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ABOVE: Residential designer Richard Guzman designed this 9,311-square-foot Naples home in the exclusive community of Quail West to fit the sprawling lot by extending his plan to include a porte cochère between the house and a garage large enough to accommodate the homeowners' car collection.

SPACIOUS SOPHISTICATION

WITH CLEAN LINES, NATURAL TONES AND WARM TEXTURES, A LAKEFRONT HOME IN NAPLES IS DESIGNED FOR ENTERTAINING

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COCKTAILS ARE SERVED AT THE BAR, WHILE THAYER COGGIN'S METAL-FRAMED SIDE CHAIRS AND DESIRON'S BENCH PROVIDE AMPLE SEATING IN THE ADJACENT DINING AREA. A CHANDELIER FROM VISUAL COMFORT SPARKLES ABOVE.



To highlight the scenic lake views and make the large house fit the site, residential designer Richard Guzman tackled the challenge of designing this new 9,311-square-foot home in the Quail West community of Naples, Fla., stretching his plan to maximize the water views. "When the owners walk in the front door, they can see the lake beautifully," says Guzman, who described the architectural style as transitional with a nod toward the West Indies.

Originally from England, the homeowners wanted a modern living design with a touch of British sophistication for their entertaining lifestyle, not to mention garage space expansive enough for their large sports car collection that includes Lamborghinis, Porsches and other racers. "We host a lot of parties and like to show off our space, so we picked a dynamic design team and quality builder, and became very involved," the husband says.

LEFT: Della Robbia's deep-seated sectional joins a pair of club chairs to form a hearthside social grouping in the family room. Pops of blue add a touch of color, while Erinn V's mirrored cocktail table centers the mix atop a custom-designed silk and wool area rug from Jamie Stern Design. Slatted dark walnut wood defines the space from above.

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With architectural plans in place, the team was rounded out with builder Michael Diamond and interior designer Faith Fix. During the initial collaboration arranged by Guzman, the couple opted for a clean, straight look with no curves except for an arch over the front door. "The intricate nature of the ceiling designs and interior trim detail was a welcome departure from the typical home," Diamond says. Clean lines, earth tones and a warm, simple vibe were desired inside. "They wanted a presence with each space using walnut as the accent," Fix says.

In the family room, intimate seating in neutral tones sets the stage for a glass-fronted gas fireplace that appears to float. "This room has bold block seating in modern silhouettes," the designer says. "The owners wanted clean forms inside so as not to compete with the view of the outdoor social spaces and gardens beyond."

Nearby, the casual cocktail and dining area captures the eye with a sweep of dark walnut that shapes the bar and climbs the cream-colored wall. "The bar area is playful and geometric with thick, man-made quartz countertops revealing a waterfall edge," Fix says.

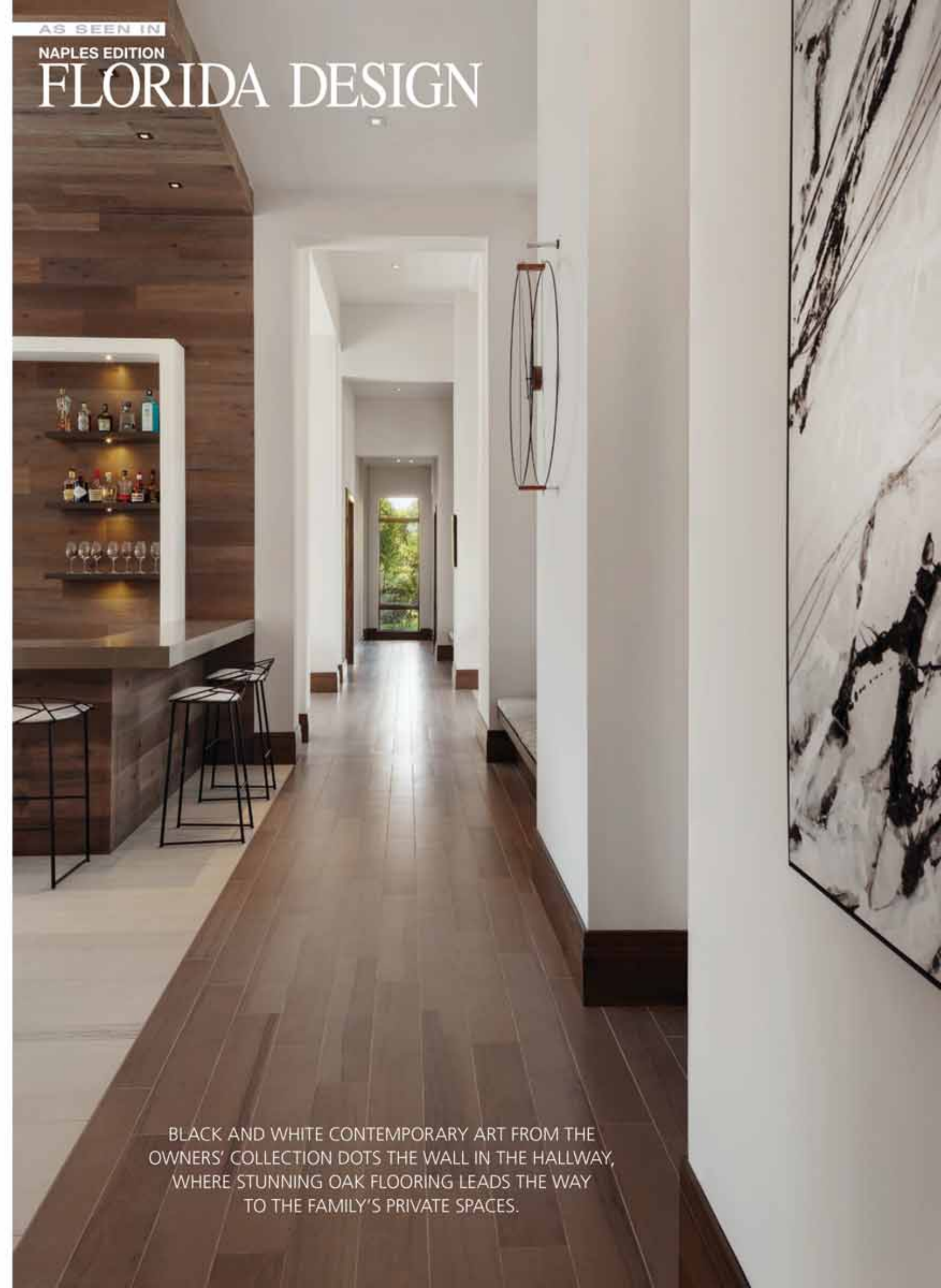
The kitchen, styled with walnut cabinetry and a simple wood beam ceiling, repeats the clean-lined design. Emphasizing the inherent beauty of geometric form, a pair of pendant lights add dimension above the breakfast bar.

ABOVE: White quartz from UMI tops the counters in the kitchen, where walnut cabinetry crafted by Marcus Jelley lines the walls. With square, tubular metal frames, Hudson Valley pendants emulate the counter stools from Thayer Coggin. A JennAir hood floats in the window keeping the space light and airy, while LED lighting glows at night to create a special ambiance.

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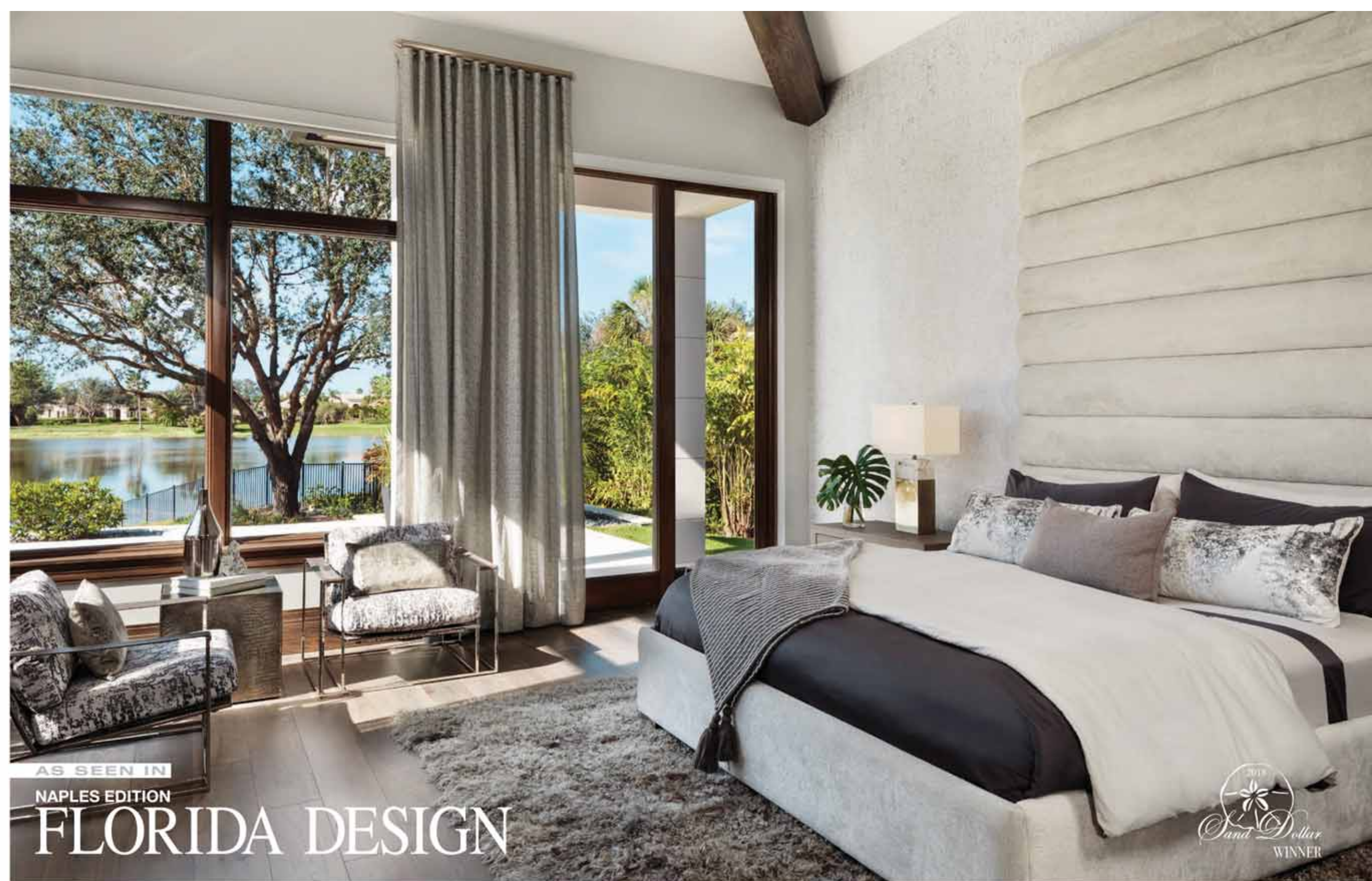
BLACK AND WHITE CONTEMPORARY ART FROM THE OWNERS' COLLECTION DOTS THE WALL IN THE HALLWAY, WHERE STUNNING OAK FLOORING LEADS THE WAY TO THE FAMILY'S PRIVATE SPACES.



Luxurious and serene, the master bath is centered by a freestanding tub that provides the ultimate in spa-like rejuvenation. A custom bronze sculpture displayed outside in the private garden offers an artistic narrative to enjoy while bathing.

Peaceful lake views provide the backdrop in the master bedroom, where the custom upholstered bed's ultra linen-suede headboard creates a feeling of both coziness and sophistication. Layers of texture and muted shades of color complete the relaxing scheme. Nearby, an expanse of windows frames a picturesque vista to provide the perfect setting for the intimate sitting area.

With an essence of England, this winter home in Naples brought tears of joy to the owners' eyes. "This couple wanted something different from the traditional Florida look," Diamond says. "The interior design is unique and the home has a wonderful street presence. We couldn't be happier to have made it all work."



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ABOVE LEFT: Simplicity of form reigns in the master bath, where Marcus Jelley's stained walnut vanity topped in Cambria's white quartz appears to float and Sonneman's geometric "Stix" light pendant adds a modern minimalist touch above a freestanding Wetstyle tub from Ferguson.

ABOVE: The master bedroom exudes a luxurious warmth beneath its pitched ceiling with dark walnut beams. Thayer Coggin "Sling" chairs by Milo Baughman offer the perfect spot for relaxation as Romo's sheer draperies pull open to reveal the lush landscaping and peaceful lake views.

SOURCES

FAMILY ROOM
Sectional sofa - Della Robbia, Corona, CA
Cocktail table - Erinn V. Design Group, Los Angeles, CA
Drapery fabric - Cowtan & Tout, New York, NY
Fan - Fanimation, Lighting First, Naples, FL
Area rug - Jamie Stern Design, Ramsey, NJ

BAR/DINING AREA
Dining table - Spencer Interiors, Inc., Vancouver, BC
Side chairs - Thayer Coggin, High Point, NC
Benches - Desiron, Kenilworth, NJ
Chandelier - Visual Comfort, Houston, TX
Bar and wall treatment Fabricated by Marcus Jelley, Edge Cabinet & Space Creators, Naples, FL

Bar stools - Trica Furniture, St. Jerome, Quebec, Canada

KITCHEN
Cabinetry and islands fabricated by Marcus Jelley, Edge Cabinet & Space Creators, Naples, FL
Countertops - UMI, Naples, FL
Silver accessories on island - West Elm, New York, NY
Counter stools - Thayer Coggin, High Point, NC
Light pendants - Hudson Valley Lighting, Wappingers Falls, NY
Hood - JennAir, Whirlpool Corporation, Benton Harbor, MI

HALLWAY
Clock and artwork - Owners' collection
Flooring - Crossville Tile, DeMarco Tile, Naples, FL

MASTER BEDROOM
Bed - Blend Home, Cookeville, TN

Bedside table - Restoration Hardware, West Palm Beach, FL
Armchairs - Thayer Coggin, High Point, NC
Accent pillow, armchair and drapery fabrics - Romo, Chagrin Falls, OH
Area rug - Oscar Isberian Rugs, Evanston, IL

MASTER BATH
Tub - Wetstyle, Ferguson Enterprises, Naples, FL
Mirror - Custom designed by Freestyle Interiors, Bonita Springs, FL
Vanity fabricated by Marcus Jelley, Edge Cabinet & Space Creators, Naples, FL
Countertop - Cambria, Le Sueur, MN
Light fixture - Sonneman, Wappingers Falls, NY
Flooring - Olympia Tile, Alpha Tile, Fort Myers, FL