

A TROPICAL OASIS IN THE GROVE

Accented By Exotic Woods, Crisp Neutral Fabrics And Lush Landscaping, This Tranquil Coconut Grove Home Evokes A Sophisticated Sensibility With A Tree House Vibe

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Charles Treister knows his hometown of Coconut Grove like the back of his hand. “It’s a beautiful neighborhood and the oldest neighborhood in Miami, Fla.,” he says. “It dates back to the 1890s so it has a very interesting history.” Known for its large tree canopy, “The Grove” is one of the most lush and tropical areas in South Florida. It is no wonder the architect chose this community, with its vibrant cafés, restaurants and shops just minutes from downtown Miami, as the site to create this 4,400-square-foot primary home for his clients who are originally from Brazil.

RIGHT: It is evident that architect and interior designer Charles Treister wanted his vision viewed through a tropical lens. From bamboo and bromeliads to philodendrons and traveller’s palms, the lush landscape softens the modernity of the exterior. “It is like the home is tucked in a garden,” designer Katia Silva says.





In the living room, Silva kept the palette neutral and the furnishing arrangement simple. Arranged side-by-side, two Brazilian Jequitiba wood cocktail tables in a rectangular shape feature recessed, mirrored niches that reflect the accessories above.

Simple geometric lines, soft materials, an assortment of exotic woods and a neutral palette underscore the home's tropical modern essence. Ipe wood panels cover the right façade near the doorway, while white stucco on a heavy horizontal beam frames the entry. Inside, the architect created an open floor plan with 12-foot-high ceilings and full-height glass walls that bring the outside in, while designer Katia Silva styled the interior and outdoor spaces with a selection of sophisticated furnishings and accessories culled from the Saccaro showroom.

In the living area, a view of the outdoor garden is reflected in a massive mirror behind one of two linen-covered "Lolita" sofas designed by Flávia Pagotti and adorned with plush, beige-velvet accent pillows. "For me, everything is about the view and the greenery. The first thing I thought when I saw the white wall was to mirror what was happening outside," Silva says.

"The house is somewhat akin to a Japanese perspective," Treister says. "A traditional Japanese home has very simple rooms that open onto a deck and then lead



On open shelving in the kitchen crafted by Tizzoni Cucine, Silva placed blue and green glass accents that offer the space a dash of color and also a nod to the sea.



out to a garden." Connecting most of the spaces is Italian porcelain tile flooring that resembles bleached oak. Its natural hue blends well with a geometric cowhide area rug that grounds the living area in soft hues of cream and white.

On view from the sophisticated dining room through floor-to-ceiling windows, tall bamboo stalks allow abundant light to filter through, while a molecular-like, bronze chandelier casts a softer hue above a glass-topped dining table. A unique centerpiece of driftwood, with its smooth knobby texture, provides an interesting contrast to the table's rigid base created by Brazilian designers Tina Azevedo Moura and Lui lo Pumo with layers of Jequitiba, a rich Brazilian wood that resembles mahogany. Two rattan host chairs join with Studio Saccaro's eight "Alpi" side chairs, created with Jequitiba wood and wrapped in natural linen. "I love the shape of the chairs," Silva says. "They're very comfortable, feminine and elegant."

LEFT: On the wall in the dining room, two photographic works depicting nature by Treister, who is also a photographer, create a bold impression beneath a window of lush greenery. To the right is a picture of banyan trees from the Deering Estate and the other, a view of San Francisco Bay from the Golden Gate.



In the tranquil master bedroom, a burlap-like wallcovering from J. Josephson forms a backdrop for bedside chests that are topped with twin table lamps created from thick, Indonesian vine wood. From the adjacent sitting area, a wall of glass windows and a sliding door look out onto an Ipe wood deck brimming with a background of lush exotic plants.

The pristine Italian-crafted Tizzoni Cucine kitchen features clean-lined dark wood cabinetry and a white-lacquered island topped with a thick slab of Calacatta Oro marble with book-matched edges. Stylish paraiso wood and white-cushioned counter stools line the island, providing a strong contrast.

In the tranquil master bedroom designed with neutral tones, a wall of clerestory windows appear like verdant paintings above a bed adorned with plush pillows and crisp white bedding. The owners can relax in the adjoining sitting area, where comfortable armchairs framed with side slats of rattan surround an oval-shaped cocktail table designed by Ana Revello Vasquez and Renata Solio in Jequitiba wood. A soft white cowhide area rug in a patchwork pattern mirrors the table's shape and subtly delineates the space.

RIGHT: The sunlit master bath lends an indoor-outdoor feel with a wall of glass that divides it from a private patio. Near a glass-enclosed shower is a floating louver door in light wood. Photography by Justin Namon, Miami, FL



A private outdoor space on the second floor of the home features an Ipe wood deck and a plunge pool. The family enjoys relaxing on cushioned chaise lounges designed by Roque Frizzo, or in a corner on a sofa shaded by a large Shadescapes umbrella.



“I like to create houses that are both intimate and also work well for parties,” says Treister of the home’s outdoor dining and patio space that boasts a 12-foot-high ceiling with cedar roofing, and porcelain tile flooring that extends from the inside out.

Just steps into the luxurious master bath, custom-designed mahogany cabinetry topped with a white-lacquer counter appear to float, while porcelain tile covering a wall fastened with an LED-lit mirror flows seamlessly onto the floor. A freeform tub is positioned near sliding glass doors that lead to a private deck that is perfect for sunbathing.

One of Treister’s favorite outdoor features is the home’s second-floor Ipe wood deck, where views of a plunge pool can be enjoyed from all of the upstairs rooms. The rectangular pool lined with black marcite lends a lagoon-like appearance and when the water is still, it mirrors the tranquil lush landscape.

The main floor’s outdoor space is perfect for entertaining friends and family. Guests can dine alfresco at the garapeira wood table that comfortably accommodates six, or for cooler evenings, they can gather around Treister’s custom-designed fire pit while seated on an L-shaped sectional. The epitome of indoor-outdoor living, this tropical home with a tree house vibe is the creation of a meticulous architect with a penchant for open spaces, and a creative designer with an eye for textures and Brazilian woods.

SOURCES

Living Room

Sofas, accent pillow fabric, cocktail table, rattan chair, vases, bottles, floor lamp and area rug - Saccaro, Miami, FL
Window and wall structure - Custom designed and fabricated by Treister Design & Development, Inc., Miami, FL

Dining Room

Dining table, dining chairs, centerpiece and draperies - Saccaro, Miami, FL
Chandelier - Avenue Lighting, Chatsworth, CA
Artwork - Treister Design & Development, Inc., Miami, FL

Kitchen

Island, cabinetry, countertops and shelving - Custom designed by Treister Design & Development, Inc., Miami, FL
Island, cabinetry and shelving fabricated by Tizzoni Cucine, Miami, FL
Countertops fabricated by Reyes & Sons, Hialeah, FL
Counter stools, vases and fruit basket - Saccaro, Miami, FL
Double oven - Miele USA, Coral Gables, FL
Hanging pendants - Phillips Lighting, Somerset, NJ

Master Bedroom

Bed, bedside tables, armchairs, cocktail table, bench, lamps, draperies and area rug - Saccaro, Miami, FL
Bedding - Macy's, Miami, FL
Wallcovering - J. Josephson, Inc., South Hackensack, NJ

Master Bath

Cabinetry, mirror and slatted-wood door - Custom designed by Treister Design & Development, Inc., Miami, FL
Cabinetry fabricated by Wood Furniture Design of Florida, Miami, FL
Sinks - Wetstyle, Inc., Coral Gables
Kitchen + Bath, Coral Gables, FL
Shower and tub - Aquabraxs, Coral Gables
Kitchen + Bath, Coral Gables, FL
Faucet - Blu Bathworks, Coral Gables
Kitchen + Bath, Coral Gables, FL

Deck/Pool Area

Pool and decking - Custom designed by Treister Design & Development, Inc., Miami, FL
Pool fabricated by Aquarama Pools, Weston, FL
Decking fabricated by Raidan Development, Miami, FL

Sofa, chaise lounge chairs, round accent table, orange accent pillows and ottomans - Saccaro, Miami, FL
Umbrella - Shadescapes Americas, Hotchkiss, CO

Patio

Dining table, dining chairs, sectional sofa, accent pillows and cocktail table - Saccaro, Miami, FL

Throughout

Landscape installation by Artistic Lawn Services, Inc., Miami, FL
Floral arrangements - Saccaro, Miami, FL
Flooring - Tropical Tile, Miami, FL
Fabricated by Ceramiche Caesar, Eatontown, NJ ♦

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Tray over tub, side table and candleholder - Owners' Collection
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