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## PERFECT PITCH

A Well-Orchestrated Effort Between Top Design Talent And Discerning Owners  
Strikes The Ideal Balance Of Form With Function In Olde Winter Park



The home's contemporary exterior features hints of Prairie style in the architectural details, including clean lines, large overhangs, low roof pitches and strong horizontal planes. Architect Andrew Kirschner created the unique stepped window design that frames the living room.

A large sectional sofa covered in Great Plains fabric provides ample seating in one of the living room's two conversation groupings. Donghia lounge chairs in a willow-green hue pair with a sandstone armchair from David Sutherland to form a second seating area. Mirak counter stools pull up to the bar topped in granite from Keys Granite.



TUCKED AWAY IN ONE OF THE MOST DESIRABLE NEIGHBORHOODS of Winter Park, Fla., this stunning home stands in total harmony with its serene lakefront site. While so many other homes on Lake Osceola display the Mediterranean influence of famed architects Addison Mizner and James Gamble Rogers II, the owners of this custom-built masterpiece took a decidedly different approach, opting for a warm, contemporary feel that suits their sophisticated tastes and penchant for entertaining.

With specific focus on properties directly fronting one of Winter Park's many lakes, the homeowners previewed this site and knew right away that it was perfect. Longtime friends and repeat clients of interior designers Sam Ewing and Gail Winn, the owners chose the esteemed designers yet again. "We knew we wanted Sam and Gail to lead our design team for this project," the wife says. "They're good friends who understand us and have been able to continually satisfy our design needs for 20-plus years." After



ABOVE: Anigre-wood columns stand at the base of the foyer's custom-designed staircase, where mahogany flooring bordered in a limestone inlay finishes the polished look of the space.

RIGHT: An anigre-wood buffet, accented with a John Chamberlain sculpture, segments the living space from the dining room, where A. Rudin chairs covered in a Holly Hunt fabric and a David Sutherland rectangular table are cast in the glow of light fixtures from Kneeder-Fauchère.



hiring architect Andrew Kirschner, and builders Jim Akers and Bud Brinker, a three-year project ensued with the homeowners playing a hands-on role. "We couldn't have asked for better clients or a more satisfying collaboration," Winn says.

Mirroring its exterior architectural style, the home's interior scheme portrays a subtle, clean-lined aesthetic that calls focus to the spectacular setting and the owners' exceptional art collection. Meticulous craftsmanship, articulated in a palette of stone, steel and mahogany, reigns throughout the sprawling 13,000-square-foot space, where low-slung, neutral-toned furnishings clad in lush, tactile fabrics add layers of texture, warmth, quality and comfort.

An interior color palette of sage, citron and taupe provides a soft backdrop that complements the outside landscape. With its focal-point view of Lake Osceola, the grand-proportioned living room features two conversation groupings and a bar area with Kirschner's stepped window design as the highlight of the room. A pair of anigre-wood columns signifies the transition from living space to dining room. Here, two groupings enable the owners to equally accommodate large gatherings or intimate dinners. The rectangular mahogany table seats 10-12 guests while the smaller round table seats six to eight. A custom, woven-silk area rug provides continuity, as do coordinating fabrics on the dining chairs.



LEFT: Floor lamps flank a sofa from J. Batchelor in the family room, where an accent chair covered in Christopher Hyland fabric pairs with a Wendell Castle cocktail table. Clarence House accent pillows add contrast along with an area rug from Edward Fields. A circular light fixture hangs above the breakfast area, where barrel chairs are clad in Glant fabric.

BELOW: Kitchen designer Joan DesCombes from Architectural Artworks, Inc. transformed the kitchen into a stunning yet functional space. Backlit, glass partitions form one wall of the kitchen and separate the space from the foyer hallway. Holly Hunt mahogany barstools pull up to the oversized island, lit from above by glass pendants from Lunatika.



Jerusalem limestone flooring prevails throughout the main living areas and flows from the dining room to the family room, kitchen and breakfast area. Kitchen designer Joan DesCombes custom designed ebony-finished cabinetry that provides a stunning counterpart to the granite-covered backsplash, countertops and island. Displayed above the brushed-stainless-steel range hood by artist/designer Fu-Tung Cheng are clay pieces by Barbara Sorensen. In the nearby family room, a relaxed yet elegant arrangement faces the panoramic lakefront view. Glass doors open onto the covered loggia, enabling the space to be utilized as one, uninterrupted entertainment area.

"This house is like a fine piece of meticulously crafted furniture," Ewing says. "It was a flawless team effort with owners who didn't compromise on anything." But the clients' compliments are the real testimony to the project's success. "This house is exactly as we wanted," the wife says. "The design team took great pride in creating our dream home."

"ALL BUT TWO ROOMS TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE LAKE VIEWS WITH EACH SPACE OFFERING A DIFFERENT PERSPECTIVE," THE HUSBAND SAYS.

#### SOURCES

##### Living Room

Sofa - Mattaliano, Holly Hunt Miami, Miami, FL  
 Lounge chairs and bench fabric - Donghia Showrooms, Inc., DCOTA, Dania Beach, FL  
 Armchair - David Sutherland Showroom, Pacific Design Center, Los Angeles, CA  
 Sofa and chair fabrics - Great Plains, Holly Hunt Miami, Miami, FL  
 Sectional sofa, cocktail table by sectional sofa, occasional table between lounge chairs, and floor lamp - Christian Liaigre, Holly Hunt Los Angeles, Pacific Design Center, Los Angeles, CA  
 Sectional sofa and accent pillow fabrics - Great Plains, Holly Hunt Los Angeles, Pacific Design Center, Los Angeles, CA  
 Barrel chair - Manheim-Ruseau, J. Batchelor, DCOTA, Dania Beach, FL  
 Bench - R. Jones & Assoc., Dallas, TX  
 Cocktail table by sofa and circular occasional table to right of sofa - John Boone, David Sutherland Showroom, Pacific Design Center, Los Angeles, CA  
 Fireplace and bar - Custom designed by Jackson Kirschner Architects, Melbourne, FL  
 Fireplace fabricated by Century Cast Stone LLC, Gainesville, FL, and Keys Granite, Inc., Orlando, FL  
 Custom stainless-steel fire screen fabricated by Manz Work, Inc., Orlando, FL  
 Bar fabricated by Millwork International, Inc., Sanford, FL  
 Bar countertop and console by sectional sofa - Custom designed by Ewing Noble & Winn Interiors, Winter Park, FL  
 Bar countertop - Keys Granite, Inc., Orlando, FL  
 Fabricated by Custom Craft Marble of Florida, Inc., Orlando, FL  
 Console fabricated by LMB Group, Inc., Altamonte Springs, FL  
 Counter stools - Mirak, Inc., Houston, TX  
 Table lamp - Boyd Lighting, Jerry Pair & Assoc., DCOTA, Dania Beach, FL  
 Carpeting - Addison Dicus Co. of Orlando, Orlando, FL

##### Stairway

Stairway and railings - Custom designed by Jackson Kirschner Architects, Melbourne, FL  
 Stairway fabricated by Millwork International, Inc., Sanford, FL  
 Railings and steps fabricated by Circle Redmont, Inc., Melbourne, FL

##### Dining Room

Dining tables - David Sutherland Showroom, Pacific Design Center, Los Angeles, CA  
 Chairs around rectangular dining table - A. Rudin, Pacific Design Center, Los Angeles, CA  
 Chairs around circular dining table and pedestal table in foyer - John Boone, David Sutherland Showroom, Pacific Design Center, Los Angeles, CA  
 Buffet - Custom designed by Jackson Kirschner Architects, Melbourne, FL  
 Fabricated by Millwork International, Inc., Sanford, FL  
 Light fixtures over rectangular table - Satori Light Sculptures, Kneidler-Fauchère, Pacific Design Center, Los Angeles, CA

##### Family Room

Lounge chairs and occasional table - Donghia, Inc., DCOTA, Dania Beach, FL

