

A cascading water wall that conceals a garage sets a meditative tone for this Boca Raton residence. Pavers artfully positioned over green turf lend pattern and movement to the scene.

SINGULAR SENSATION

BOASTING SUPERIOR TROPICAL MODERN ARCHITECTURE, A BOCA RATON RESIDENCE TAKES SHAPE AROUND ITS OWNERS' CONTEMPORARY ART COLLECTION

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BELOW: Poised in complementary hues, artist Jun Kaneko's ceramic heads appear to float atop a reflecting pool ensconcing the home's front exterior façade. The sculptures bring a fluid organic shape to the sleek linear design.



RIGHT: A circular rug from Tai Ping Carpets anchors the main living room, where a scene-stealing acrylic grand piano emits an eclectic vibe. The sculptural seating arrangement includes curved sofas from Avenue Road paired with a purple Holly Hunt Sumo lounge chair. Outside, Peter Busby's *Grazing Horse* sculpture is one of the many outdoor artworks throughout the property.

BELOW: The melting silhouette of a black cast-bronze floating shelf by Reinier Bosch makes an exquisite companion piece for Jimmie Martin's *Mirror Mirror* in the entrance foyer. A soaring 130-foot skylight creates a gallery-like central spine for the home, flooding the space with natural light.



WHEN A COUPLE FROM New York decided they were done with the Northeast, they figured South Florida would be the ideal setting for the next chapter of their lives. They'd lived in the area years before, after all, and their grown children now resided in the region. As they narrowed down locations, Boca Raton eventually won out and they purchased two lots in Princeton Estates, a subdivision of the Woodfield Country Club, an enclave known for its 27 lakes and winding golf courses.

Desiring a fluid, easy-to-navigate floor plan, the owners sought a single-story structure that would function as a serene private retreat, a welcoming gathering space, and a showplace for their spectacular art collection. To bring that vision to life, they tapped two design pros who had come through for them before: architect Ralph Choeff and interior designer Deborah Wecselman.





ABOVE: In the dining room, custom tables by D-Coded International and India Mahdavi chairs sit beneath the warm glow of a Luke Lamp chandelier. A console by Michael Dawkins and a Ralph Pucci ottoman provide sculptural punctuation marks.



RIGHT: An eye-grabbing custom ombré glass screen fabricated by Studio Germans Ermičs delineates the kitchen and dining area. Eggersmann kitchen cabinetry and a glass dining island by Santambrogio | Milano support the home's streamlined aesthetic.



LEFT: The family room's warmly sophisticated rug from Tai Ping Carpets features a subtle linear pattern, setting a calming base for a Minotti sectional layered with Monica James & Co. pillows. Two standout chairs—one from Suite NY and a fur-covered piece from Baxter—counterbalance Grégoire Devin's *Life in Technicolor* artworks over the sofa.

“Our goal was to design the residence with all entertainment areas and the primary suite enabling full views of the rear yard, pond, and golf course,” says Choeff. “We met that challenge by creating a seamless flow that allows smooth transitions between rooms. All spaces in the home speak to each other, thus creating continuity and an effortless way of living.”

Thoughtfully designed on one level, the expansive layout spans 12,800 feet amid impeccable landscaping and awe-inspiring views, offering a blissful setting for refined indoor-outdoor living. Purposeful schematics highlight three distinctive pavilions surrounding a central pool and are punctuated with artworks strategically positioned for viewing from both inside and out.



The kids' TV room/pajama lounge features a cozy Ligne Roset sofa, a fluffy Luminaire ottoman, and a rug from Design Within Reach. Tacchini's Pluto cocktail tables lend playful curves. Custom shelving houses whimsical sculptural accents from Bearbrick and Jeff Koons.



"Because we had worked with Choeff Levy Fischman and the clients on their previous residence, there was a strong foundation of trust and understanding," says Wecselman. "This gave us the freedom to push the creative envelope with a modern architectural framework, allowing us to introduce bold design elements and sculptural moments that otherwise would not have been possible in a more traditional space."

The entrance façade, composed of pod-like spaces protruding from the walls, captivates with a moody reflecting pool from which Jun Kaneko's ceramic head sculptures seem to emerge. Once inside, a series of vast glass sliders blur the perception of indoors and out, and when open, the spaces become one. Serving as the architectural heart of the home, a 130-foot central skylight draws natural light deep into the interiors and visually links the main circulation path. "This is the spine of the design," notes Choeff, "and I call the area it sits over the gallery. It's a wide hallway separating certain functions of the home that creates quite a unique experience when traversing the residence."

LEFT: The playroom epitomizes pure imagination with a pair of Keith Haring chairs and sculptural seating from Design Within Reach. Hovia's graffiti-themed wall-paper brings an urban art vibe, and a Flor rug adds a textural touch. Belecome's ceiling installation of balloons creates a joyful sky of color and movement.



The bar room's dark accents and Arrow mood lighting from Apparatus create a lounge feel. A Cristallo stone bar gives the space structure, while Man of Parts bar stools and a statement vase by Collection Particulière provide the design edge. The pool table from Blatt Billiards introduces an Art Deco touch.

RIGHT: A guest bedroom generates a sanctuary of texture and intimacy with a moody wallpaper by Élitis that wraps the room in softness. Nightstands from Pianca flank a platform bed from Laskasas, and Atollo lamps introduce a classic design touch with their dome-like silhouettes. Stealing the scene, Jeff Robb's *Drawing Down the Moon II* hovers over the bed.

BELOW: Just off the primary bedroom, a sitting room continues the quiet luxury with a Wecselman-designed custom curved sofa and lustrous coffee tables by Gallotti&Radice. Sheer draperies from Jerry Pair filter natural light. A Michael Dawkins side table displays a Lynn Chadwick sculpture.



Said commanding skylight inspired a series of focal moments, including a fireplace wall, bar, and kitchen, each designed with refined materials and layered textures. “Our clients emphasized a desire for clean, low-maintenance flooring, so we selected a seamless surface and enhanced the corridor with inlaid metal strips for visual interest,” says Wecselman. “The juxtaposition of this simplicity with rich materials creates moments of surprise and intrigue throughout the space.”

Sculptural, bold, and contemporary, the furnishings were curated with a focus on form and silhouette. From the living room’s rounded custom sofas to the dual dining tables

that join into one, every piece is designed with purpose. Standout features include a neon chandelier that functions just as beautifully, whether the dining tables are separated or unified, and a custom ombré glass screen that was explicitly engineered to delineate the kitchen and dining area. Each room flows flawlessly into the next, united by thoughtful detailing and a design philosophy that blends modern clarity with sculptural elegance.

“We were all on the same page from Day One,” says Choeff, “and the result was a total success.” Adds Wecselman: “Collaborating with the clients and design team on such a deeply personal home was a joyful experience. Seeing them live in and love the spaces we created together is the most rewarding memory.”

Surrounded by lush landscaping and a golf course, the sprawling patio provides a fine setting for refined outdoor living. The elaborate pool features an in-water lounge and firepit. Clima Home sofas and Minotti lounge chairs offer comfortable seating poolside.



BELOW: Aurora Cañero's colossal bronze sculpture, *Socorrista de Biarritz*, "looks over" the pool. Salvador Dalí's *Red Dalí Lips* sofa sits in a clever juxtaposition, infusing a splash of invigorating color into the monochromatic setting.



SOURCES

ENTRY

Floating shelf – Reiner Bosch, Priveekollektie Contemporary Art, priveekollektie.art
Mirror – Jimmie Martin, jimmiemartin.com
Murano jars – Homeowners' collection

LIVING ROOM

Curved sofas – Avenue Road, Miami, FL
Club chair and cocktail table – Holly Hunt, Miami, FL
Accent table – J Nelson, Hollywood, FL
Mirrored accent table – Minotti, Miami, FL
Artwork – Jules Olitski, Sponder Gallery, Boca Raton, FL
Lighting – Apparatus, apparatusstudio.com
Piano – Hamilton Piano Company, West Palm Beach, FL
Round area rug – Tai Ping, Dania Beach, FL

DINING AREA

Tables designed by Wecselman Design, Miami, FL, and fabricated by D-Coded International, Miami, FL
Chairs – Ralph Pucci, Miami, FL
Lighting – Luke Lamp Co., lukelampco.com
Lucite divider – Studio Germans Ermičs, germansermics.com

KITCHEN

Cabinetry and island – Eggersmann USA, Dania Beach, FL
Dining table – Santambrogio Milano, santambrogiomilano.com
Chairs – Property, propertyfurniture.com

FAMILY ROOM

Sofa – Minotti, Miami, FL
Decorative armchair – Suite NY, suiteny.com
Fuzzy chair – Baxter, Miami, FL
Cocktail table and ottoman – Minotti, Miami, FL
Side tables – Holly Hunt, Miami, FL
Artwork – Gregoire Devin, AiBo Gallery, aibogallery.com
Area rug – Tai Ping, Dania Beach, FL

CHILDREN'S TV ROOM

Lounge seating – Ligne Roset, Miami, FL
Pouf ottoman – Luminaire, Miami, FL
Cocktail tables – Arravanti, Miami, FL
Bear sculptures – Bearbrick, bearbrick.com
Animal balloon sculptures – Jeff Koons, jeffkoons.com
Area rug – DWR, Miami, FL

CHILDREN'S PLAY AREA

Sculptural chairs, table, and chairs – DWR, Miami, FL
Balloon ceiling sculptures – Belecome, belecome.com
Wallcovering – Hovia, hovia.com
Area rug – Flor, flor.com

GAME ROOM/BAR

Island stone – Citco USA Corp., Miami, FL
Stools – Avenue Road, Miami, FL
Lineal lighting – Apparatus, apparatusstudio.com
Art Deco billiards table – Blatt Billiards, blattbilliards.com
Area rug – Stark Carpet, Hollywood, FL

PRIMARY BEDROOM

Sofa designed by Wecselman Design, Miami, FL, and fabricated by Le Jeune Upholstery, Miami, FL
Chair – DWR, Miami, FL
Cocktail table – DDC, Miami, FL
Drapery – Jerry Pair & Associates, Hollywood, FL
Area rug – Stark Carpet, Hollywood, FL
GUEST BEDROOM
Bed and headboard – Laskasas, Boca Raton, FL
Side tables – Addison House, Miami, FL

Lamps – Luminaire, Miami, FL
Wallcovering – Elitis, Hollywood, FL
Artwork – Jeff Robb, Bruce Lurie Gallery, lurigallery.com
Carpet – Stark Carpet, Hollywood, FL
REAR EXTERIOR
Pool designed by Wecselman Design, Miami, FL and Choeff Levy Fischman Architecture + Design, Miami, FL, and fabricated by VJD Construction, Palm City, FL
Sofa – Clima Home, Miami, FL
Lounge chairs – Minotti, Miami, FL
Horse sculpture – Peter Busby, Sponder Gallery, Boca Raton, FL
Lifeguard sculpture by pool – Aurora Canero, auroraconero.com
Lips sofa – Salvador Dalí, Classic Design, classicsdesign.it
THROUGHOUT
Head sculptures – Jun Kaneko, Sponder Gallery, Boca Raton, FL
Accessories – Pietra Casa, Miami, FL
Closet design – Ornare, Miami, FL
Façade cladding – Urbanik Surfaces, Miami, FL