

Ficarra Design Associates selected for model residence in Old Naples

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Ficarra Design Associates Inc. Founder and President Lisa Ficarra and associate Molly Grup have been selected to serve as the design team for the creation and execution of the interior design for a furnished model under construction on Gulf Shore Boulevard in Old Naples.

Designed by Stofft Cooney Architects, the model is being built by BCB Homes. The exterior of the Anglo Caribbean residence will feature a steeply pitched flat tile roof, solid wood corbels and expansive porches.

Four bedrooms, four full baths and a powder room will complement the two-story home's main living areas that encompass 4,528 square feet under air. The open floor plan's high ceilings will draw air through the home, while vertically proportioned windows and doors will allow natural light to penetrate the spaces. In addition, landscaping and a tropical-themed pool area with water features, a spa and fire bowls will create a romantic environment. The home is located within steps of the beach and Fifth Avenue South.

"Our transitional interior design style will combine classic traditional lines with a contemporary flair," said Ficarra. "The color palette consists of a blend of blues, grays, taupes, beiges and subtle greens to give a relaxing and beach ambiance, yet a comfortable and classic feeling. The look will be very light with a mix of natural textures and interesting ceiling details. The mix of textures will be immediately evident in the foyer where we've incorporated a stone inlay in the whitewashed, wire-brushed gray wood flooring. The inlay will serve as a welcoming visual element. A dark, contemporary hammered-bronze console table on the main foyer wall will have a narrow rectangular surface with a beveled edge and provide another focal point."

A see-through view from the foyer will serve as one of the design's key memory points. Visitors will look through a living room with a unique beamed ceiling detail to a beautiful bar and a disappearing edge pool with a pair of long rectangular fire pots. The highly-styled bar area adjacent to the living room will feature a drop-down ceiling tray and an opening to the outdoor living area.

The bar will be finished with high-gloss, taupe-toned lacquered panels that will create recesses surrounded by espresso wood framing. A Pompeii quartz countertop, bar sink, refrigerator and wine chiller will be included. A pair of bar stools will have a wood base and an velvet stripe with chocolate brown, off-white, turquoise, navy blue and chartreuse.

The opening to the outdoor living area will provide a view of the pool and fire pots. In addition to the bar, the home will have a walk-in wine room.

Ficarra and Grup's contemporary ceiling detail in the living room will have a thick, painted drywall beam flanked by two smaller beams. The ceiling insets will be painted in a contrasting color to bring in the blues and greys found in the room's fabrics. A ribbon fireplace will have a stone picture-frame border. The fireplace wall will feature a sculpturelike, horizontal chiseled stone inlay flanked by symmetrical insets featuring a double-step detail, furniture pieces and art selections.

Cleanlined furnishings in the living room will complement Ficarra's aqua and bluish gray color palette that is accented with taupes and chocolate brown. An off-white linen sofa will have a curved back design. Matching off-white linen side chairs with antique silver studs will have transitional lines. Other furniture pieces in the living room will include chrome side tables with a white stone inlay, a cocktail table with an x-detail and an aged white washed and taupe finish and a nicely detailed chest with a dark finish. The room's linen drapery panels will have circular cutouts that will convey a contemporary feeling.

The integrated kitchen and dining room will provide another gathering place. Ficarra and Grup will line the perimeter with white Shaker-style cabinetry that will play against an island base with a gray wash and granite counter tops that include a combination of gray, white and taupe tones. The backsplash over the cooktop will have a glass tile inlay in a herringbone pattern executed in blue, green, white and gray. An interesting ceiling detail includes diamond-shaped planking with painted planking in between the diamond-shaped pieces.

An outer working island will be attached to a linen banquette done in greens, blues and greys. The banquette and linen upholstered chairs will provide seating for 10 at a dark-toned planked table with contemporary paneled legs accented by 18-inch circular

details. This dining area will look out to the lanai area.

Ficarra and Grup's penchant for unique interior detailing will show-up again in the study. A 1-by-6-inch wood molding detail will be set over a gray-washed cork wall covering to form rectangular spaces on every wall. The wall treatment will play against a wood beam ceiling detail stained in a gray wash, matching cabinets with a built-in work surface, a British Colonial style metal desk, a leather ottoman and taupe linen draperies with chartreuse embroidery.

From a design standpoint, one of Ficarra and Grup's favorite rooms in the home is the powder bath.

"The powder room is going to be very special," said Grup. "We're using shades of white and have designed a beautiful circular mosaic floor that will include Mother of Pearl, white Thassos marble and an elegant border. The vessel sink will be a hand-painted artist's edition set atop a three-inch thick white Pompeii Quartz countertop and an espresso finished floating vanity cabinet with lighting underneath. We'll use light glass-beaded wallpaper that continues the room's wonderfully light feminine feeling."

An upstairs lounge area will serve as a prelude to the master suite. A detail on the walls flanking the entry to the master bath will play host to art pieces. Sea glass blue cabinetry, vanilla ice Pompeii quartz counter tops with inlaid square sinks and a free-standing tub set over flooring with a mosaic stone and glass tile border accent will convey a light, airy coastal look. The same border accent will be used on the shell stone shower floor and walls.

The elegant coastal look is carried into the master bedroom that will be finished with light bluish-gray walls with a 1-by-8-inch border detail, soft white trim and a mix of light greenish-blue, turquoise and light taupe colors. A vaulted ceiling will be finished with beams. A linen upholstered bed, a mirrored dresser with a silver antique finish and art deco night stands with an aged washed wood finish continue the coastal and elegant look. A balcony overlooking the lanai and pool will have a pair of upholstered lounge chairs and cocktail ottoman.

Completion of construction is anticipated by Nov. 1, 2013.

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