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FROM THE EDITOR

Fort Lauderdale's **super-spreader** event continues. (No, not ***that*** one...)

This one: developers buy and tear down a single family home, replace it with a 6,000 square foot mansion, and suddenly all the homes in the neighborhood are worth multiple millions. They get sold, razed, and make room for more giant mansions.

A Bill Bigoney designed home featured on the cover of HOME Fort Lauderdale magazine in 2006

What is lost? Among other things, you've heard us talk about architects who reconceptualized sub-tropical living in Fort Lauderdale. Their work is now being obliterated.

Charles F. McKirahan's creations were sleek modern structures tailored to the subtropical environment–artfully sited to take maximum advantage of sunlight, fresh air, and stunning views. McKirahan became the go-to architect for the prolific developer, Coral Ridge Properties. An outstanding example of his work in Harbor Beach, a low-slung home designed for Oscar Meyer's granddaughter was marketed a few years back as a simply a "5 lot" estate, demolished and sold off as multiple lots.

Francis L. Abreu was known for his rambling, romantic, single-family houses that lined the New River. His Anheuser-Busch family estate, Manga Reva, was backdrop for a scene from *Where The Boys Are*, the movie that arguably put Fort Lauderdale on the map. A few months ago, it was purchased, leveled, and put back on the block as a "buildable lot."

Bill Bigoney studied architecture under Walter Gropius at Harvard, there learning to weave a regional spirit into his buildings, embracing sub-tropical environmental conditions. In the residence seen at left on a 2006 issue of *HOME Fort Lauderdale*, Bigoney used coral stone embankments instead of concrete, creating intertidal habitats. Bigoney invited the environment in, using long stretches of pivoting, louvered doors to catch the breeze, allowing occupants to live — as much as possible — without air conditioning. Recently, one of a grouping of just four Bigoney-designed residences in Sailboat Bend was purchased with the intent to erase it and construct potentially three spec houses. As we go to press, the fate of this home — one of Bigoney's signature works — is unclear.

Some cities designate individual homes as historic or *architecturally significant* landmarks to prevent their demolition —shouldn't our City act before our architectural heritage is gone?

John T. O'Connor
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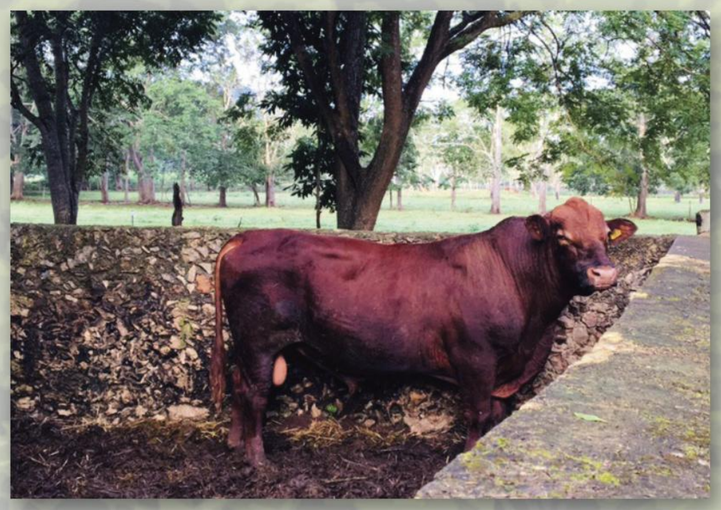

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Leslie Jones Three-time Emmy Award nominee, comedian, actress Leslie Jones comes to The Parker. Jones was a cast member and writer for the NBC sketch comedy series Saturday Night Live from 2014 to 2019. She has also been a featured performer at the Just for Laughs festival in Montreal and the Aspen Comedy Festival. In 2010, her one-hour comedy special, Problem Child, was broadcast on Showtime. Now Jones is appearing with Lenny Marcus, with whom she hosts her podcast series, "The Fckry". This show will indeed be laced with adult humor, so best leave the kids at home with the Nanny.

Leslie Jones at The Parker **parkerplayhouse.com**

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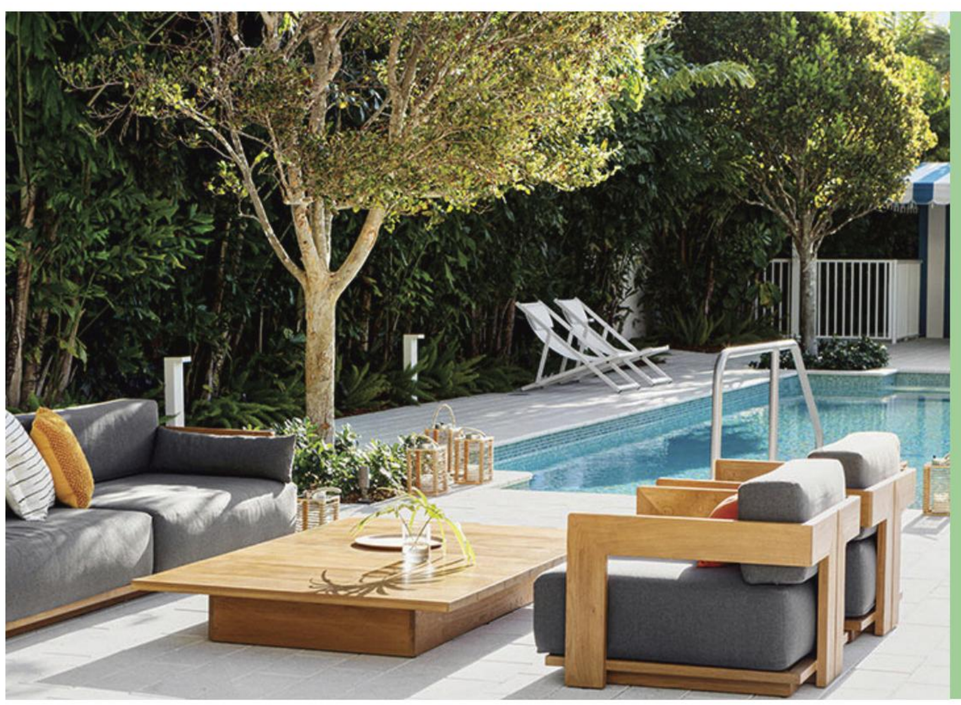

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Margaret Cho: Live & Livid Margaret Cho's stand-up career started at age 14, when she won a comedy contest to open for Jerry Seinfeld in the early '90s. She soon moved to LA and, still in her 20s, hit the college circuit, becoming the most booked act in the market. She performed over 300 concerts within two years. More than anything else, Margaret Cho is unconditionally, unapologetically herself. Cho is the champion of debunking taboo subjects like sex, race, world politics, sexual orientation, and womanhood (to name a few) with her unabashed, sure-fire humor. Thursday, May 18th at 8 p.m.

Margaret Cho: Live & Livid parkerplayhouse.com

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Beverly Hills chic meets Zen retreat in this new Rio Vista home.

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BUILDING A RESIDENCE THAT DOUBLES as a vacation house can be an exercise in fantasy. Look at much of what happened in the 1990s. Rising in getaway havens like coastal Long Island to Miami's South Beach were houses that looked as if they had just arrived in one piece from Versailles or Palma de Mallorca. Lovely to look at, but completely out of their element. It takes a certain respect for your surroundings to come up with a truly good design, one that is vibrant, livable and above all, *of its time and place.* We are not talking historical accuracy here, but rather a connection to place that was lost somewhere along the way in the last 40 years as America's love affair with air conditioning evolved and even vacation homes were turned into hermetically sealed vaults.

When John Reed designed a 3,874 square foot home in Fort Lauderdale's Rio Vista neighborhood, he didn't fixate on what might "fit in" architecturally with the neighbors, but rather looked at what the proposed use of the home dictated and what its sub-tropical surroundings might suggest. The home was designed, of course, to be used year round. (This *is* Florida, after all.) But our lingering, Covid-adjusted mentality dictates, whenever possible, that a home *also* serve as an office... and if needed, become a secluded sanctuary. Check... and check.

Recently completed by Shemesh Construction of Boca Raton, the residence is sited on a lot of just under 10,000 square feet. The single story

Steps lead down from both the entertaining rooms and the primary suite to the home's saltwater pool.

home's façade does not attempt to overwhelm its neighbors, suggesting privacy instead. With ample living space, it's designed as an L-shaped home with a surprise. Walk up a path of square concrete "stepping stones" and climb two steps to an entryway protected from the weather by a deep roofline,

The architect and builder have created a truly memorable environment here, one with an understanding of what living in South Florida could and should be, designing a modern home that nods to its location.

sheathed on the underside with termite-resistant, tongue-in-groove wood. Pass through the front door and proceed down a hallway — home office on one side, guest suite on the other — and suddenly, that purposefully narrow space bursts open, and the *real* home spreads out before you.

The architect and builder have created a truly memorable environment here, one with an understanding of what living in South Florida could be and *should* be. They've designed a modern home that nods to its location wherever possible. This can be as small as "eyebrows" over windows and doors on the exterior to help keep its interior cool, or large, as in deep overhangs designed to provide shade and create outdoor "rooms". These nods extend to the interior rooms of the home as well, such as the kitchen. Here, the ceiling has been raised a good three feet, allowing for a wraparound clerestory, its windows filling the space with indirect, natural light and turning the food preparation into a real show.

But best of all is how the design opens to the very private back yard. There a wall of stacking glass doors slides away to open the airy home completely to its saltwater pool, just

beyond. First there is a wide, outdoor living room, dining room and outdoor kitchen, all protected from above with a ceiling covered from end to end with termite-proof, tongue-in-groove wood and cooled by two huge ceiling fans. Beyond, a wide set of four steps brings you level with the pool, set on

Although an 'open plan' home, the architect has pushed out a long section of the pool facade, and lined it with floor-to-ceiling windows, creating a dining room that is set just far enough away from the living room.

axis to the interior's entertaining spaces. This same effect is echoed in a higher ceilinged primary suite, which rests elegantly, as if on a plinth, then descending down to the pool level via four steps that wrap around its front and sides.

Although an 'open plan' home, the architect has pushed out a long section of the pool facade, and lined it with floor-to-ceiling windows, creating a dining room that is set just far enough away from the living room. The kitchen, with its raised "lightwell" and elegant cabinetry is also designed as a push beyond the typical open plan with one ceiling height.

The kitchen has a long island with waterfall-style engineered quartz counters and deep, stainless steel work sink. Its cooking area is a chef's dream with a Thermador, 5-burner gas cooktop, a pot filler and professional grade exhaust system. Ovens are top-of-the-line Thermador and a 24-bottle, under-counter wine cooler is hidden from view. Walls of the kitchen's work area are lined with the same, quartz material as the island.

Although brand new, the home is given a subtle patina of age

A wall of stacking sliders opens completely , extending the living space enough for and outdoor living room, dining area and outdoor kitchen.

in its entertaining areas with large format porcelain tile floors in its entertaining spaces, and wood-look porcelain in bedrooms and baths, assuring easy cleanup. Detailing here is exceptional with “floating” ceilings, hidden, LED lighting, custom electric shades and more. Bathrooms in this house are bright and luxurious, without being over-the-top.

Smart Home technology, terrific location close to downtown, Brightline & airport... Listed with an asking price of $3,100,000, we’d be surprised if it didn’t go under contract before we get this article to press!

Of course, this being Florida, every window and door are fitted with impact glass, and, in the event of extreme weather, the home has been equipped with a whole house gas generator. And as whomever its eventual buyer is might want to leave town for a week here or there, (why they would, we have *no* idea) the saltwater

pool has an auto-fill feature.

The feeling created in this four-bedroom, four-bathroom residence is somehow exhilerating and peaceful, all at once. Its combination of wide-open, volumetric spaces mixed with the absolute privacy of its outdoor rooms and walled-in pool area is truly extraordinary.

According to the property's listing agent, Tim Singer of Coldwell Banker, this home truly does — as they say — have it all; Smart Home technology, terrific location close to downtown, Brightline, airport and I-95. Listed with an asking price of $3,100,000, we'd be surprised if it didn't go under contract before we even get this article to press!

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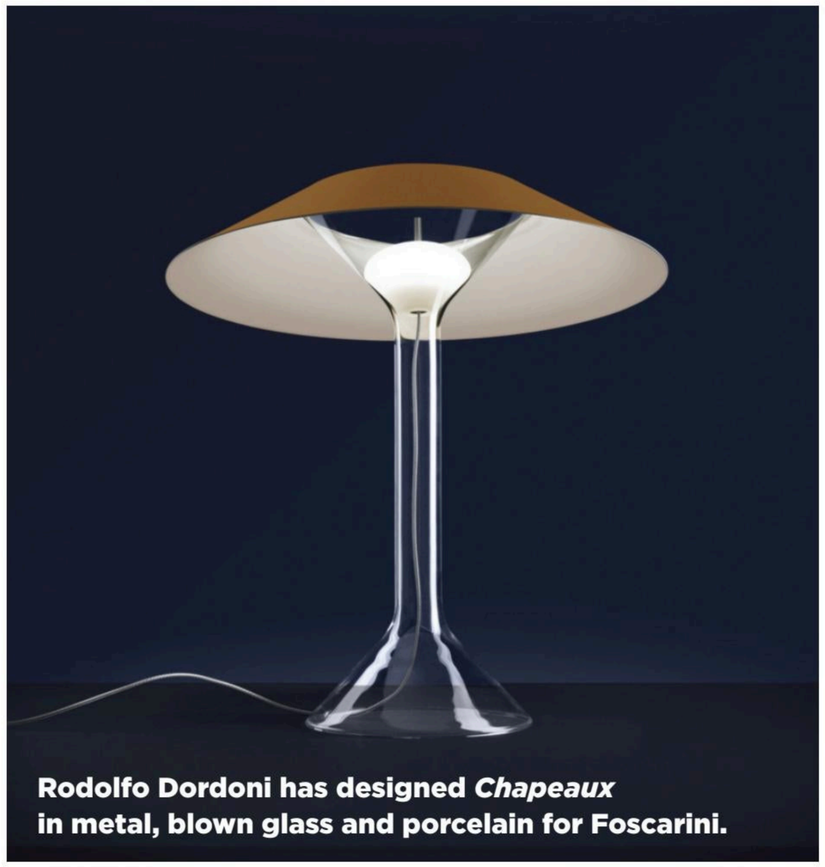
The City of Lights

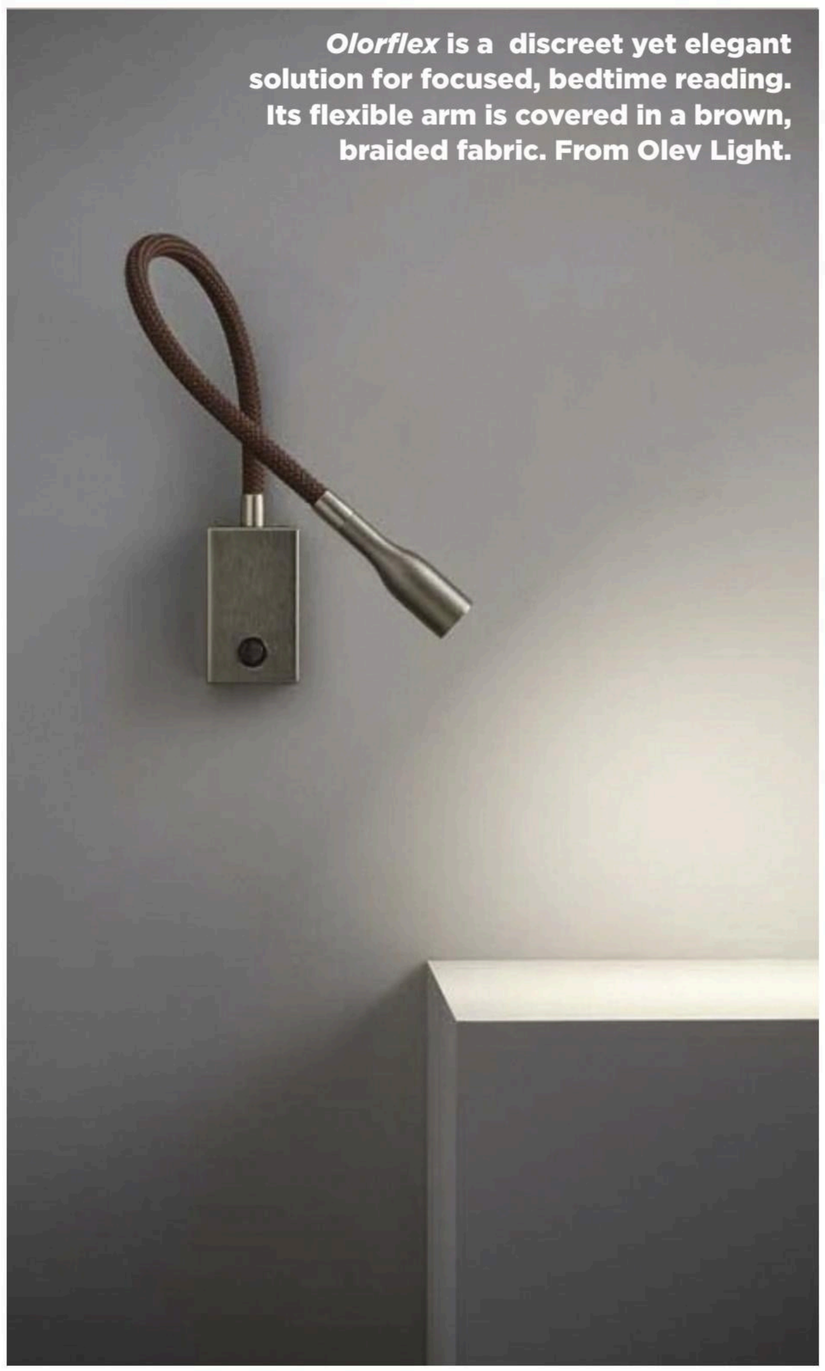
Un campionario di progetti di illuminazione presentato ad Euroluce durante quest'anno Salone del Mobile a Milano, Italia.

La Città delle Luci

A sampling of lighting designs shown at Euroluce during this year's Salone del Mobile in Milan, Italy.



Rodolfo Dordoni has designed *Chapeaux* in metal, blown glass and porcelain for Foscarini.



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The *Dama* collection for Vibia by Ludovica & Roberto Palomba combines the charm of traditional lighting with the finesse of contemporary design.

Aptly named, the *Out* lamp, designed by Victor Carrasco for Vibia seems made for Florida, where we spend as much time as possible outdoors.

Ambient light often isn't enough. Ideal Lux suggested adding light with *Angolo pt5,* a floor lamp with five, acid-etched globes.

Segmento **by Olev Light is a flexible LED wall light that can be installed bent in any direction.**

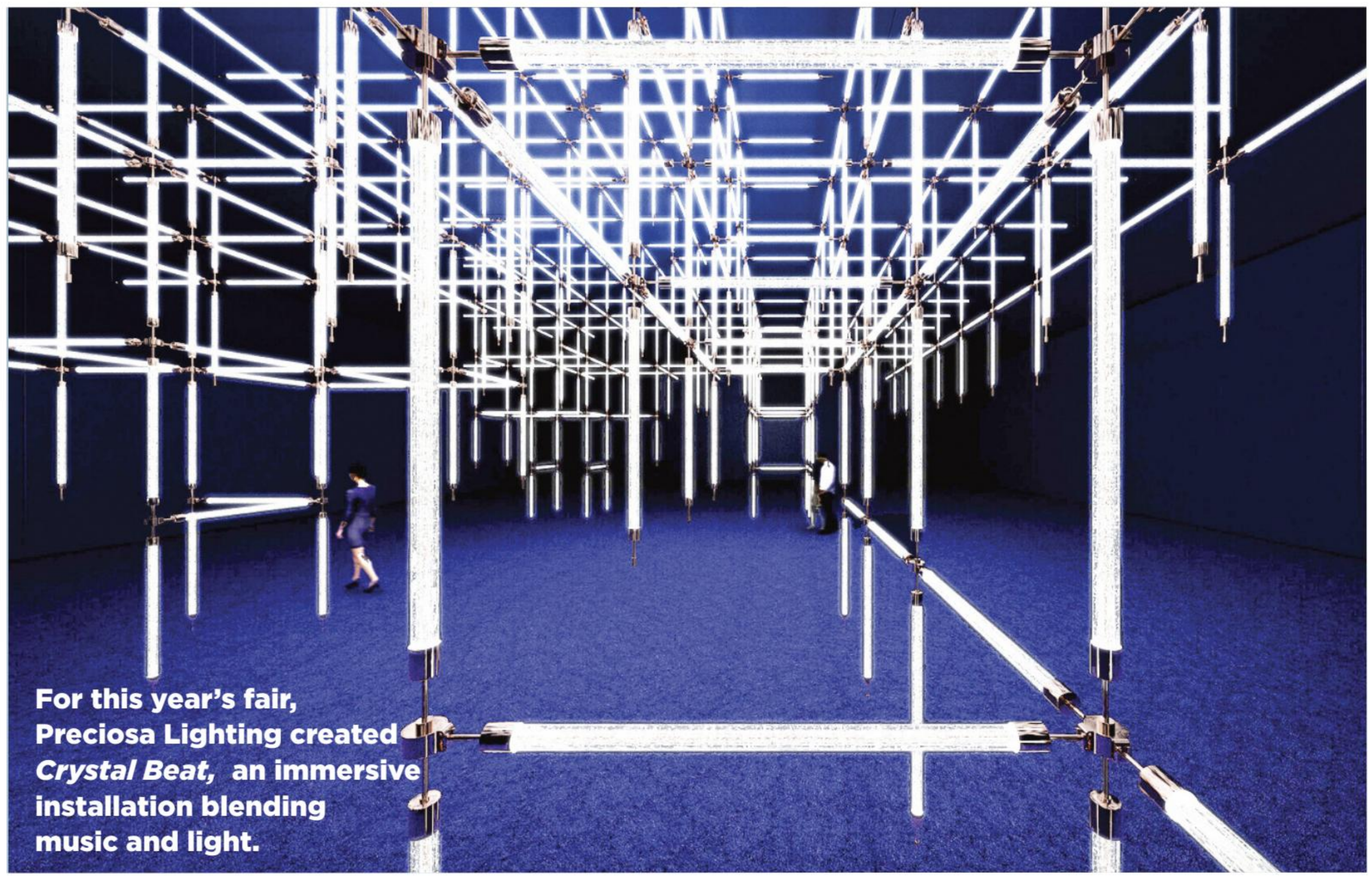
Each year we travel to Milan, put on a pair of comfortable shoes and walk through *Salone del Mobile*, the massive design fair showing off the latest in home furnishings not only from Italy, but from designers and manufacturers across the globe. Included within that exhibition every other year is *Euroluce* a truly dazzling display of creativity, its complete focus on lighting. Under this year's theme "The City of Lights", Euroluce presented not simply the latest designs, but immersive installations as well. On these pages we bring you a sliver of what was shown.

London-based lighting designer Tom Dixon returns to Euroluce with his new *Puff* pendant lights.

Photo Pete Davey

The Czech premium lighting brand Brokis presented *Trottola*, designed by Federico Peri. Designed with blown opaline glass, the collection included pendant and table lamps.

Designer John Pawson made a less costly version of his *W223 Table Lamp* for Wästberg, switching from marble to aluminum.



For this year's fair, Preciosa Lighting created *Crystal Beat,* an immersive installation blending music and light.

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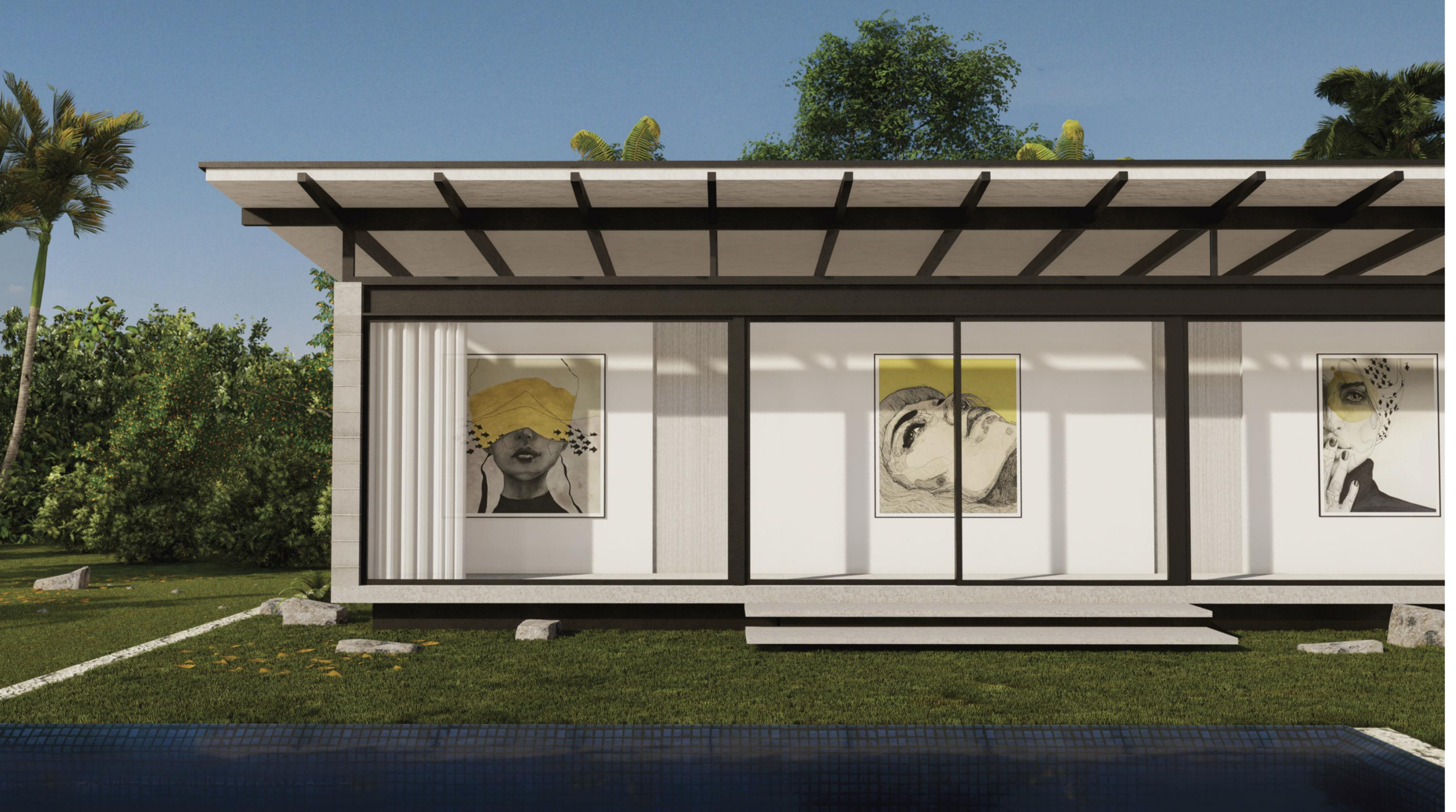

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3 Fort Lauderdale Residences each designed to meet a client's needs

One thing we love about Fort Lauderdale is its diversity. Not only diversity in terms of color, gender orientation and income bracket, but in the type and size of residential opportunities. You can live in a 357 square foot micro-rental studio at Society Las Olas or, at the other end of the spectrum, live like opulent royalty in a 9-bedroom, 13-bath, point-lot mansion of 17,800 square feet.

Most of us live somewhere in the middle, but whether you like living in a small space you can lock up and leave without worry or a big, family house, getting them just right on the inside is a challenge. That's where the professionals come in. You see, while the devil may indeed reside in the details, get the right team to work on your project tirelessly, and the final result can be heavenly.

On the following pages we check out three homes, one in each of our categories: small, medium, and large. Each one has its own look and feel, and each is the perfect home... according to their owners. Join us, while we have a look inside.

SMALL [769 Sq Ft]

For two gentlemen visiting from Delaware, Sea Tower, facing the beach in a neighborhood otherwise single family homes called out to them. Designed by Igor Polevitzky in 1957, the boomerang shaped tower, partially lifted on reinforced concrete piloti, was everything they loved about Fort Lauderdale. The building is a glowing example of everything that constitutes the best of Mid-Century Modern design.

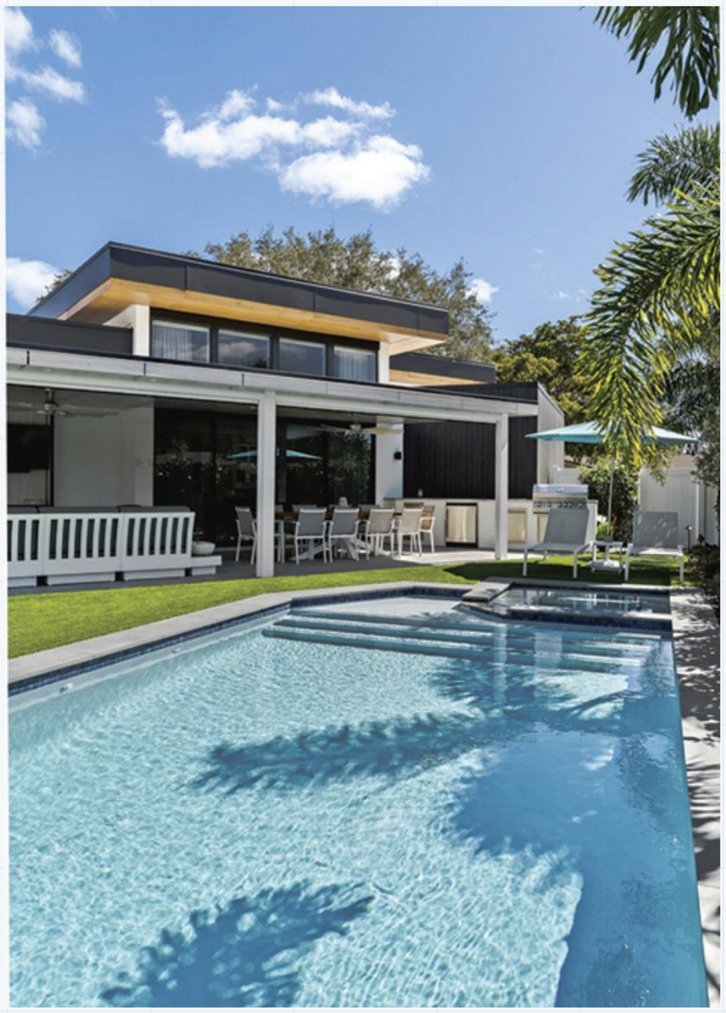
Unfortunately, the interior of the one-bedroom apartment they purchased desperately needed a refresh, so they went to Coralie Halfon of Premium Kitchens. But wait --- as Halfon explained it, although Premium Kitchens specializes in kitchens, they can, and often, are asked to do it all. In this case that meant kitchen, bathroom, wallcoverings, furniture, rugs... everything. The kitchen, with its elegantly varied varied planes, its edges crisp, clean and minimal is a perfect fit. The bathroom now makes the most of its size, dictated by both the design aesthetics of the 1950s, but also by the fact that the pipes behind its walls needed to remain untouched!

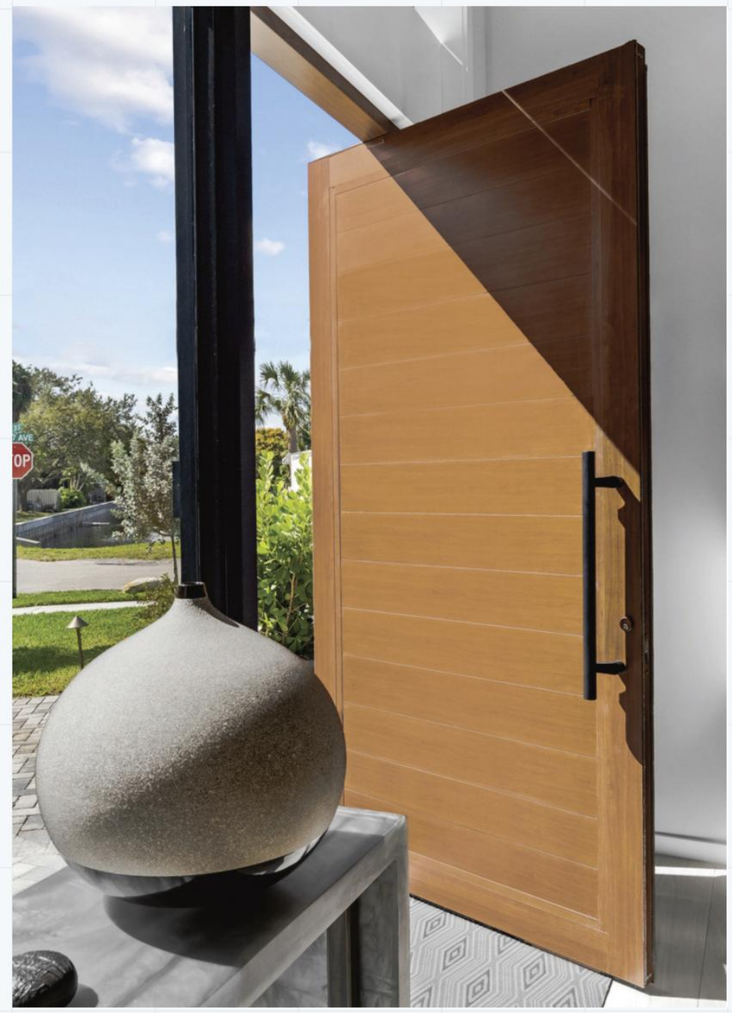
Photos Mymi Riviera

Modern furnishings that have one foot in the ‘50s, the other firmly planted in 2023 were sourced by Coralie Halfon from Premium Kitchens, brought in first and formost to gut renovate the unit’s kitchen. High-end appliances, warm, polished stone and pale cabinetry work perfectly in this sun-splashed co-op. The bath is sheathed in stone, floor to ceiling with a floating vanity as well as medicine cabinet with downlighting.

MEDIUM [2650 Sq Ft]

Set on a quiet street in a tucked that is eminently walkable, stood a house built in the 1950s which, while charming in its own way, had small windows, no garage, low ceilings and those claustraphobic, five by seven foot bathrooms for which the '50s is famous.





It's new owners loved its location, they even loved the footprint of the house on its lot, as, even though it was angled, it left a workable amount of space for a pool. That, the owners made clear, was definitely on the list of must-haves.

But this was no gentle remodel. The home, ecept for its foundation and a few walls were left. The first thing architect Pedro Rojas of Kakun did with his redesign was to lift a portion of the roofline. Not the entire roof=line, mind you, Rojas wanted to be as mindful of the neighborhood's existing scale as possible. Beyond that, he added expanses of glass, mostly shaded from the sun, to give the residence an expansive feel. It's owners love this aspect of their new home, as well as the fact that their outdoor spaces, are now spaces they use!

Photos Diego Bermudez

Architect Pedro Rojas of Kakun Design built a deep, roof overhang and extensive shade structure over the terrace (opposite page, top left, and above) that fills the tall space with natural light, while keeping out direct sunlight, helping the home stay cool. Matte finish, handle-free cabinets, gloss red, pendant lights and a long island of engineered quartz make this kitchen work perfectly for both everyday cooking and entertaining.

LARGE [7,047 Sq Ft]

To say Sea Ranch Lakes is a very special place is an understatement. Tucked between the Ocean and Intracoastal, this tiny spot is actaully a Lilliputian-sized town with its own town council and guard gates. The details that went into its development many decades ago —a central lake, buried power lines, its one entry and exit — are the things that make it most desirable even today. For this recently completed residence, **architect Ruben Jimenez** also found himself focsued on details, as his clients were Charles and Susan Urso, who had owned and operated Marble of The World, selling it a few years back.

Jimenez and the Urso's came to the conclusion that **Double P Construction** would be the right choice, taking their dream house from line drawings to the two-story residence overlooking the Intracoastal it is today. They trusted them with the finish work, which, in the case of the Urso residence, included setting massive amounts of stone.

From the sprawling, primary bathroom with its huge, glassed-in shower to its drop dead gorgeous kitchen with not one, but two islands, custom cabinetry and JennAir appliances, its everything the Ursos ever wanted.

Photos Myro Rosky

Double P Construction, entrusted with the buildout of this two-story, Sea Ranch Lakes home designed by Ruben Jimenez took great pains to finesse the details here, down to the last centimeter. A long window turns nature into their backsplash. The builders went to Timothy Daar at Ferguson for advice and chose a professional grade cooktop as well as ovens, microwave and warming drawer, all from JennAir.

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NORTHERN ESCAPES: CHICAGO, BOSTON, TORONTO

text Ed Salvato

BASKING IN A NEARLY year-round shirts-and-shorts climate, it's easy to forget that the north is still thawing out after another long, dark winter. Imagine the joy of experiencing warm weather after nearly six months of Arctic winds and flora stripped of leaves and color. This month, we explore three of our favorite under-rated yet easily-accessible northerly getaways: Chicago, Boston, and Toronto — bursting back to life with the exuberant colors and sounds of spring and cooped-up city dwellers eagerly re-claiming the outdoors.

Choose Chicago. A world-class metropolis, Chicago is first a city of neighborhoods, with 77 distinct communities representing a breathtaking array of cultures, people, and experiences. One of its largest features is also one of its least appreciated. Lake Michigan boasts huge stretches of gorgeous beaches. One of the best ways of getting a sense of the city is from the lake on Tall Ship Windy, tallship-windy.com sailing from the Navy Pier, navypier.org which is a top visitor destination with shops, restaurants, and attractions.

Meet Boston. If you haven't been to Boston in the past few years, you don't know the city. Long ago you'd visit "Beantown" to walk the Freedom Trail, grab some lobster at Quincy Market and maybe endure a Duck Tour. The mayor was probably Mayor Menino and the Governor a mild Republican. Nothing illustrates the tectonic shifts afoot more than the current political makeup: Boston elected its first woman mayor, Michelle Wu (who's also Asian American) in 2021 and Massachusetts its first woman (and lesbian) governor, Democrat Maura Healey in 2023.

Tour Toronto. Canadians are hardy but even they yearn for warm weather after their long dark winters. They tend to stay out as much and as late as they can, which translates into a vibrant, energetic experience and lots of great people watching for visitors. Explore the many neighborhoods making up the city including our favorites: Little Italy, Little Portugal, Little India, Greek Town and any of the three Chinatowns. Plan your trip around one of the big festivals including Pride and the Toronto Jazz Fest in June; Caribana in August or the Toronto International Film Fest in September.

CHICAGO

Sleep

We recommend choosing between two great properties in one cool new Chicago neighborhood from which you can explore the city: the comfy, modern Hoxton **thehoxton.com** with a cool rooftop pool/bar or you might opt for Nobu, **chicago.nobuhotels.com** an artsy, Japanese-influenced luxury property — both in the smoking hot West Loop. You'll find Chicago's Restaurant Row and Fulton Market District, with restaurants and nightlife.

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Hit Chicago's Mexican neighborhood Pilsen Yards **pilsenyards.com** for music, Mezcal and Latin street eats, and one of the city's best outdoor patios. Nearby, reserve dinner at HaiSous Vietnamese Kitchen **haisous.com**. The Grand Tasting Menu ($70/person) incorporates their best seasonal, locally-sourced preparations.

Sip

Get your drink on in the Ravenswood and Lincoln Square neighborhoods. Both of these offer old Chicago vibes complete with functioning distilleries and passionate brewers. Make sure to visit Koval Distillery **koval-distillery.com** for a tasting tour. Continue your spirited exploration with stops at Dovetail Brewery **dovetail-brewery.com** whose motto, "We brew like Monks. (Minus the vows.)" speaks to their quality (and fun!) and Begyle Brewing, **begylebrewing.com**.

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Festivals enliven the city throughout the summer. A few standouts include Mole de Mayo, a celebration of all things Mexican in the Pilsen neighborhood in May; LGBTQ Pride-related events, the Blues Festival; and Gospel Music Festival in June; food-oriented Taste of Chicago in July; and Lollapalooza in August. More information: **choosechicago.com**.

Sweet potato tacos at Pilsen Yards.

Skyline view from the rooftop at Nobu.

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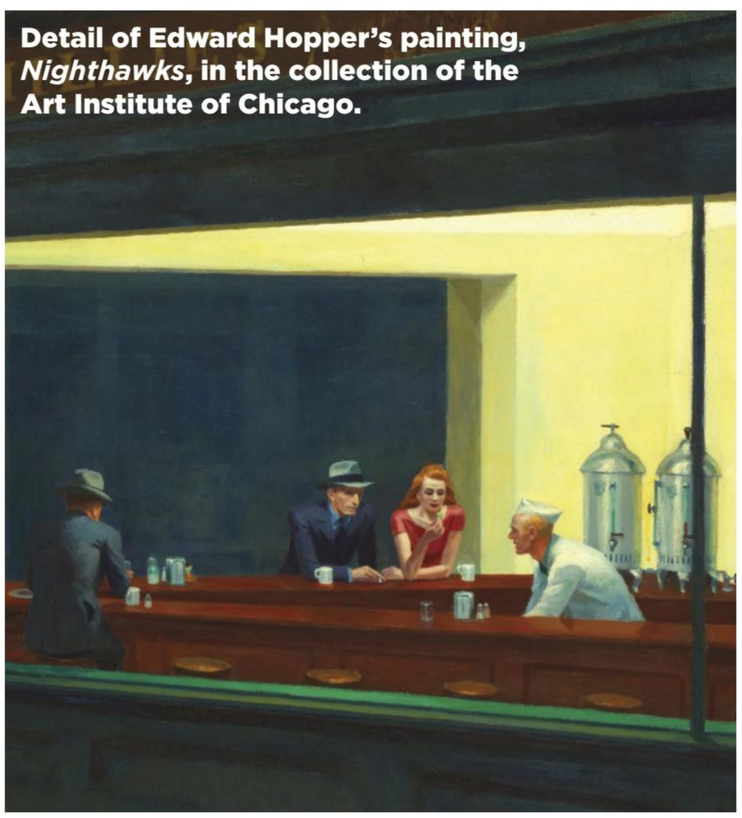

Detail of Edward Hopper's painting, *Nighthawks*, in the collection of the Art Institute of Chicago.

BOSTON

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Boston's luxury hotel scene has been augmented by the fabulous new Four Seasons Hotel One Dalton Street **fourseasons.com/onedalton** near the Prudential Center. Other highly recommendable properties include Liberty Hotel, libertyhotel.com housed in a former 19th-century jail; and the Newbury Boston, **thenewburyboston.com** near unique high-end shopping.

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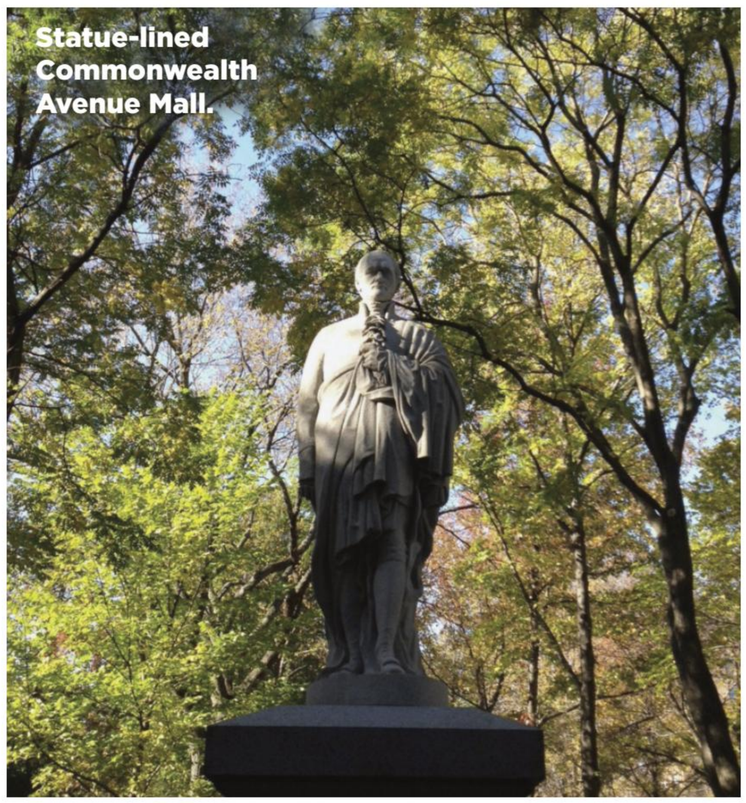
For those imagining clam chowder and Boston baked beans on every menu, the food scene is probably the most eye-popping aspect of new Boston. Scampo (at the Liberty above) is one of the best Italian restaurants in a city founded in part by Italian immigrants. SRV **srvboston.com** is also Italian but offers more contemporary takes. Just east of Chinatown O Ya **o-ya.restaurant** offers a nightly omakase dinner.

Sip

Wig Shop **wigshopboston.com** is a fabulous downtown cocktail lounge. Brick & Mortar **brickmortarltd.com** in Central Square Cambridge is a cocktail lounge where the attentive waitstaff happily walks you through their delectable libations menu. Bar/restaurant Daedalus, **daedalusrestaurantcambridge.com** is a hidden gem steps from Harvard Square.

See

So many sights to see! Opt for classic (Public Garden, the Museum of Fine Arts) to slightly more in-the-know (Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum, The Greenway, the massive stained-glass globe at the Mapparium) or make it up as you go. We suggest visiting the city's newest, buzziest neighborhoods of South Boston, Seaport District, and a renewed North End. More information: **meetboston.com.**


Statue-lined Commonwealth Avenue Mall.

Visiting Harvard Square? Don't miss dinner at the secluded Daedalus restaurant.

The new Four Seasons Hotel One Dalton Street

Courtyard at the Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum.

Window at the quirky Wig Shop Cocktail Lounge, just off the Boston Common.

TORONTO

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The dependably great Drake Hotel thedrake.ca offers impeccable service and a program of thought-provoking contemporary art. The boutique Gladstone House gladstonehouse.ca is located in West Queen West, one of Toronto's most creative neighborhoods. For big spenders, the top luxury hotel is the sumptuous Four Seasons. **fourseasons.com/Toronto**

Scarf

This multicultural city serves up a huge variety of national cuisines, melding them gorgeously. Alo, **alorestaurant.com** a one Michelin-star French restaurant is known for its tasting menu and location atop a beautiful Victorian building. Near Yorkville, Lao Lao Bar **laolaobar.com** is actually a restaurant highlighting the best of Lao cuisine and hospitality. It is gay owned and popular with both LGBTQ folks and their loved ones.

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Hip Lavelle **chezlavelle.com** offers cocktails, food, and lovely views at 16 stories above the city. For even more impressive views Bisha Hotel's rooftop restaurant Kōst **kosttoronto.com** allows reservations for cocktails and snacks which you can nibble while contemplating the view from 44 stories above Toronto's entertainment district.

See

Meander around Toronto's green spaces bursting with life, from the tidy, British Queens Park to the more rugged 400-acre High Park with its trails and sports facilities. After working up an appetite, nosh at the bustling Kensington Market **kensington-market.ca** a walkable neighborhood with independent shops, vintage boutiques and arts spaces and lots of bars, cafes and restaurants. For more information try: **destinationtoronto.com**

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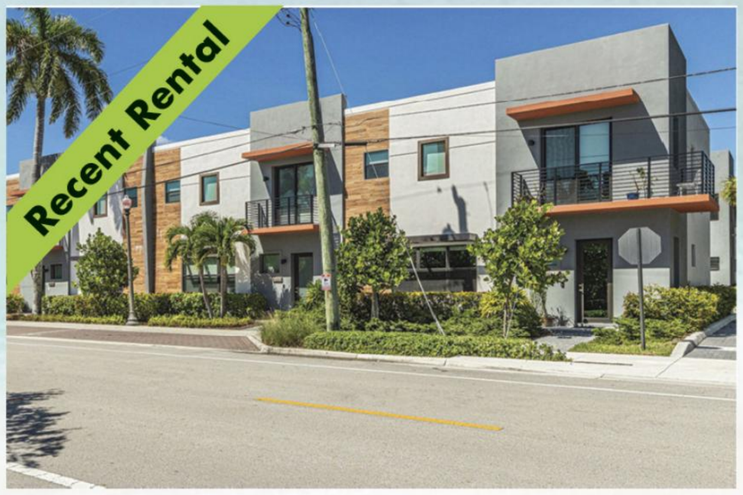

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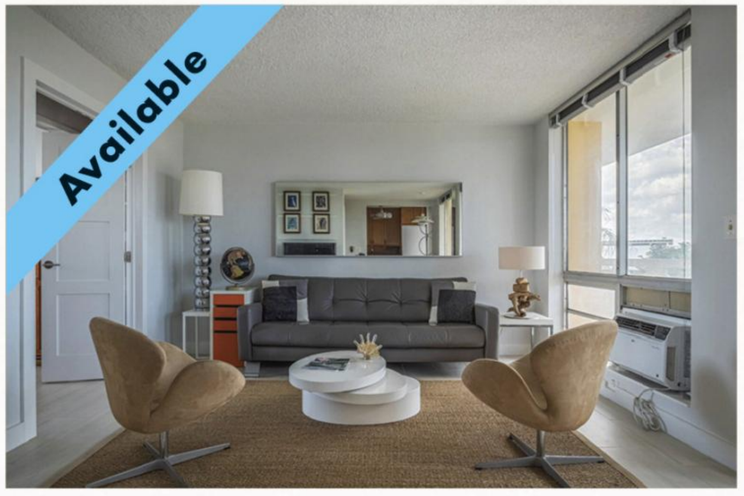

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Vintage Advantage

ON THE HUNT FOR LIGHTING | 1938 - 1974

text Jane Healy
illustration David Croland

Fort Lauderdale, believe it or not, has its share of exceptional homes from *every* decade of the last century. From the Francis Abreu mansions of the 1920s to the subtropical masterworks of Max Strang of the 2020s, its all here... You just need to know where to look. If you're lucky enough to live in *any* vintage home, whether a 650 square foot unit at Igor Polevitzky's Sea Tower, a 1,000 square foot, Robert Hansen designed home in Poinsettia Heights or a waterfront Lester Avery in Wilton Manors, shopping for vintage lighting — or simply era-appropriate *copies* of vintage lighting can be fun. It was for us! We tooled along in a convertible, (lest we discovered a giant light fixture we just had to have that moment) and spent the day in and out of shops like Decades, 50s, 60s 70s, FlipAtik, PreviewMod and Shades of the Past.

After a great morning in Fort Lauderdale, we zoomed up I-95 to West Palm Beach, digging for fabulous finds along Antiques Row on S. Dixie Highway. Were we sated by a full day of shopping and a lobster roll lunch at RH Rooftop? Hardly. The next day we whizzed down to Miami by Brightline and kept up our search. On the following pages is just a tiny sampling of what we found.

Circa 1938-1949
Streamline Moderne Pendant Light

This milk glass beauty could light up your breakfast room table or entry vestibule just as nicely today as it did 80 years ago.

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Circa 1960-1964
Murano glass chandelier by Vistosi

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Florida Modern
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West Palm Beach 561 633 8263

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Circa 1959-1965
Artichoke light (replica) Poul Henningsen, original designer

You can't understand today's Fort Lauderdale without knowing Hugh Taylor Birch, the imposing and foresightful Standard Oil attorney

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Introduced in 1953
Nelson Saucer Crisscross Bubble pendant

Part of George Nelson's *Bubble* series, the Saucer and others grew in popularity through the 1960s. Finding an original is next to impossible, but Herman Miller still makes them!

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CA Modern Home (by appointment)
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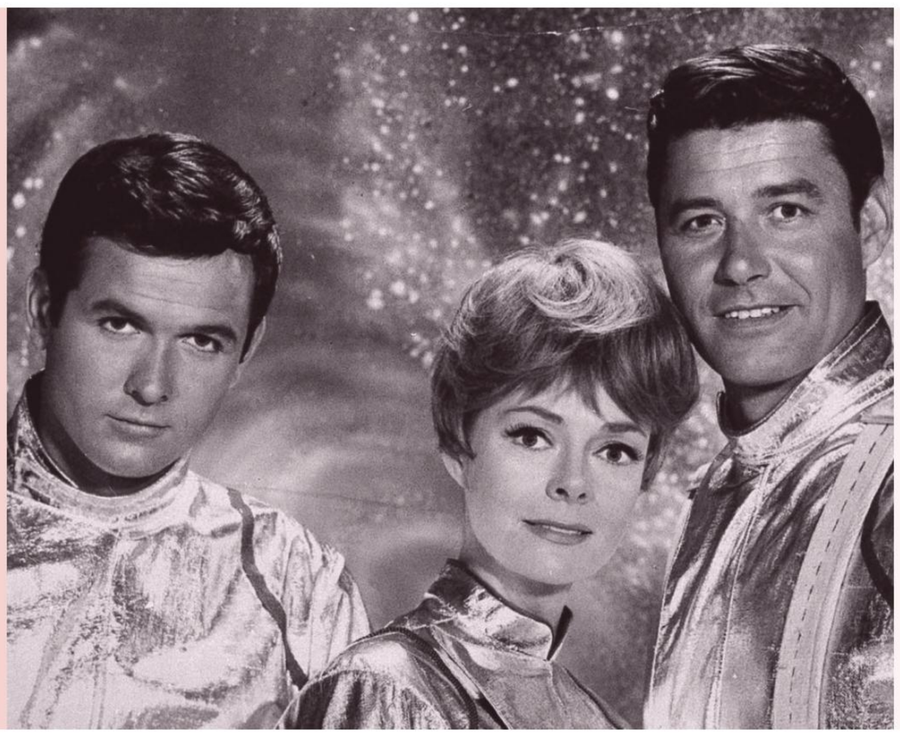

Circa 1969-1974
Carved wood Tiki style table lamp

Handsome table lamp with square, carved, totem-style base comes from an era enfatuated with all things tiki. As antique dealers will tell you, that era is in vogue again.

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ISLAND FOLLOWS THE CONSTRUCTION OF A HOUSE IN THE **FLORIDA KEYS.** IN THIS ISSUE: **LIGHTING** DECISIONS.

text John T. O'Connor

IN THIS INSTALLMENT OF OUR "From The Sand Up" feature, we move on to the lighting plans in the house we're following, currently under construction on the shores of the Atlantic. As the pilings have been driven, the first level's floor poured and with walls quickly rising, architect Will Knetge of Terra Mar and Tony Imparato of Igmar Enterprises, whose firm has been given the task of building the home, are at the point where a *final* electrical plan is needed. And while the two gentlemen building the home are not wildly concerned about the placement of each electrical outlet, they have strong ideas regarding the type of light fixtures used and their placement.

After an initial discussion with the owners, their designer searched for fixtures needed for each room and created a simple plan for all the spaces in the house, honing in on the entertainment spaces in one plan (opposite page, top right) bedrooms and baths in another, and outdoor terraced spaces in a third. The designer found the best way to identify all the fixtures they needed was to sit down, plans and tear sheets in hand, with Michelle Laiosa at LBU Lighting in Oakland Park. By bringing in printouts from web searches, Laiosa was able to produce several options, specifically for recessed down lighting. The designer stressed that the ceilings in the spaces would be 10 feet high, lowered a foot only in the bathrooms and perhaps closets. The home's owners plan on using this part time, potentially renting it out on a monthly basis when they are not in residence. The last place they wanted to be when there, they explained, was on top of a ladder, attempting to change a burned out bulb.

To that end, also with the understanding that the men wanted a soothing, warm white light, she suggested square, 4" recessed LED lights (opposite, top, far left) that last for 50,000

Its owners plan on using this home part time, potentially renting it out on a monthly basis when they're away. The last place they want to be when there, they explained, was on top of a ladder, changing a burned out bulb.

hours and give off a light value of 3000K, or a warm white. These are to be spaced about seven feet apart, except in the kitchen where they are three feet apart over the food prep island. Discreet, linear LED lights, also from LBU Lighting, were selected for under cabinet lighting in the kitchen. The hallways will have 2" Elite baffle lights. Not quite as bright as those used in the main entertaining areas, they nevertheless have an LED light source that should last for 50,000 hours. That's over 11 years if the lights are on 12 hours a day. Well, *we're* impressed, that's for sure.

This series of articles, which continue through the winter of 2024, look at the design and construction of a home as an object lesson, allowing us to learn what we can from its design, construction and furnishing.

The initial lighting plan for the home's entertaining areas indicates **WAC 4" LED lights** (top, left) as tiny yellow squares, spaced, mostly, in equidistant fashion. The tiny orange squares on the plan are **2" Elite baffle lights**, which are not quite as bright, perfect for hallways, etc. Both of these are available through **LBU Lighting.** The kitchen also makes use of the WAC 4" LED lights, but there they are closely spaces to allow for more light on the food prep area. Long, undercabinet strip LED lights have been selected, also at LBU Lighting. The pink circle is a yet-to-be-selected pendant light.

The photo at left shows the dimmable **WAC 4" LED lights** used in a recessed area. When turned off, they fairly disappear. Both the 4" and 2" models chosen give off a warm, white light with a **"color temperature" of 3,000 K.** As this house is located directly on the ocean, exterior lights must be **"turtle safe"** and not shine directly towards the beach. Their designer is currently searching for discreet lights, with a light source pointing down only, to use on the terrace columns. These tiny, puck-like lights will face the house, not the pool. For the interior stairs, the designer has chosen a round, **LED step light by DALS** Lighting, available at **LBU Lighting.**

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The Whites of [late] Spring

Wakefield
Clare Valley
Riesling 2020

Bonterra
Organically Grown
Viognier 2017

La Marca
Prosecco

text Winnie Brown

AMONG OUR FAVORITE Rites of Spring, we count the Whites of Spring. Toasting the end of "Winter" in Florida — no more pesky house guests for at least six months — that alone makes this a rite to be celebrated...again and again.

While 'meat and potatoes' guys may want a full-bodied red, the rest of us in spring wisely cultivate our taste for the lighter white wines. This favored status has run in cycles, no doubt about it. For a while, everyone went to Chardonnay and found it nice to sip and sit and contemplate the universe. Now they've arrived at the realization that Chards can mask the taste of food. Other varietals and blends, Pinot Gris, Sauvignon Blanc, Dry Reisling and Viognier are more popular with food now. Give yourself license to experiment this season.

One tip that may not be new to you – don't over-chill white wine. If by chance you have, do open and let it breathe a bit before serving. Then the luscious flavors of melon, peach, pear, green apple, will come forward to complement your food. And start digging out those recipes that you mean to try, with an eye to picking the perfect bottle to enhance your culinary efforts.

Australian Riesling Riesling is no newcomer to Australia. It was their classic white wine until Chardonnay came along. Both Clare Valley and Eden Valley have the requisite cool nights. The small and medium producers there seek some individual variations, but mostly this wine is delicate and dry, with flavors of apple and lime. It has been dubbed "A cocktail for our times." **Wakefield 2020 Clare Valley Riesling** has a clean, dry finish that goes well with Rockfish, shellfish, perch, sole, scallops...$19.

Viognier Pronounced VEE-own-YAY ––– and rescued from the verge of extinction around the turn of this century, it's still big in California. Legend has it the Romans introduced this varietal to Condrieu, on the Rhone River, some 2,000 years ago. It was almost wiped out by Phylloxera and the battlefields of World War I. Difficult to grow, but now grown with success in Australia and California for 30 years. Greater depth of character and complexity than Chardonnay, with 'fruit-forward' flavor.

Bonterra Organically Grown Viognier 2017 At $22, its "tropical fruit, spice and vanilla flavors are mouth-filling and matched with a vibrant acidity," according to Natalie MaClean's wine reviews. It gets a community review score of 89/100. Pair it with grilled pork.

Prosecco Just the name evokes a certain kind of pleasure. You don't have to be sitting in the Piazza San Marco to enjoy this, though it may bring back memories. Dates from Roman times, and is not to be confused with 'cheap champagne' — bite your tongue! Prosecco is the name of the town, the grape, and this wine from the northern Veneto, almost to Trieste. Introduced into the U.S. market in 2000, it had an incredible growth in sales after that. Designated DOCG status, it is a far cry from the sweetish wine of the 1960s. Not aged, it's fruity, fun, a bubbly wine that 'cools you off and makes everyone else seem hotter'. Add peach nectar, and you can approximate a Bellini. We liked **LaMarca Prosecco** best. About $17.

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But beyond these, or the big guys like Tulio's and Rosie's is a brand new destination for delectables, D'Liras. A peak through there windows facing The Drive and you'll think you've landed in a bright and shiny new desert shop in Amsterdam or Paris. Clean and custom designed, D'Liras serves up everything from fresh out of the oven chocolate croissants to handmade popsicles. Yeah, yeah... popsicles, you say. But hold on a minute, who's ever heard of a Dulce de Leche popsicle? D'Liras has, and theirs is a decadent treat made by from slowly simmering sweetened milk to create its caramel-like dreaminess. Or try their guava... or tamarind... or Kahlua... or Pina Colada... or Amarula. Get the idea?

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I told Marlene that I've just about *had it* with the heat. I'm off to Cape Cod for summer. My one regret: I'll miss ISLAND magazine.

Brigitte was being *all dramatic* over missing out on ISLAND. Relax, I told her ISLAND is shipped to Provincetown and can be found at 10 dedicated locations... all summer long, and free of charge! Sophia says so, and she's never wrong.

You've got that right. I'm *great friends* with the art director and she said not only do they distribute to that charming town on the tip of Cape Cod, they deliver door-to-door in New York's Fire Island Pines! We won't miss a thing all summer long!

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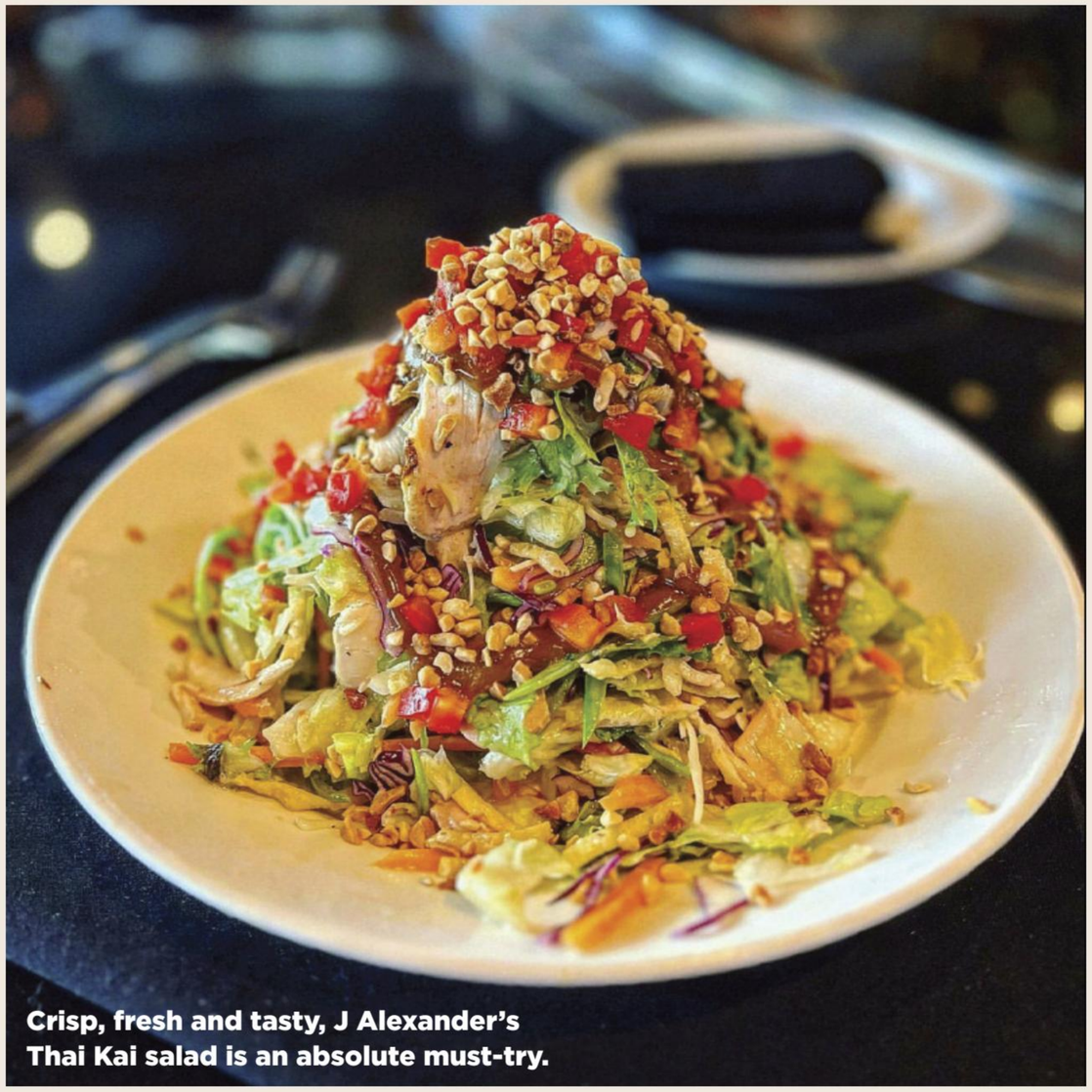
A few years ago, seemingly overnight, one of our favorite establishments on N. Federal Highway rebranded — mistakenly, in our opinion — as Redland's Grill. So? It's just a name, you say. Well, what's in a name? For us, J. Alexander's was a crisp, button down shirt and a pair of well-shined loafers. Redland's Grill sounded like a place Bugs Bunny's adversary, Yosemite Sam might stop for lunch. J. Alexander's evoked a gin martini with a business lunch. Redlands suggested a shot of whiskey and a spittoon nearby.

Needless to say, our boycott is over and we are happy to return to munch on their Thai Kai salad with a tall glass of iced tea. Best thing about J. Alexander's: consistency. The dishes are perfectly prepared, each and every time. We raise our collective glasses to celebrate its return... Even if it is, as they say, just a name. **J. Alexander's 2415 N. Federal Hwy.**



Crisp, fresh and tasty, J Alexander's Thai Kai salad is an absolute must-try.

A long-time favorite on the menu is their center cut fliet mignon.

Photos Adrian Gaut

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CAR? *WHAT* CAR?

Downtown Fort Lauderdale embraces its walk-to-everything density.

text Maria Sanchez

YES, YOU *COULD* LIVE IN TAMARAC and get all your steps in by driving to the gym each day... Or you could live in downtown Fort Lauderdale and walk to pretty much everything you need *and* get those steps in, free of charge. Of course some love to order dinner through GrubHub and get tepid Chinese food in Styrofoam containers ninety minutes later... But why give in to that when you could live downtown, push the "lobby" button on the elevator and walk to dozens of fabulous dining destinations?

Hold onto your hat, Virginia, today, in 2023, Fort Lauderdale's downtown core has become an absolute magnet. And this time, we're not relying on office towers for the hubbub.

On The Market Downtown

Address: **333 Las Olas Way #1210**
Description: **3 bed, 3.5 bath, pool, riverfront**
Size: **3,470 Square Feet**

Asking Price: **$3,300,000**
Listing Agent: **Aaron Buchbinder**
Company: **Compass, Boca Raton**
Contact: **561.350.7352**

Address: **347 N. New river Dr. #2203**
Description: **2 bed, 2 bath pool, riverfront**
Size: **1,204 Square Feet**

Asking Price: **$995,000**
Listing Agent: **Angelo Gasparri**
Company: **Gasparri Realty**
Contact: **561.212.2463**

Address: **100 E. Las Olas Blvd. #4603**
Description: **5 bed, 6.5 bath**
Size: **5,281 Square Feet**

Asking Price: **$5,989,000**
Listing Agent: **Dan Texiera**
Company: **Douglas Elliman**
Contact: **954.394.4100**

You get the picture. Yes, from 2000 to 2005, people chuckled or outright guffawed at simply the notion that downtown would become a place anyone would want to live. Surely those high rises going up would remain empty and prove to be a huge boondoggle. Density schmensity.

Well, hold onto your hat, Virginia, today, in 2023, Fort Lauderdale's downtown core has become an absolute magnet. And this time, we're not relying on office towers for the hubbub. It's the healthy combination or residential, offices, retail and entertainment that has reshaped the very core of our city. And, as it turns out, as each tower goes up and swings open its doors -- whether rental apartments or condominiums – it's filled faster than you can say home office. Looks like density gets the last laugh.

Whether you are looking for a fabulous condominium or a rental unit in a full service building, it's all here... anywhere you drop your toothbrush. And just to be clear, the development boom ain't over yet. Related Group had great success with its glittering Icon Las Olas, which rose on the site of an old grocery store and parking lot that turned its back on the New River. No fools, they have just topped out on a slender, 47-story tower directly across the street, and are beginning construction of another one next door. All these new residents mean new shopping and dining on Las Olas and nearby. It means downtown finally has its own Greenwise supermarket, so going for a bag or two of groceries is a carless journey. Going out to eat downtown is a challenge... only in deciding just where to end up! Newcomers include Moxie's has opened on Las Olas at the heart of downtown, just steps from Brazilian steakhouse, Fogo de Chão. Not feeling those? Salt7, Lobster Bar, Java

New residents mean new shopping and dining on Las Olas. It means downtown finally has its own Greenwise supermarket, so a pork tenderloin or a

& Jam, Del Frisco's Grille are steps away. Just want a drink and a snack? Marlin Bar is open air at street level, and perfect for people watching. Or try Rooftop @ 1WLO or ELEV8 Pool Bar at the Hyatt Centric. There are literally dozens of choices a metaphorical stone's throw away. One of our "just off the beaten path" favorites is tiny Sapido, tucked away on SE 8th Avenue.

With everything from shared living apartments to sprawling condominiums, the faces on the street have changed. Add the recent "work from home" arrivals and you have a downtown core on the New River that is now active 24/7.

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Recently Sold Downtown

Address:	**347 New River Dr. E. #3101**
Description:	**3 bed, 2 bath, riverfront, pool**
Size:	**1,469 Square Feet**
Asking Price:	**$859,000**
Sale Price:	**$820,000**
Listing Agent:	**Debra Steinhardt**
Company:	**D'Angelo Realty Group**

Address:	**350 SE 2nd Street #2520**
Description:	**2 bed, 2. bath, pool**
Size:	**1,202 Square Feet**
Asking Price:	**$585,000**
Sale Price:	**$595,000**
Listing Agent:	**Liat Machluf**
Company:	**United Realty Group**

Address:	**411 New River Dr. #602**
Description:	**2 bed, 2 bath, pool, riverfront**
Size:	**1,630 Square Feet**
Asking Price:	**$1,175,000**
Sale Price:	**$1,176,000**
Listing Agent:	**Zorka Dobreva**
Company:	**One Sotheby's Intl.**

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Poinsettia Heights Holds its own.

text Maria Sanchez

POINSETTIA HEIGHTS OWES the Midwest's cold winters to its very existence... Well, maybe. The development that now stretches from Poinsettia Drive to NE 13th and from Brightline on the west to Federal Highway on the east began life advertised as North Ridge.

North Ridge was cobbled together from land purchased for development by George Gill Sr. and his son, George Gill Jr., known to locals as Bob. Born in Chicago in 1915, Bob hated the cold so much

George Gill Jr. started picking up property from those who, according to an article on Gill in the *Sun-Sentinel*, "...were convinced that the land boom of the 1920s would never return to South Florida."

that after the end of WWII, he moved south and started picking up property from those who, according to an article on Gill in the *Sun-Sentinel*, "...were convinced that the land boom of the 1920s would never return to South Florida."

Together the father and son team began building charming modern homes throughout the late 1940s and selling them practically before the paint had dried. Generally, the original Gill homes were very modest, ranging from about 1,000 to 1,500 square feet, with some a little larger. Homes started at about $6,900 and one would assume that a number of those original "dream homes" were sold to returning servicemen with dollars in their pockets from the GI Bill. In a city building report from 1950, three of every four homes built that year were built by Gill Construction Co. This construction

On The Market in Poinsettia Heights

Address:	**1767 NE 16th Street**
Description:	**3 bed, 1.5 bath, pool**
Size:	**1,368 Square Feet**
Asking Price:	**$825,000**
Listing Agent:	**Melanie Kimpton**
Company:	**Douglas Elliman**
Contact:	**954.383.3386**

Address:	**1524 NE 18th Avenue**
Description:	**4 bed, 3.5 bath, pool, waterfront**
Size:	**2,685 Square Feet**
Asking Price:	**$1,295,000**
Listing Agent:	**Giselle Aquidelo**
Company:	**Julie's Realty, LLC**
Contact:	**305.751.6400**

Address:	**1433 NE 17th Way**
Description:	**3 bed, 2 bath, pool**
Size:	**1,600 Square Feet**
Asking Price:	**$895,000**
Listing Agent:	**Linda Hoyt**
Company:	**Re/MAX Experience**
Contact:	**954.647.9295**

by Gill stopped in the early 50s as Bob turned his attentions to hotels, building the Escape, Yankee Clipper, Yankee Trader and Jolly Roger hotels on Fort Lauderdale Beach. Gill also built, owned and operated the Sheraton British Colonial in Nassau.

A number of Poinsettia Heights residences (sixty to be exact) hug the curving shoreline of the Middle River's South Fork. Another fifty sit along the shore of quiet Lake Melva on the east side of the neighborhood.

Solidly middle class when it was built, this neighborhood must have seemed heavenly to those servicemen and their families, sparkling terrazzo floors, beautiful all electric kitchens, and many of the homes – 60 to be exact – hugged the shoreline of the Middle River's South Fork. Another 50 sit along the shore of Lake Melva on its east side. For the most part, with the exception of the occasional mansion that has popped up, this neighborhood takes pride in its past. Its well-kept homes in many cases, look very similar to their original appearance with decorative attic vents, breezeblock details and slump brick planters. The neighborhood is quiet in the center, but gets a bit louder at its east, west and south borders.

On the east is North Federal Highway, which, while it might sound like a negative, gives Poinsettia Heights a walkability many neighborhoods wish they had. Want a Starbucks latte in the morning? Walk to 16th and Federal. Need a bag of groceries? Whole Foods is just across Federal and Publix arrives soon. Lunch? How about California Pizza Kitchen or J. Alexander's. Craving cupcakes? Sweeter Days bake shop is around the corner. We could go on and on. Almost everything you might need is along this spine, making Poinsettia Heights nothing if not convenient.

And although this neighborhood lacks a public park, simply walk across the 15th Avenue bridge and you've got Colohatchee Park and Nature Center with its elevated walkways on one side of 15th and the Colohatchee boat ramp and kayak launch on the other. With 8.5 acres, the park even has a specially-gated dog park.

Those little, 1,000 square foot homes that cost $6,900 in the early 1950s? Expect to pay about $600,000 for them now. Still a bargain compared to much of Fort Lauderdale. What's the potential problem with that? A new trend has a number of family homes being marketed now simply as "prime investor opportunities!" just as they have been in other neighborhoods. Will the teardown craze hit the Heights? Only time will tell.

Recently Sold Poinsettia Heights

Address:	**1624 NE 17th Way**
Description:	**3 bed, 2 bath, pool**
Size:	**2,361 Square Feet**
Asking Price:	**$1,399,000**
Sale Price:	**$1,375,000**
Listing Agent:	**Jim Cunningham**
Company:	**One Sotheby’s Intl.**

Address:	**1740 Poinsettia Drive**
Description:	**3 bed, 2.5 bath, pool**
Size:	**1,962 Square Feet**
Asking Price:	**$1,245,000**
Sale Price:	**$1,150,000**
Listing Agent:	**Alex Escobar**
Company:	**Re/MAX Experience**

Address:	**1534 NE 16th Terrace**
Description:	**3 bed, 3 bath, pool**
Size:	**2,098 Square Feet**
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Sale Price:	**$1,035,000**
Listing Agent:	**Rosy Baron**
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Tucked in the Veneto region of Italy, 90 minutes from Milan in one direction and 35 minutes from Venice in the other, Padua, or Padova in the Italian spelling, is a compelling one or two day side trip from almost any Italian city. With a history that stretches back to antiquity, this town has a lot going for it in spring or summer months: no crowds, wonderful architecture and art… and hotels less than half of what you might pay in one of the larger cities. But what makes a visit compelling is the stylistically diverse little city that has developed over hundreds of years as seen through its monuments and daily life.

The **Prato della Valle** is a huge, landscaped elliptical "square" built at the end of a long period of Venetian rule, in the late 18th century. This unique bit of monumental urban development was the brainchild of Andrea Memmo, who commissioned none other than the artist Piranesi to create an engraving of his great plan, which in turn might persuade those in Rome to fund the construction of this focal point in Padua. The oval park is ringed by a water filled moat lined with over 70 statues of famous citizens and crossed by elegant bridges. Today it serves as Padua's version of a central "common", and on warm sunny days is dotted with students and others enjoying its serenity.

Streets radiate out from this square, and on end, you'll find the **Basilica of Saint Giustina** with its multiple, ribbed Romanesque domes. Inside the unassuming brick façade is not only a wonderful painting by Veronese depicting the martyrdom of Saint Giustina, but the tombs of five saints and relics of Saint Luke. Unlike churches in the great cities of Venice or Rome, which draw thousands of tourists each day, the interior of Saint Giustina is cool, dark and echoes softly in Italian prayer from one of the many masses said each day.

Towards the other end of the square and no more than a city block off about a block is the **Basilica of Saint Anthony of Padua**, the largest church in Padua. Begun in 1235 and the work of multiple architects – most notably by Nicola Pisano – this amazing structure and its four courtyards took over 100 years to build and employs several different styles. Like Giustina, Saint Anthony has hemispherical

Beyond the pointed arches of the Magnolia Courtyard at the Basilica of St. Anthony are embedded tombs, monuments and epigraphs carved in stone.

The inimitable late afternoon Italian light bathes the Basilica of St. Anthony in the heart of Padua.

domes reminiscent of the Romanesque San Marco in Venice. Referred to locally as "Il Santo," The Basilica of Saint Anthony is a pilgrimage site of the devout to this day, with stands nearby selling candles or even cookies with a likeness of Saint Anthony on them.

Take a ten-minute walk towards the rail station and you'll pass the occasional rusticated palazzo looking like those of Florence. Waterways run through the city, and the center of town is also home to **Padua University**, so streets are often-treacherous paths shared by scooters, bicycles, pedestrians and tiny Smart Cars or Fiat Pandas. It's worth the walk though, just to see what exists on various side streets. For the architectural devotee the birthplace of **Andrea Palladio**, Italian Renaissance architect, is a must. Stop for a macchiato, and when fortified, continue on to see the polar opposite of the opulent Prato della Valle in the staunch, stalwart fascist architecture of the Mussolini-era railway station and city hall. Stripped of ornament and muscular, they are worlds away from the richly carved statuary of Il Prato.

No place better for lunch and coffee than **Caffé Pedrocchi** on the Piazza Cavour. This fantasy of a café is created partly in

The "General's Courtyard" at the Basilica of St. Anthony was built in 1435 in the Gothic style by Christoforo da Bolzano.

Below: French doors in a room at the Belludi 37 hotel in Padua look right onto the square towards the basilica of St. Anthony's.

Above: At one end of the Prato Dalle Valle sits the wonderful, multi-domed ediface of Santa Giustina. 450 years old, the monestery was taken over by Napoleon in 1810 to serve as barracks.

neoclassical order and partly in Venetian gothic style. It's the perfect indoor / outdoor spot for people watching or catching some afternoon sun. In terms of offerings, Pedrocchi is nothing if not consistent. You probably would be too, if your restaurant doors had been open almost continuously since 1830.

If you do decide to place Padua on your itinerary, there are several good hotels. One we liked was **Belludi 37**, located truly about 50 steps from The Basilica of Saint Anthony. In fact, the view out our French doors looked right on to the square – the perfect place to watch the late afternoon Italian sun as it turns the domes of the basilica from silver to gold to burnt sienna at dusk.

This sweet little hotel had crisp, clean, contemporary rooms, fresh fruit and biscotti provided, and the added advantage of being able to order breakfast served in your room at no additional charge. The staff is extremely helpful and can book you a tour of local vineyards for a tasting at a moments notice. There are wonderful local places to dine not two minutes from the door, and this location sits right between the basilica and Il Prato. You'd be hard pressed to find a better location.

Left: Every town has a local fish market or *pescheria* - Padua is no exception.

ONCE EVERY THOUSAND YEARS, RIGHT? *Well...*

The devastating flooding that occurred in Fort Lauderdale in April caused untold damage. As it was a spring storm with one deluge after another, it caught pretty much everyone by surprise. After all, when we get rain measured in feet, not inches, it's almost always associated with a major hurricane.

That was the case with the September 17th 1947 hurricane that slammed into Fort Lauderdale with 130 MPH winds. Heavy downpours and extensive flooding occurred, as can be seen in this shot of the Fort Lauderdale Country Club, its rolling grounds morphed into an inland sea.

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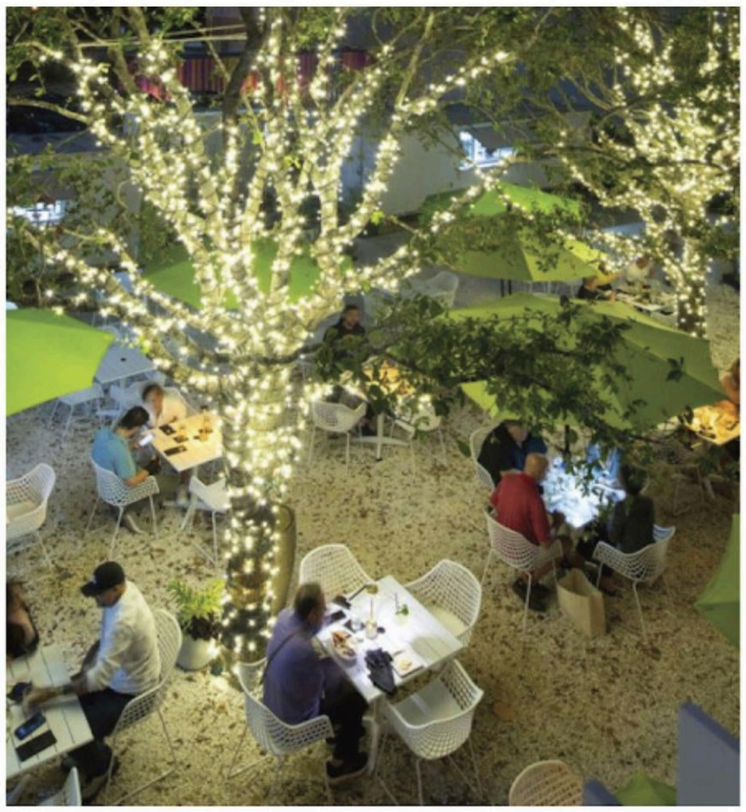

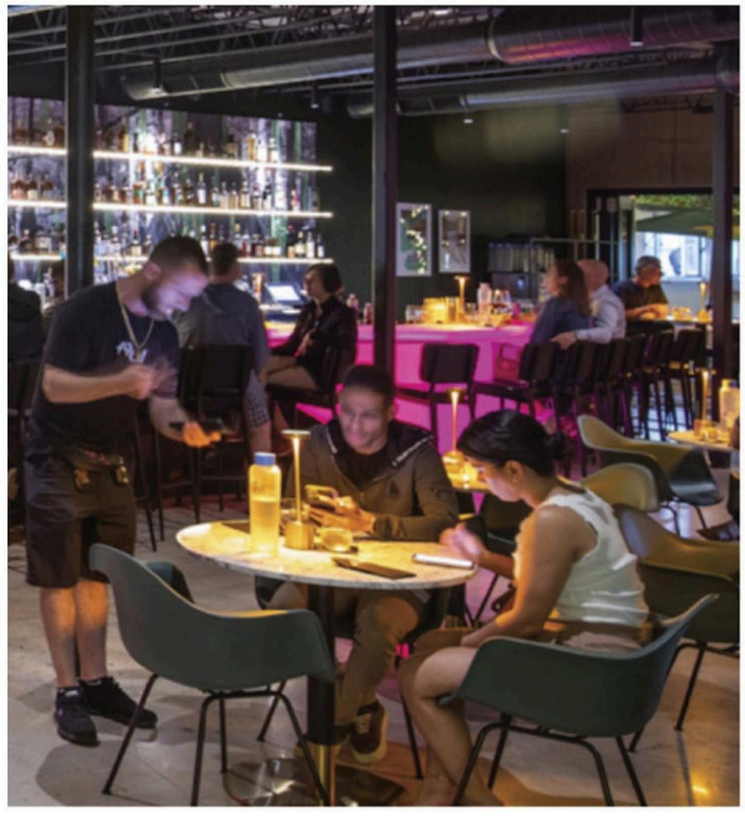

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