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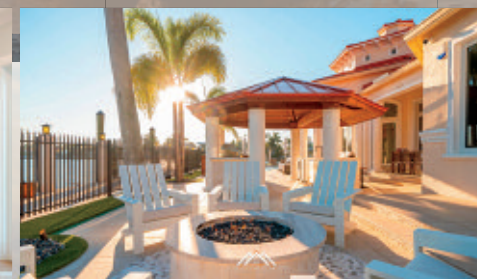
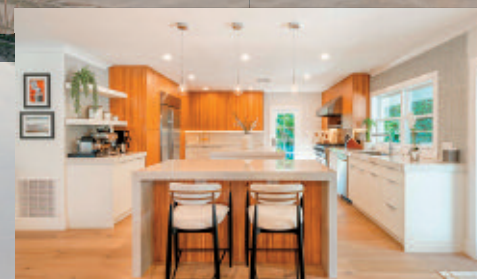
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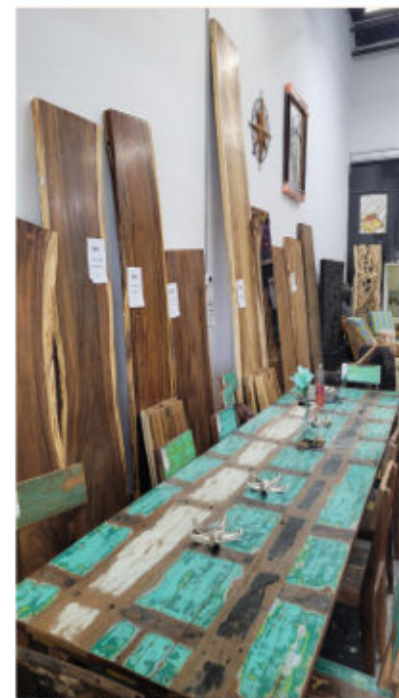
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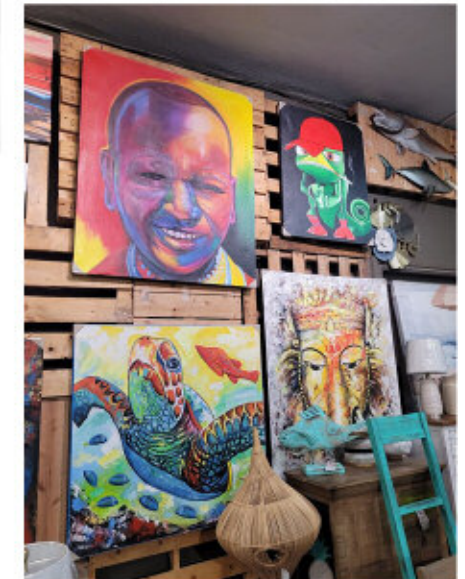
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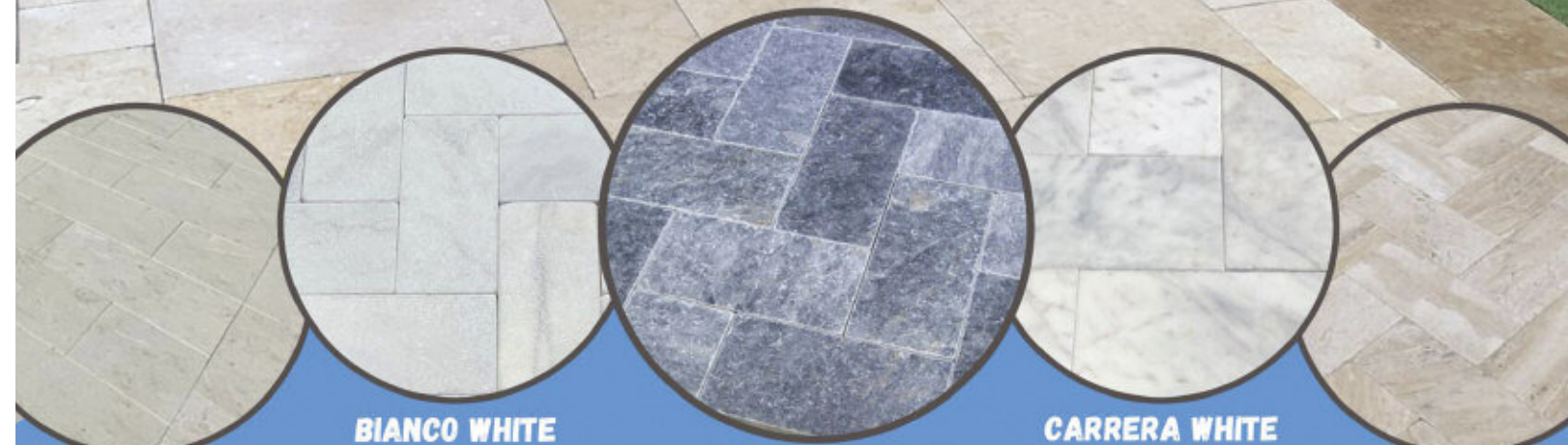
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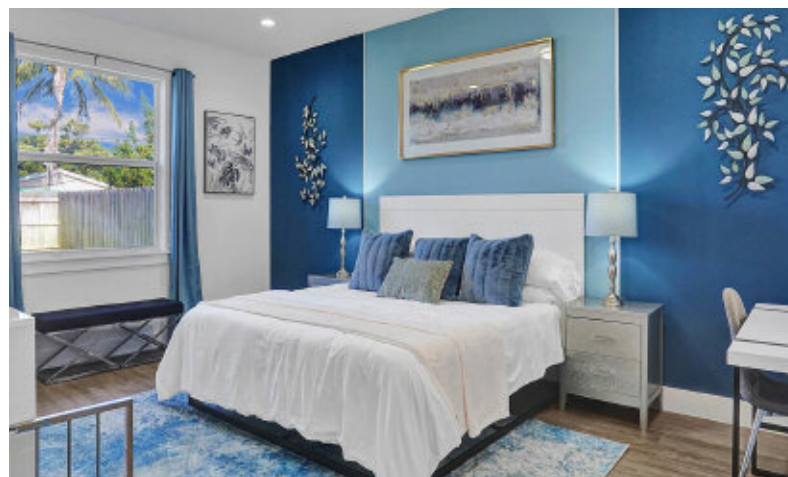
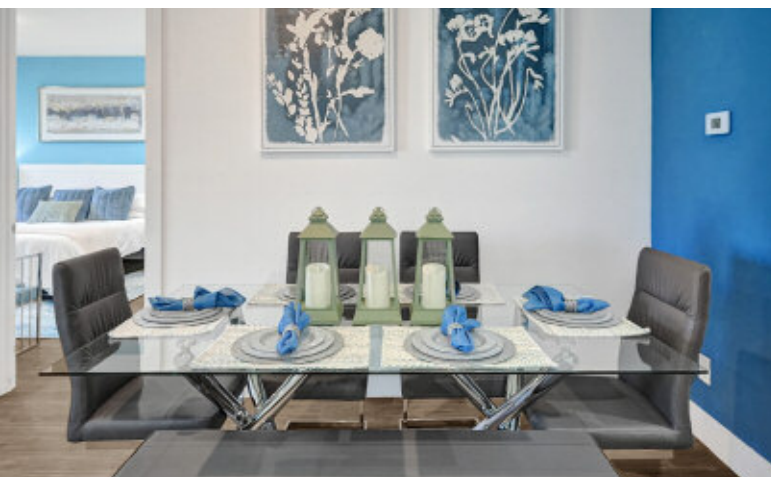
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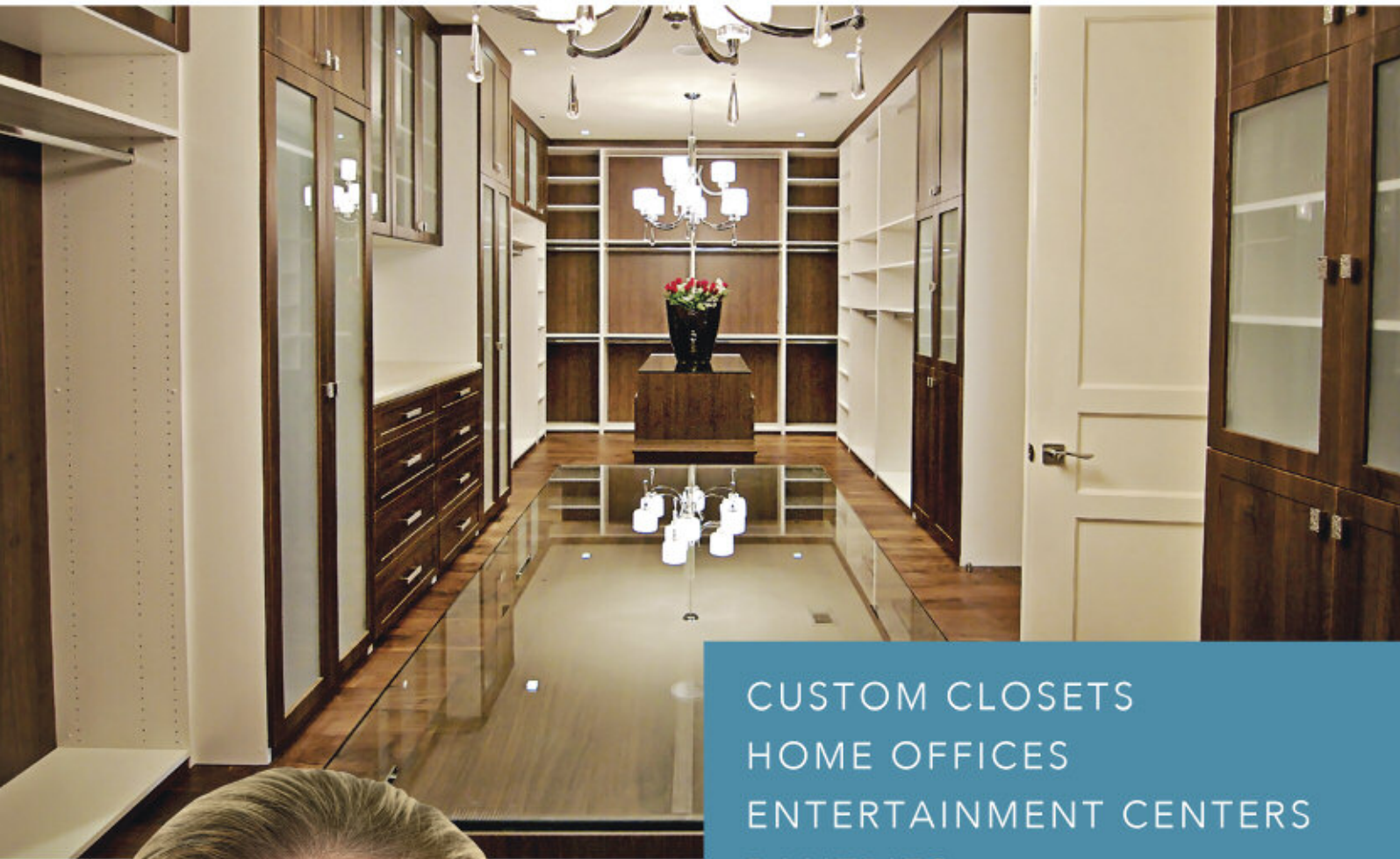
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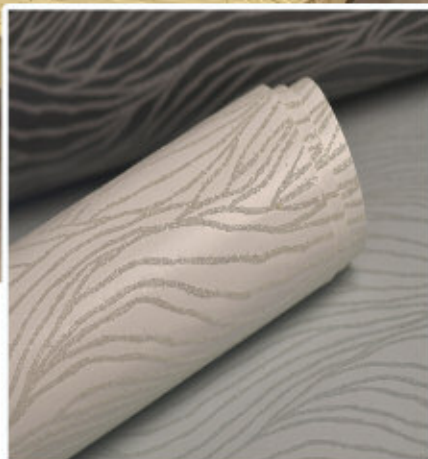


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When Perla Lichi and her team assembled to design this Fort Lauderdale condo, her goal was to create a “bubble in the sky”. The unit is already a lengthy and narrow space and the design team sought to make extensive use of mirrors and highly polished reflective surfaces to give the illusion of a grander space. The resultant duplication of the surroundings, elegantly rendered upon the mirror’s resplendent surface, crafts a diaphanous portal creating extra dimension. This mirror-borne simulacrum beckons the gaze, drawing it into a realm where spaces intertwine in a beguiling rhapsody.

This optical gambit, informed by the principles of geometric optics, unfurls a visual poetry that is, at once, scientifically grounded and artistically entrancing. The spatial arrangement becomes enmeshed in a delicate ballet of geometric intricacies, where the observer’s vantage point serves as both the conductor’s baton and the audience’s seat. With every glance, your eyes trace the meticulous craftsmanship of straight lines and geometric shapes that define Perla Lichi Design’s ethos.

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These lines not only delineate space but also invite a sense of order and calm. Walls seamlessly meld into furniture, which in turn converses effortlessly with architecture, creating a visual language that speaks of unity. “Less is more,” minimalism reigns supreme. The reflective ceiling panels, specular materials, and LEDs were curated with Perla Lichi Design’s ever-discerning eye, carefully selected to both serve a purpose and evoke emotion. The focus on functionality does not overshadow the pursuit of beauty; instead, it becomes a tribute to the elegance of utility. Furniture becomes a choreographed ballet of practicality and aesthetic allure.

Floor-to-ceiling windows frame breathtaking views of the Atlantic Ocean, inviting the turquoise waters and golden sands to become a part of the living canvas. The walls, adorned in soft neutral tones interplay with the outside world pouring into the condo, mixing the playfulness of the beach setting and the sophisticated ambiance of the sleek and stark design of the fixtures and intricate paneling.



In the midst of this subtle canvas, a few select pieces rise like stars in a clear night sky. The solid marble slab countertops in the kitchen and dining areas are statement pieces that captivate the imagination. Natural light floods through generous windows, a radiant tribute to the symbiotic relationship between indoors and outdoors. Mirrors amplify this gift, multiplying the expanse and brilliance of the space, while also reflecting the beauty of Perla Lichi’s carefully curated designs.



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The master bedroom is a canvas awash in a palette of serene neutrals—white and gray tones that form the backdrop for a story of contemporary elegance. These colors breathe life onto the feature headboard, allowing textures and design elements to take center stage. It's a celebration of restraint, where the absence of excess becomes a powerful statement in itself.



The master bath exudes elegance and grace. Crafted from smooth, pristine white marble, the shower glows with charm and modern allure. Approaching the vanity, your fingers trail across the cool, velvety touch of honed white smooth countertops. Beneath them, sleek custom-designed cabinetry, and bright, glossy wood offers generous storage space, embodying both function and aesthetics.



Glass balustrades ensure unobstructed views, allowing you to savor the sights in uninterrupted serenity. Stepping onto the vast private balcony, you're embraced by the gentle sea breeze and cheekily placed poodle shrubbery. A lounge area beckons with driftwood-style furnishing, inviting you to savor moments of tranquility or entertain in style against the backdrop of Fort Lauderdale's captivating skyline and Atlantic coast.

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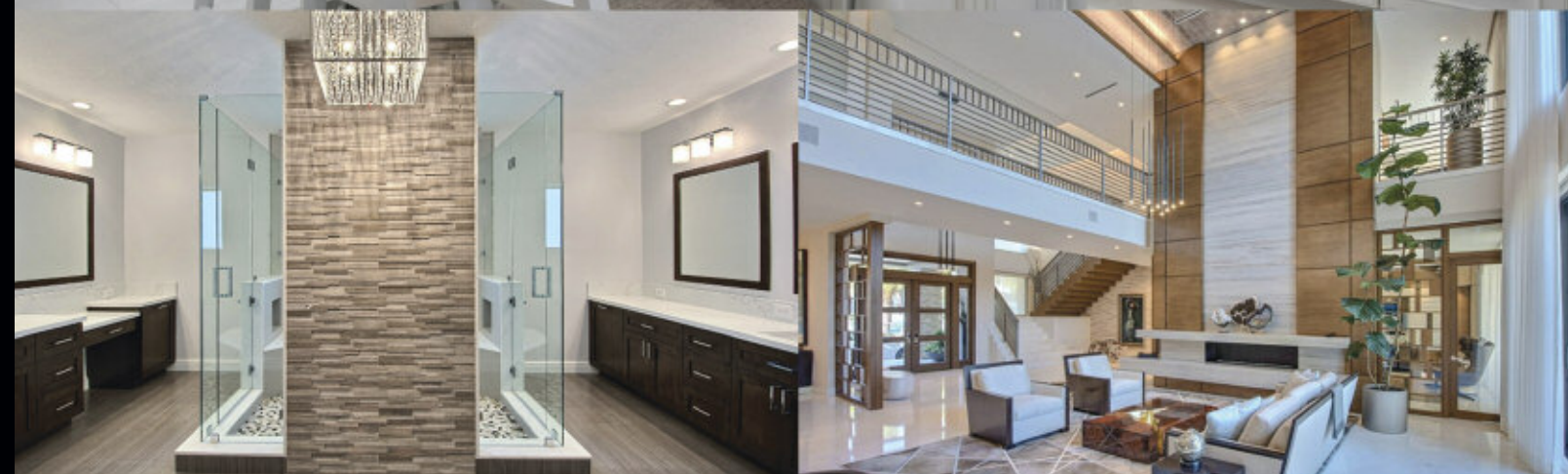


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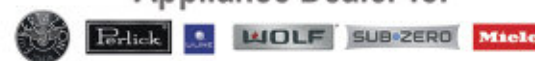


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In today's fast-paced world, high-end kitchen appliances are evolving to meet the demands of modern culinary enthusiasts. From smart technology integration to innovative design and enhanced functionality, these appliances have revolutionized the way we cook and entertain.

In this article, we will delve into the exciting realm of high-end kitchen appliances and explore the latest advancements that have taken the culinary world by storm.

Smart and Connected Appliances:

One of the most notable trends in high-end kitchen appliances is the integration of smart technology. These appliances can be controlled remotely using smartphone apps, allowing users to preheat ovens, adjust cooking settings, and receive real-time updates on their cooking progress. Furthermore, some appliances offer voice-activated controls, enabling users to operate them through virtual assistants like Amazon Alexa or Google Assistant. With these features, home cooks can multitask and monitor their culinary endeavors more efficiently than ever before.

Advanced Cooking Techniques:

High-end appliances now offer a range of advanced cooking techniques that elevate the cooking experience to new heights. Induction cooktops, for instance, provide precise temperature control and rapid heating, offering superior cooking results. Steam ovens have gained popularity due to their ability to cook food quickly while retaining nutrients, flavors, and textures. Sous vide machines, once limited to professional kitchens, are now accessible to home cooks, allowing them to achieve restaurant-quality results with precision-controlled temperature cooking.

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Aesthetics play a vital role in high-end kitchen appliances, and manufacturers are focusing on creating visually stunning designs that seamlessly integrate with modern kitchen decor. Sleek stainless steel finishes, minimalist touch controls, and innovative lighting options enhance the overall appearance of these appliances. In addition to visual appeal, manufacturers are also prioritizing ergonomic designs that provide ease of use and accessibility, making cooking a more enjoyable experience for users of all abilities.

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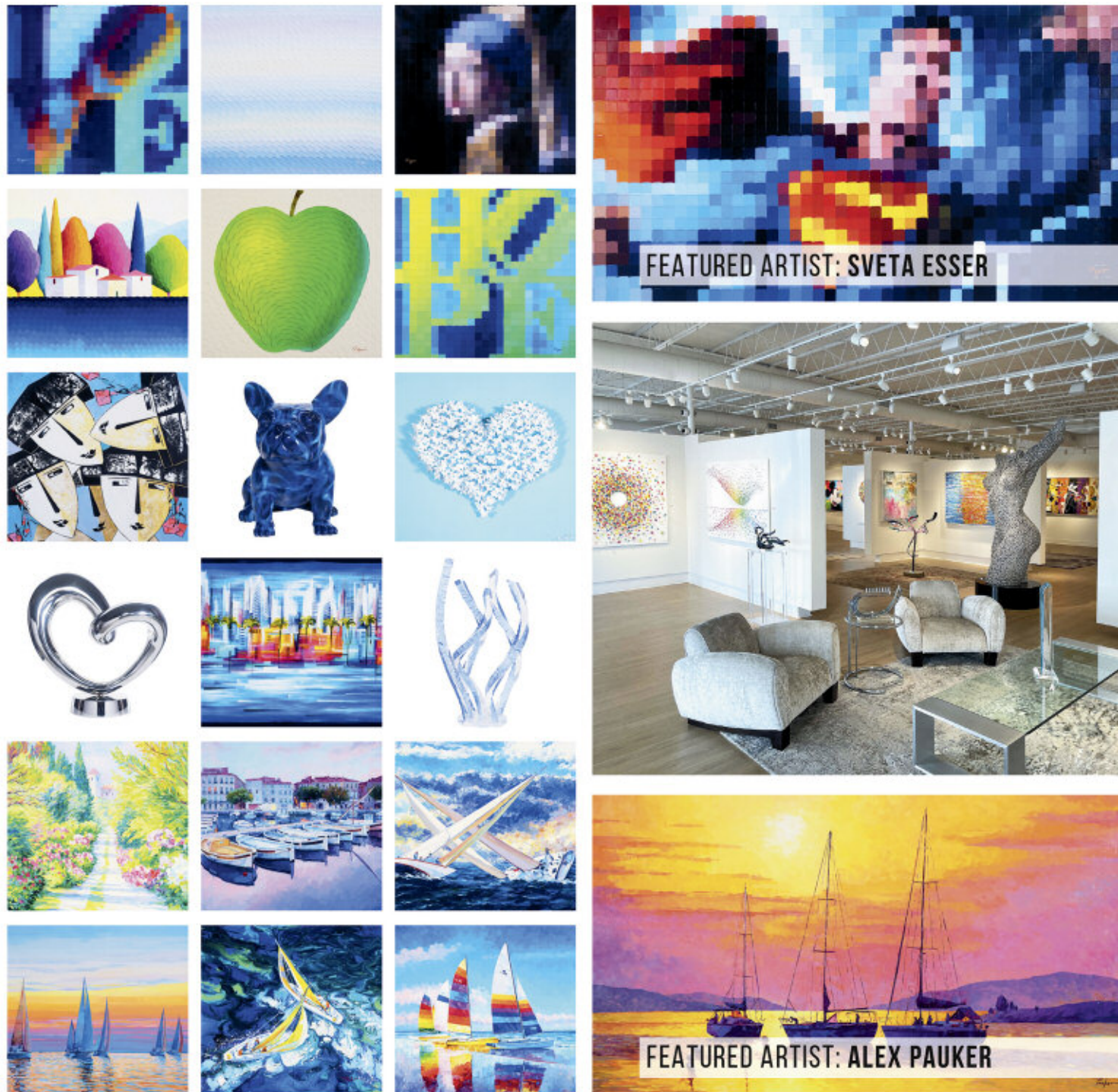
The latest generation of high-end kitchen appliances emphasizes energy efficiency and sustainability. Energy-saving technologies such as induction cooktops and LED lighting reduce power consumption without compromising performance. Dishwashers and washing machines are equipped with sensors to optimize water usage, reducing waste. Moreover, manufacturers are incorporating eco-friendly materials and promoting recyclability in their product designs, ensuring a reduced environmental impact.

Conclusion:

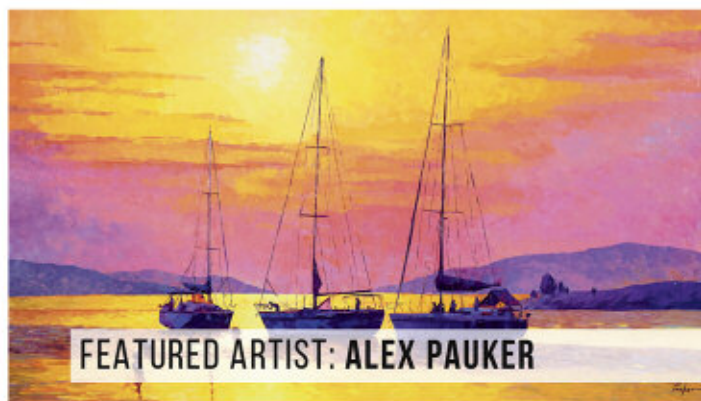
As the culinary landscape evolves, high-end kitchen appliances continue to push boundaries, offering a myriad of exciting features and functionalities. From smart and connected appliances that revolutionize control and convenience to advanced cooking techniques that enhance precision and taste, these appliances have transformed the way we cook, entertain, and live in our homes. With their impeccable design, increased efficiency, and focus on sustainability, high-end kitchen appliances are paving the way for a new era of culinary excellence.

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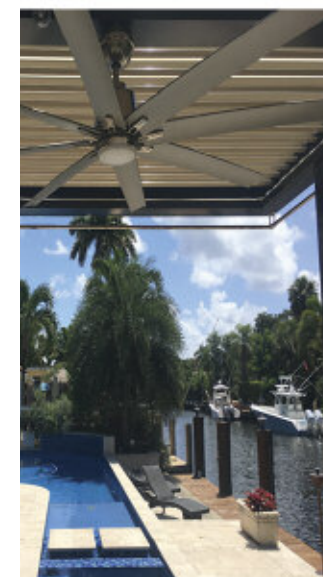
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I have written for or been quoted in over one hundred publications, but have received a surprisingly large volume of tax questions from Florida Decor readers. Below are some of the best tax questions which may help readers save tax money and keep the IRS away.

Question: I hear and read all these advertisements for the ERC or Employee Retention Tax Credit and how the IRS is giving 26K for each employee. How can this be true?

Answer: It is true for some businesses. The problem is in 2023 The IRS added The Employee Retention Credit to its list of the IRS Dirty Dozen. IF you apply for this money, which could be a large amount, you will probably receive it. The IRS then may audit you after you have received the money. The IRS has recently added personnel to deal with fraudulent activity of Employee Retention Credits. The result will be a lot more audits and criminal investigations of ERC claims and of ERC promoters. These promoters make money when they get business owners to apply for the Employee Retention Credit (ERC). Due to the immense amount of misleading and fake marketing, the IRS Criminal Investigation Division is now involved and is working to identify fraud.

Question: I have heard about tax shelters as a way to get a large tax deduction?

Answer: A lot of tax shelters exist and many accountants are either not aware of them or are afraid of signing a return with a tax shelter on it. Some shelters like conservation easements or captive insurance can give large tax deductions and provide many benefits. Unfortunately, like the ERC, many shelters have appeared on the IRS Dirty Dozen tax list and a taxpayer can get into a lot of trouble if done improperly. An IRS news release announced their plans to hire up to 200 additional attorneys to help the agency combat syndicated conservation easements, abusive micro-captive insurance arrangements and other tax schemes.

Question: Why is my accountant so conservative? Why do I think that I pay too much tax?

Answer: Most taxpayers often pay too much. Most accountants are smart and honest, however, the tax code is vast and constantly changing. No accountant or tax attorney can keep up with the entire tax code. In addition, the IRS has made accountants and tax attorneys their policemen. If something abusive, questionable or similar to, IRS words, is on the tax return, your ac-

countant has to file their own form, which basically tells on their client, or face a large IRS fine. I have spoken at hundreds of conventions about these tax reduction techniques, and how accountants and tax attorneys can get into trouble. To read more about this put Lance Wallach into Google and you can find several articles with more information.

Question: How can I find out what the IRS is going after this year or are there any specific things that I can read to help me?

Answer: Today, the IRS is conducting more audits of small businesses, focusing on non-compliance with employment tax rules. Auditors are looking for inappropriate transactions and questionable reporting. Some other audit targets are S corporations that pay shareholders low salaries while paying out the majority of profits as pass through distributions, thus avoiding payroll tax. Over the last few years, the IRS has dramatically stepped up its efforts to study specific industries, and to educate its 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 is that examinations are more sharply focused on potential areas that will generate increased taxes, penalties and interest. Fortunately, there is a positive side to all this. The IRS has made public a number of its industry specialization program papers and market segment specialization program manuals. These help us keep up on the areas that the IRS will be targeting in its audits. So far, it has issued detailed audit guide information on a range of industries. As an example, if you own an automobile dealership, you could obtain the auto dealership industry specialization program manual and read specifically what the IRS is looking at in your industry. You can then use this IRS manual as your guide when preparing information to give to your accountant.

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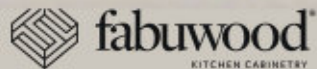
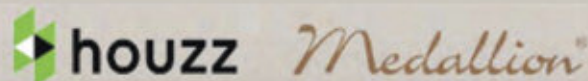


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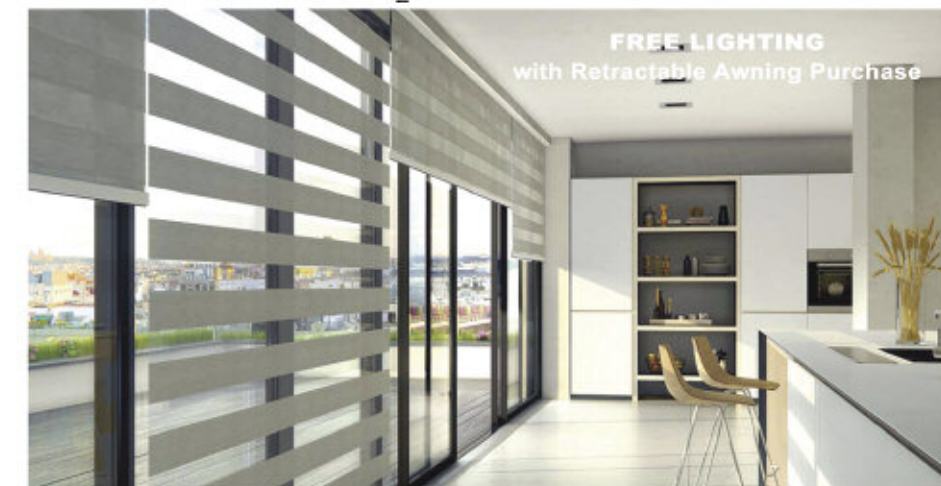
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