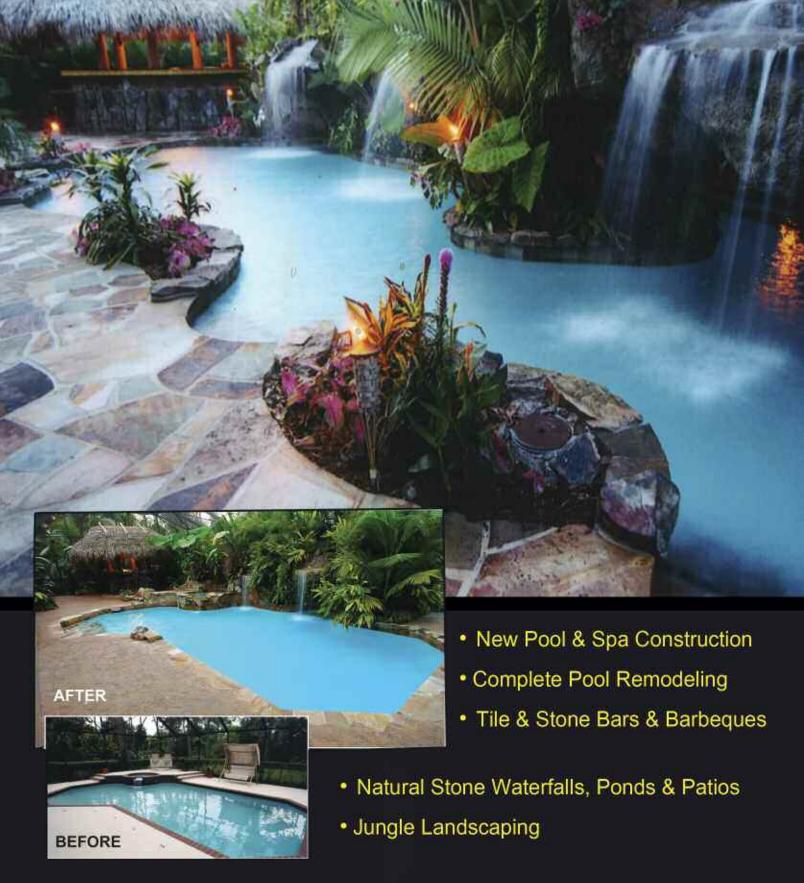
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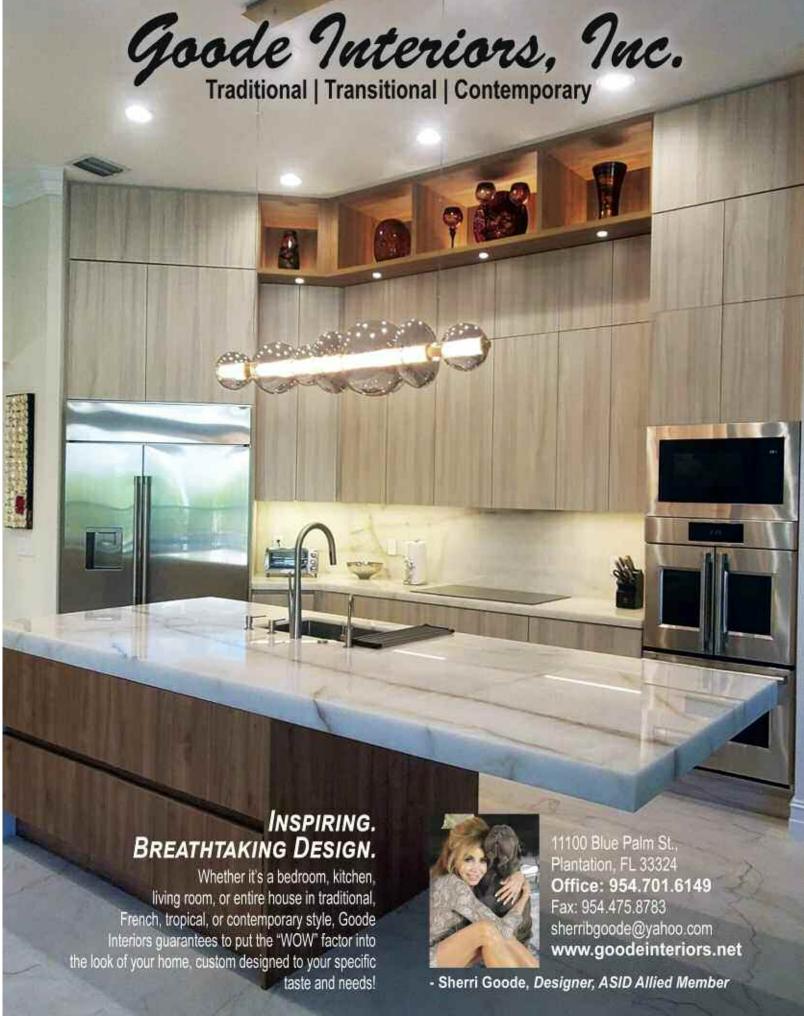
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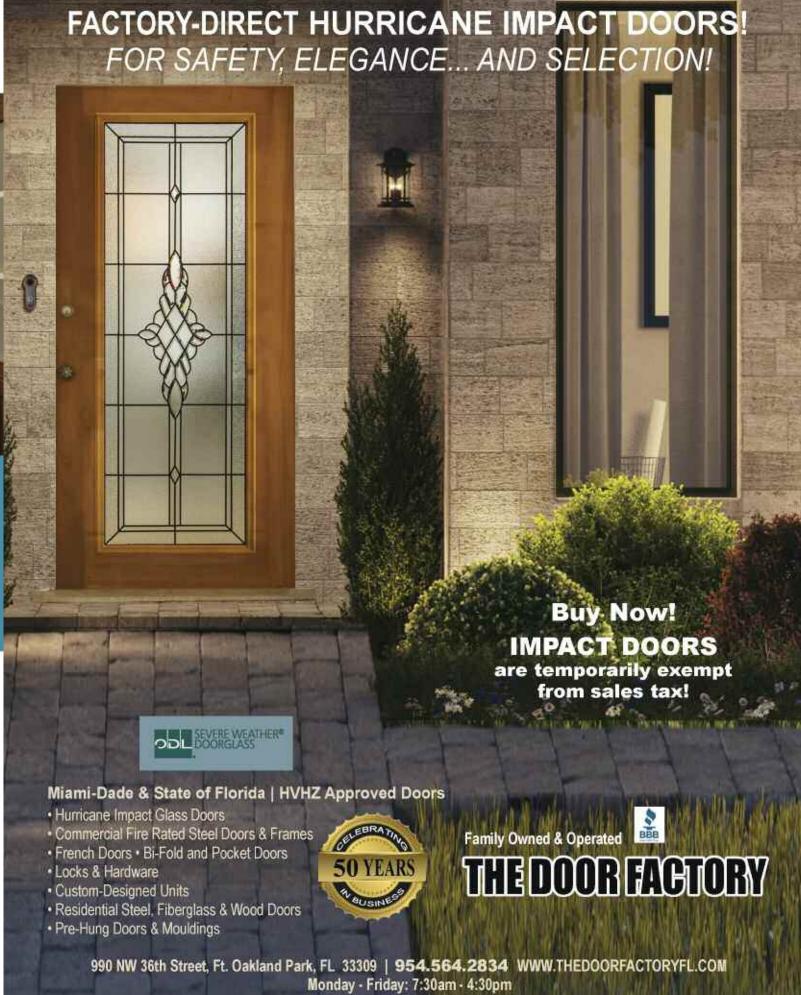
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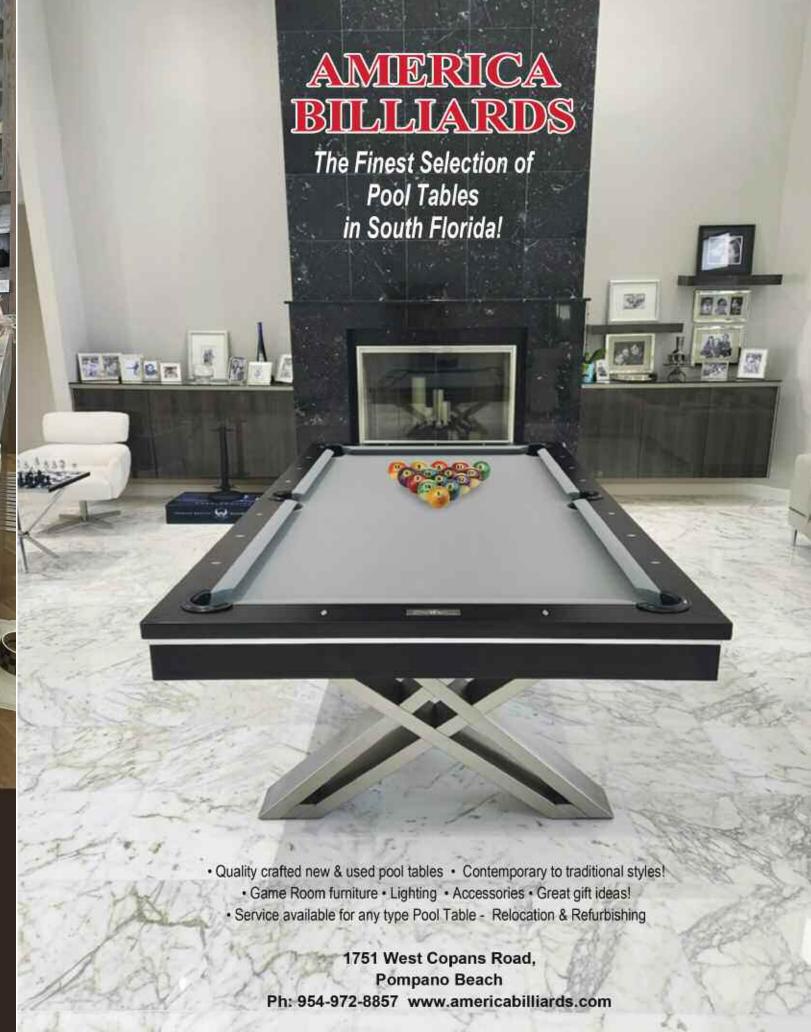
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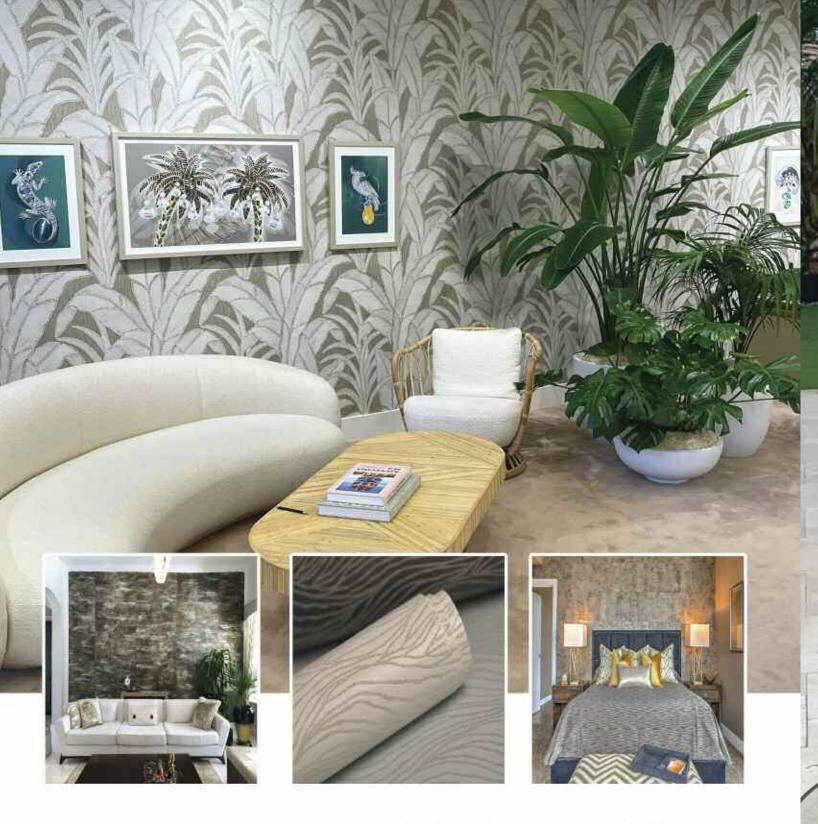
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erla Lichi's design of an oceanfront Fort Lauderdale condo presents a fascinating study of the manipulation of spatial perception through strategic reflection. Confronted with an elongated and narrow unit, Perla Lichi and her team opted for a daring 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.

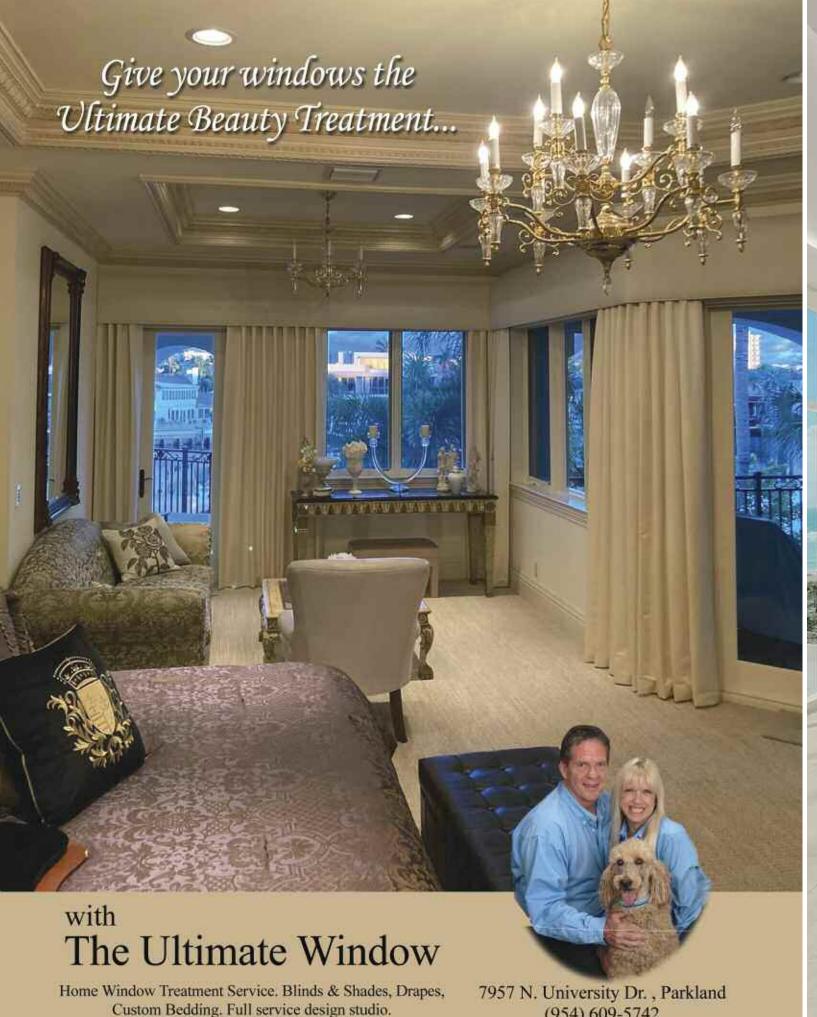
Within this framework, Perla orchestrates a nuanced dialogue between interior design and exterior environment. The soft neutrality of the walls acts as a bridge, allowing the vibrant colors of the ocean to infiltrate the space without overwhelming it. The stark lines and geometric forms of the interior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

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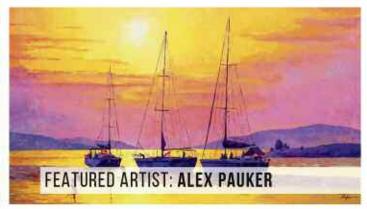












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The chances of an individual being audited have approximately tripled since 2010. So you need to be careful with your tax return. IRS officials say research has shown that tax "noncompliance" typically is highest among people who work for themselves, who deal in large amounts of cash, who don't have taxes withheld from their pay and whose income isn't reported separately to the IRS, such as by their employer.

Another area that IRS has been focusing on for noncompliance is S corporations. With a typical S corporation, profits or losses flow through to the individual owners, who in turn are supposed to report those items on their individual returns.

Another are that could command attention is capital gains taxes. The reason: IRS officials suspect the government is losing billions of dollars in tax revenue because many investors inflate the cost basis, or the price they originally paid for stocks and other securities, in order to report lower capital gains when the securities are sold.

There have been some significant changes in the way the IRS targets businesses for audits and how it conducts them. Audits are up this year and will continue to increase, but the numbers are very misleading, because the IRS is getting much smarter about how it chooses returns for audit and how its examiners conduct their audits.

Over the past few years, the IRS has dramatically stepped up efforts to study specific industries, and to educate examiners about business practices, terminology, accounting methods and common industry practices. It has also identified areas of inquiry that produce audit results. Examiners are told specifically to look for certain red flags to get at what is really going on in a business or transaction. The result: examinations are more sharply focused on potential areas that will generate increased taxes, penalties and interest. Fortunately,there is a positive side to all of this; it's very easy to obtain a free copy of this information from the IRS.

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