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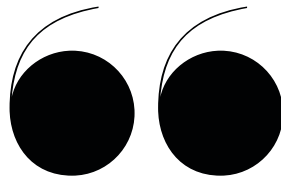
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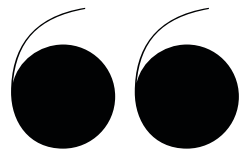
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LUXE INTERIORS + DESIGN WOULD LIKE TO WELCOME YOU TO OUR 2017 GOLD LIST: A LOOK BACK AT THE PAST YEAR IN DESIGN WITH THE PROLIFIC TALENTS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE INSPIRING AND ASPIRATIONAL HOMES FEATURED IN THE PAGES OF OUR MAGAZINE—FROM ARCHITECTS AND INTERIOR DESIGNERS TO HOME BUILDERS AND LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS ALL ACROSS THE COUNTRY THAT ARE LEADING THE INDUSTRY IN FRESH AND EXCITING WAYS.







LIMESTONE IS A MATERIAL THAT HAS A SPECIAL QUALITY. IT VARIES FROM LOCALE TO LOCALE SO THE UNIQUE QUALITIES OF THE REGION ARE OFTEN REFLECTED IN THE STONE.”

—DON RUGGLES, RUGGLES MABE STUDIO  
DENVER



“I love using stained wood because of the warmth and contrast it offers when paired with some of the colder, harder building materials. It brings us back down to earth and connects us to the outside world.”  
—DANIEL REEDY, ONSHORE CONSTRUCTION & DEVELOPMENT  
JUPITER, FL

“A GREAT HANDCRAFTED BED IS THE BEST LONG-TERM INVESTMENT. WE SPEND MORE HOURS IN BED THAN ANY OTHER PLACE, SO IT SHOULD BE A SANCTUARY FOR REST AND COMFORT.”

—BRUCE FOX, BRUCE FOX DESIGN  
CHICAGO

*“I would suggest investing in Korean art from the Dansaekhwa Movement. It’s a growing market that will have a big impact on the art world in the coming years.”*

—NINA WEXLER, NINA Yael DESIGN STUDIO  
NEW YORK

“I LOVE USING CONCRETE. IT’S TIMELESS AND ALLOWS FOR SO MUCH FLEXIBILITY IN DESIGN.”

—SCOTT CARSON, PHX ARCHITECTURE  
SCOTTSDALE

“I appreciate the thinking behind Modernism. It is the movement that freed us from the corset of style and allowed us to properly respond to any given location.”

—MARY ANN GABRIELE SCHICKETANZ,  
STUDIO SCHICKETANZ  
CARMEL, CA

THIS PAGE: RUGGLES MABE STUDIO PHOTO: PETER VITALE. OPPOSITE: BROWN DAVIS INTERIORS PHOTO: MARK ROSKAMS.

“My favorite design style is any type of Early American architecture, from Georgian to American Colonial Revival and Tudor styles. I prefer recreating traditional styles in the new homes we build.”

—DAVE KNECHT,  
DAVE KNECHT HOMES  
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“PEOPLE ARE RESPONDING TO WARM COLORS MUCH MORE LATELY—TAUPE, DEEP REDS AND PANTONE’S DUSTY CEDAR.”

—MARIA HAIDAMUS, MARIA HAIDAMUS INTERIORS  
SAN FRANCISCO

*“Architecture has permanence and presents an opportunity to engage with local observers in a way that makes a project relevant for generations. Any project must be irrevocably tied to its surroundings.”*

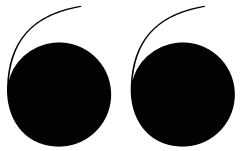
—CARLOS GONZALEZ-ABREU, GONZALEZ-ABREU / ALAS ARCHITECTS  
CORAL GABLES, FL

“Purchase the best windows and doors money can buy. Not only are they always within sight, but they provide a convenient function, energy savings, visual beauty and longevity.”

—TIM BARBER,  
TIM BARBER LTD.  
LOS ANGELES

“INVEST IN STATEMENT LIGHTING. GOOD LOW-LEVEL LIGHTING IS ALWAYS THE HEARTBEAT OF A WELL-DONE INTERIOR.”

—JAN TURNER HERING, JAN TURNER HERING INTERIOR DESIGN  
CORONA DEL MAR, CA



MY FAVORITE FURNITURE IS UPHOLSTERED PIECES WITH ORGANIC, SCULPTED SHAPES, AND MIXED WOOD AND METAL CASEGOODS.”

—ROBERT BROWN, BROWN DAVIS INTERIORS  
MIAMI BEACH



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## KEY

- [A]** ARCHITECTURE



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GONZALEZ-ABREU/ALAS  
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Their families, communities and childhood experiences drew Carlos Gonzalez-Abreu and Ana M. Alas to the field of architecture. Raised in a magical colonial city and under the auspices of its inescapable grandeur and, in Alas' case, a father who was a builder, the pair founded GAA Architecture | Interior Design out of a passion for the discipline's combination of art and science. "Engineering is rational, precise and definite, while architecture has a loose and creative element that can draw you in countless directions," Gonzalez-Abreu says. "When I discovered this, it was like being sucked into a black hole. I couldn't resist the gravitational pull." Likewise, Alas notes the duality of her profession as nourishing, particularly given her multifaceted background in architecture, interior design and general contracting. Though it began purely as an architectural firm, GAA today offers services to complete every element in a given project, down to the furnishings. Asked to describe their creative process, both principals agree that the pace success brings has been a new test. "As the firm matures, there is an increasing challenge on our time," Alas says. "We sometimes have to shut ourselves off from the world, only accompanied by classical music, books, digital boards and, still to this day, trash paper—used particularly in the very embryonic stages where copious amounts of discarded sketches are generated."



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*“Our clients should feel  
as if they are coming  
home to a five-star hotel.”*

### Ask the Expert

**What are you working on next?**

We are working on a new, contemporary bayfront home in Tahiti Beach (see photo 03). It's a very exciting project. We also just completed a two-story penthouse on Brickell, with amazing views of the city and bay. Currently, we are working on a new penthouse in South Beach.

**In what kinds of communities do you typically work?**

Prominent waterfront properties, luxury apartment buildings, the Caribbean and a private island. We also take sourcing trips to Morocco and Egypt with clients.

**How do you define luxury?**

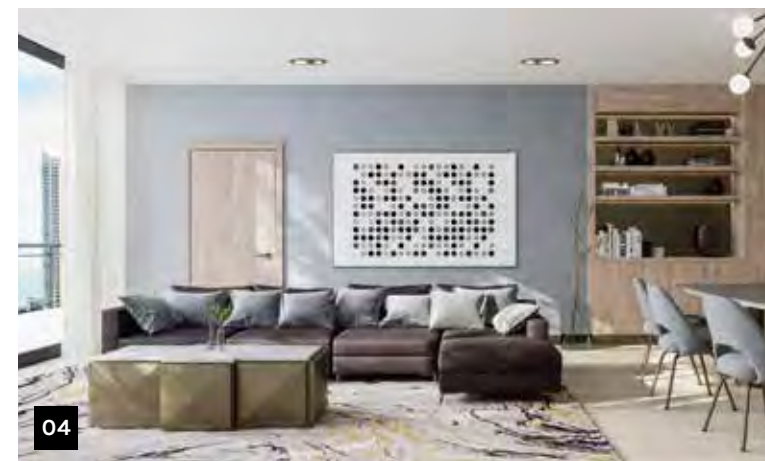
Coco Chanel framed it well: "Some people think luxury is the opposite of poverty. It is not. It is the opposite of vulgarity."



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**01.** Building traditions are repurposed in the Coral Gables home of architects Carlos Gonzalez-Abreu and Ana M. Alas. Vernacular details provide an antidote to the austere Mediterranean mass. **02.** Caribbean folly-style family compound includes a main residence, 3,500-square-foot guesthouse and secret pool garden staged to celebrate a private island setting. Suites and verandas offer dazzling comfort in understated sophistication. Artistically curated and juxtaposed with modern comforts and the latest technology. **03.** Tahiti Beach home. Upon its carefully choreographed front approach, the massing splits open to unveil a dramatic Miami skyline tableau. In Venetian fashion, a contemporary loggia rises out of the waters of a reflecting pool. **04.** This Ocean Drive penthouse offers a stylish retreat. A luxurious setting reflects a South Beach distilled glamour, paired with a calm palette of natural and hewn materials drawn from the native coastal landscape.



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