NED KITCHEN AND BATH

RAO DESIGN

to be chameleons," says Mia Rao, principal designer of her namesake
fitting analogy given the recent shift toward color in the kitchen and
ess afraid of color and more willing to take risks," she says. "This is
west, which is fantastic." In addition to color, nature continues to
al wood cabinetry as well as quartz countertops that offer durability
le. "Our work has a soulful, tactile quality about it. We love to play
s into an environment," she says. "We play with texture to add
ke you want to stay. We like to create spaces that are meant to
st." While layering is key, maintaining a cohesive style is "mission
s is staying on top of innovative products and technology. "In this
t a quick response and attention to detail," she tells. "Creating truly
rentiate yourself has become more important than ever."



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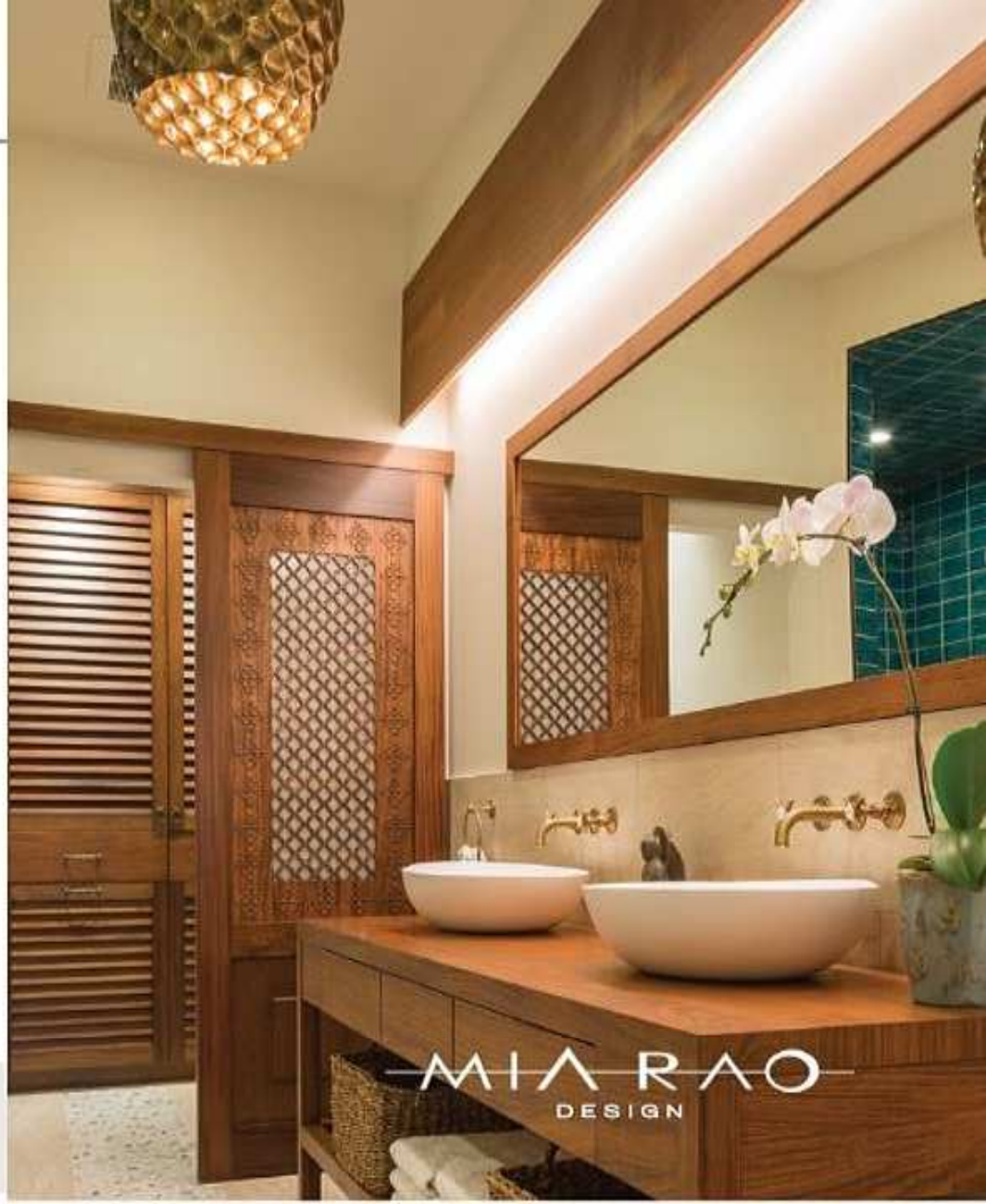
"Our goal is to create soulful design that reflects the interest and lifestyle of the client. We want our interiors to reflect energy and balance, creating a personal refuge. We like to have fun!"



1. In this master bath, sliding mahogany doors, a teal clawfoot tub and shower, sandy-colored marble, and a teak vanity remind the homeowners of their tropical paradise honeymoon, which was their inspiration.
2. Mahogany panels, with Moorish cutouts, add to the exotic feel of this bathroom. Millwork fabricated by Hamilton Woodworks.
3. Be whisked away to another world when stepping into this luxury shower, featuring deep blue-green tile that reflects the colors of the sea.

RAO ON... DESIGNER INSPIRATION

I'm forever inspired by the late Maya Romanoff and his wife, Joyce. I recently learned more about Maya seeing Joyce speak at the AuthLux Summit—about Maya's passion for using unique materials and testing boundaries with his wallcoverings. He was a true artist and uninhibited when expressing himself. I'm a huge fan of those who push the limits in art and creation. I also love that their wallcoverings are made right here in Chicago.



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