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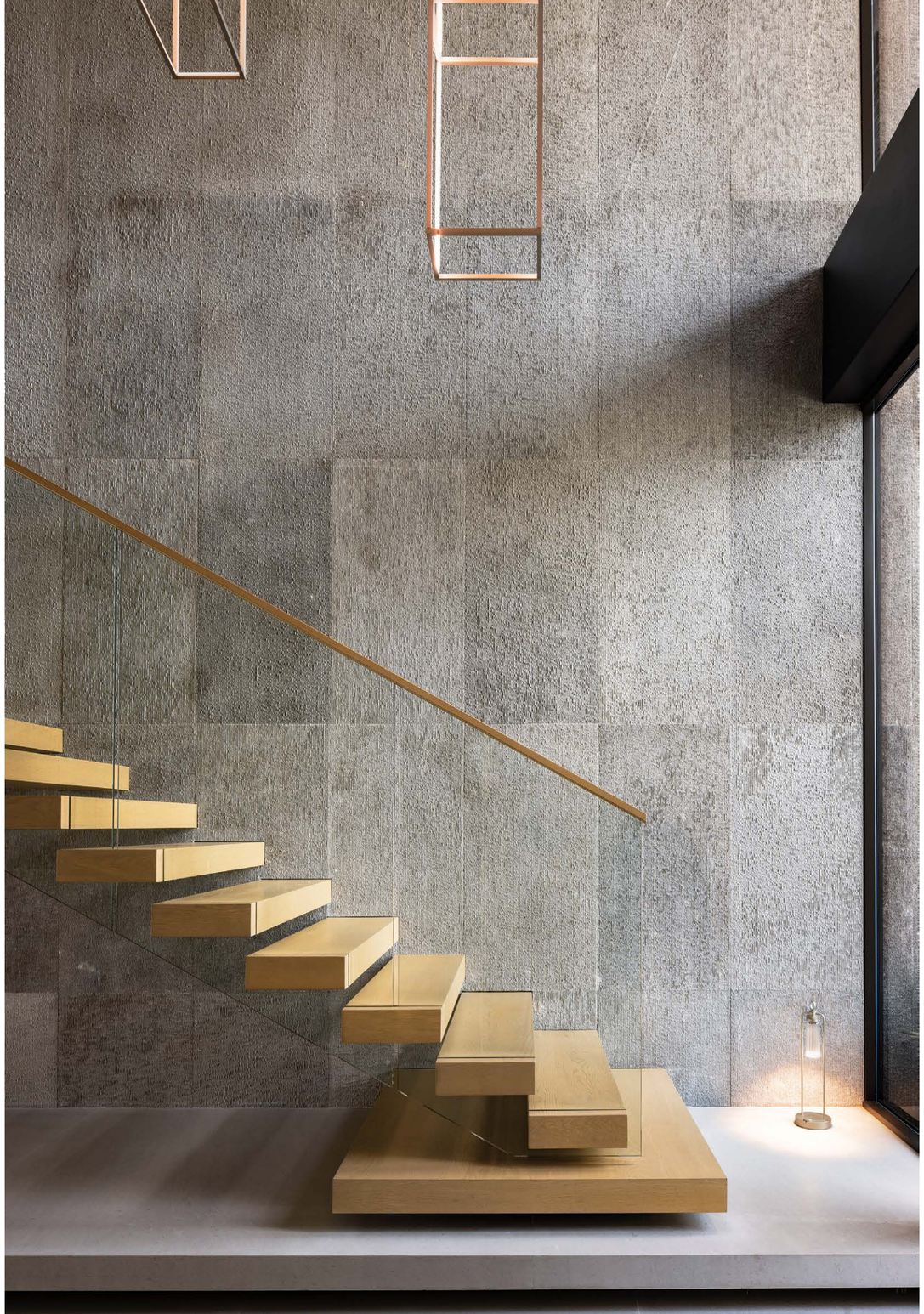
Floor-to-ceiling glass draws the garden into the living area of this Golden Beach residence, where a restrained palette gains warmth through tactile upholstery, oak, and rust-toned accents. Above the sectional, *Happy 12* by New York artist Phillip Michaels adds a vivid, elongated gesture to the room's carefully composed interior.

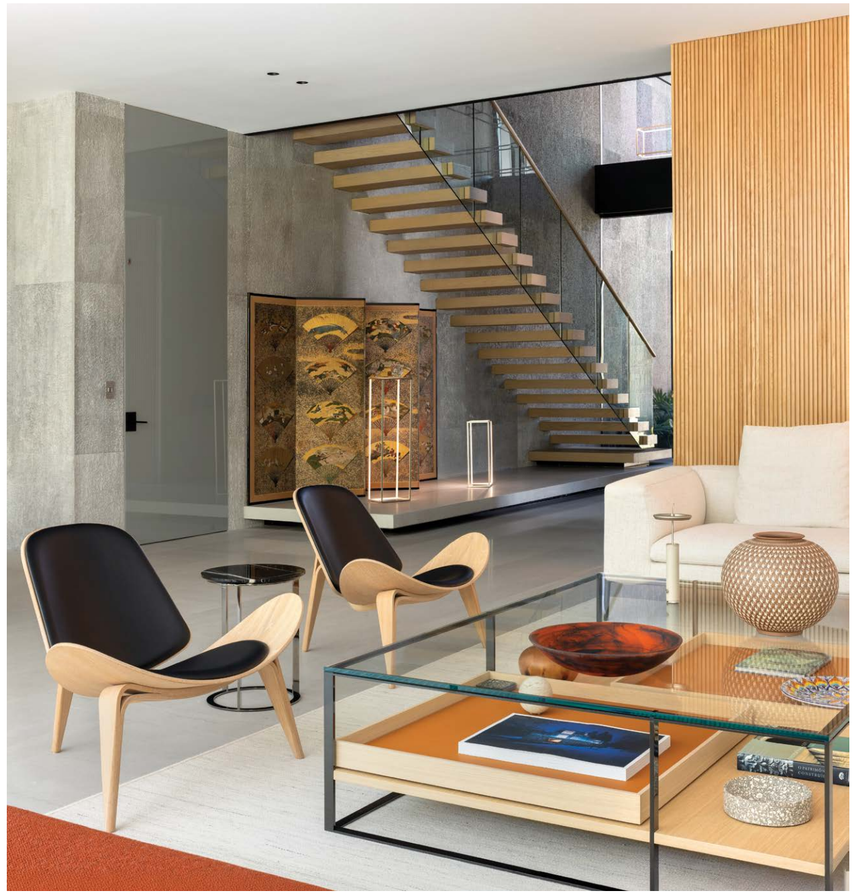


GLOBAL EXPRESSIONS

IN A GOLDEN BEACH RESIDENCE, ARCHITECTURE, ART, AND LAYERED DESIGN BRING TOGETHER THE INFLUENCES OF SIX COUNTRIES AND THE LIFE THE HOMEOWNERS HAVE BUILT BETWEEN THEM

A RESIDENCE SHAPED BY SIX DIFFERENT COUNTRIES might easily become a study in collected memories, but at the Golden Beach home of Sergio and Eliane Kostek, those references are quieter, woven into the architecture and interiors with a restraint that lets each one resonate. Within their new dwelling, the Kosteks have created a contemporary residence that reflects the many places they have called home while feeling entirely at ease in its South Florida setting.





LEFT: The floating staircase, designed by Edith Peraza Interiors and fabricated by Emuna Construction, pairs white oak treads with a sculptural wall of chiseled limestone.

RIGHT: Seen from the living room, an antique, Edo-period Japanese screen, sourced from Tokyo, anchors the view beneath the staircase, its intricate surface contrasting with the clean-lined furnishings from B&B Italia and Rimadesio. The arrangement brings a reminder of the homeowners' years in Japan into the room, while neutral upholstery and dark accents preserve the understated character of the space.

Originally from Brazil, the couple has lived in Mexico, Scotland, France, and Japan, as well as the United States, where they spent time in Miami and New York City. When they decided to return to South Florida, they knew they wanted a private, oceanfront setting without the bustle of real estate development.

"We knew from the start that we had to be in Golden Beach," says Sergio. "It's a quiet residential town with oceanfront homes and no commerce."

The couple acquired a property in 2022, demolished the existing residence, and began a ground-up project with Miami Beach architect Stephanie Halfen of SDH Studio Architecture + Design. The resulting 5,578-square-foot home balances clean horizontal planes and expanses of glass with a cantilevered upper floor whose wood-clad soffit hovers above the terrace and pool.

"We love SDH Studio's work," says Eliane. "They designed what feels like a perfect house for us in scale and in the openness of its entertaining spaces."

That sense of connection is palpable throughout the interiors, where Miami-based interior designer Edith Peraza brought a measured sensibility to the spaces. The project also involved Miguel Bubis, owner of Emuna Construction, whose collaboration was essential to bringing the vision to life.

"As an interior designer, I have always been drawn to a minimalist style," says Peraza, "and, without a doubt, Sergio and Eliane were the perfect clients to appreciate and live within this design language."

Natural stone, white oak, glass, and dark accents establish a restrained palette throughout the interiors. In the foyer, a floating staircase becomes a focal point, its oak treads set against a chiseled limestone wall

and leading to a landing where a Japanese Edo-period screen is displayed. The piece offers a personal connection to the couple's years in Japan, while wood elements throughout the house acknowledge their Brazilian heritage. "The intention was to achieve an elegant and refined result without allowing the space to feel cold," adds Peraza. "We incorporated wood elements, seeking to bring in the warmth that's so characteristic of Brazilian architecture."

Beyond the foyer, the house opens toward the landscape. Floor-to-ceiling glass brings the garden into the living room, while the kitchen looks outward and the covered terrace extends the living spaces toward the pool. "We wanted many bedrooms because we love having friends and family visit from all over the world," says Eliane. "We've made many friends in Miami, so we entertain often."

ABOVE: A long dining table and sculptural chairs from Rimadesio give the dining area a crisp, architectural presence, softened by the glow of Viabizzuno pendant lighting. Behind the table, a custom wall designed by Peraza and fabricated by MiaCucina adds a tailored backdrop, extending the home's restrained material palette into the entertaining spaces.



ABOVE: Neutral cabinetry and a dark, stone-clad island from MiaCucina create a restrained contrast in the kitchen, while a horizontal window frames views of the garden. Viabizzuno linear lighting and stools from DWR underscore the clean geometry, and the island's generous surface keeps the room practical for everyday use.

BELOW: In the family room, DWR leather chairs pick up the earthy tones of the area rug, lending depth to the home's subdued palette. A streamlined sofa and low bench from DWR keep the arrangement relaxed, creating a counterpoint to the more formal entertaining spaces in the home.



The client-designer collaboration deepened throughout construction, with the Kosteks traveling from New York to Miami every four to six weeks to review finishes and furnishings with Peraza. “Working with Edith was a joy,” says Sergio. “She understood our vision, and watching the house take shape is a memory we’ll always treasure.”

Ultimately, the residence reflects not only where the Kosteks have lived before, but also how those experiences shaped how they live now, in an elegant home that feels worldly without being overstated, and contemporary without feeling austere.

“What I enjoyed most about designing this residence was integrating the clients’ different cultures and life experiences into the interior design,” says Peraza. “Interpreting their ideas and translating them into spaces that could tell their story was a wonderful experience.”

SOURCES

LIVING ROOM

Sectional, bench, cocktail and side tables – B&B Italia, *bebitalia.com*
Chairs – Rimadesio, *rimadesio.it*
Table lamp and floor lamp – Viabizzuno, *viabizzuno.com*
Area rug – Nordic Knots, *nordicknots.com*

STAIRWELL

Screen – Homeowners’ collection
Lighting – Viabizzuno, *viabizzuno.com*
Stairs – Designed by Edith Peraza Interiors, Miami, FL, and fabricated by Emuna Construction, Aventura, FL
Wallcovering – Innovative Surfaces, Miami, FL

DINING ROOM

Table and chairs – Rimadesio, *rimadesio.it*
Pendant lighting – Viabizzuno, *viabizzuno.com*
Wall – Designed by Edith Peraza Interiors, Miami, FL, and fabricated by MiaCucina, Aventura, FL

KITCHEN

Cabinetry and island – MiaCucina, Aventura, FL
Stools – Design Within Reach, *dwr.com*
Lineal lighting – Viabizzuno, *viabizzuno.com*

FAMILY ROOM

Sofa, leather chairs, bench, and area rug – Design Within Reach, *dwr.com*

BACK EXTERIOR

Lounges – Design Within Reach, *dwr.com*
Pool – Designed by SDH Studio Architecture + Design, North Miami Beach, FL, and fabricated by Regency Pool and Spa of Florida, Davie, FL
Landscape architecture – Ecopacheco Landscape + Design, Miami, FL

THROUGHOUT

Lighting – Viabizzuno, *viabizzuno.com*
Cabinets – MiaCucina, Aventura, FL
Stone and surface finishes – Innovative Surfaces, Coral Gables, FL

The covered terrace extends the living areas outdoors, with DWR loungers beside the pool and tropical plantings softening the crisp lines of the architecture. Designed by architect Stephanie Halfen, the pool anchors the setting, while layered greenery lends privacy and a lush South Florida character.