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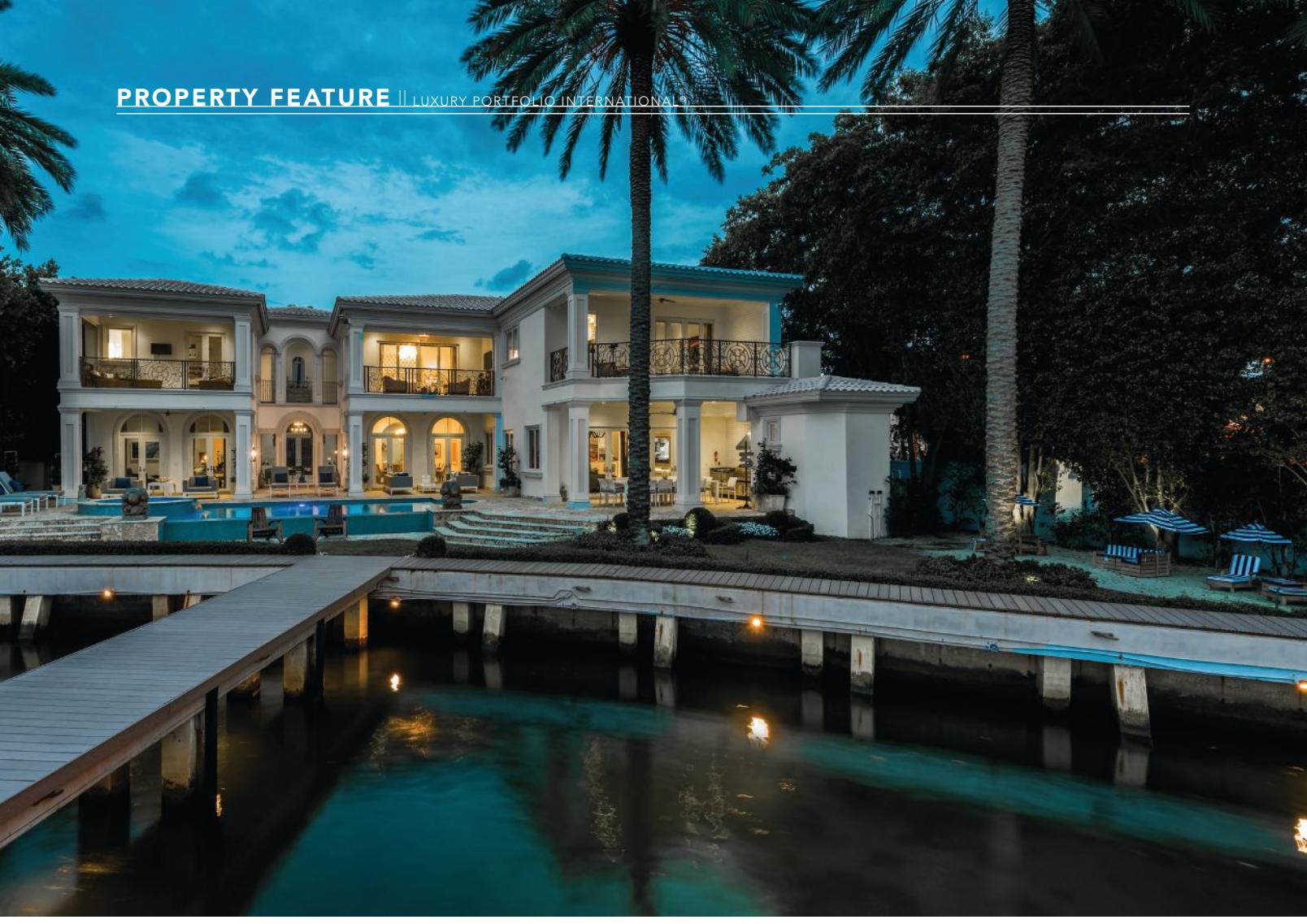




THE CASABLANCA OF MIAMI BEACH

A DARK MEDITERRANEAN HOME IS REIMAGINED
ON A FRESH, WHITE CANVAS

WHEN THE CURRENT OWNERS PURCHASED THIS Mediterranean estate they quickly saw immense potential. After all, it was situated on the highly coveted North Bay Road with 100 feet of prime Biscayne Bay frontage, just minutes from the world-class dining and shopping of Miami's famous South Beach. Though newly built in 2003, the ornamental residence they had just purchased was a long way from their tastes and it would take an arduous, no-expense-spared renovation to bring their vision to life. And thus they began a trend of transformation from the traditional dark Mediterranean revival that was popular among luxury homes in south Florida to the crisp white walls designed for collections of contemporary artwork.



Dark wood coffered ceilings and wrought iron were removed, as they transformed the home with white marble floors and white walls that were in-line with their breezy South Florida lifestyle and would lead them to aptly name the home Casablanca for the romantic setting it evokes. With the goal of allowing natural light to fill the home, walls were knocked down throughout, and a living room was thoughtfully added with a grand skylight in the ceiling center. Additionally, carefully placed direct lighting was added to showcase an extensive art collection, while integrated Smart Home technology provided them with the sophisticated systems one expects in a home of such caliber.

In the kitchen, the ambitious owners opted for a professional-grade cooking space that could equally accommodate family dinners and large functions with a Wolf gas stove, two Sub-Zero refrigerators and two ovens. The open layout freely flows into an airy waterfront family room and an adjacent breakfast nook divided by a see-through glass shelf where fine crystal ware shimmers in the sunlight.

Encompassing an entire wing along the waterfront, the white-walled master suite was designed to provide a private and pampered experience. The generously portioned bathroom with hers and his vanities enjoys a free-standing soaking tub adjacent to a walk-in closet and dressing area with a built-in make-up table. Those with even the most elaborate collection of accessories will find a designated space for everything in the ample closet, with cubby holes for belts, eyeglasses and purses, giving the feeling of walking into a curated designer showroom.





TOP LEFT: Situated on 100-feet of prime Biscayne Bay frontage.

FAR LEFT: A spacious walk-in closet with cubby holes for belts, eyeglasses and purses.

LEFT: The luxurious bathroom encompasses hers and his vanities and enjoys a free-standing soaking tub.

ABOVE: Entertain in a naturally lit dining room and cook for family and friends at a table prepared to seat 16.





A shared living area with sweeping water views and a built-in bar and television gives way to a fabulous waterfront terrace that defines the fluidity between indoor and outdoor living. From here, as well as from multiple balconies throughout the home, enviable views of the water and downtown Miami skyline are on full display. The 19,200-square-foot lot is landscaped with lush gardens and natural sand brought in to create a beach-like waterfront hangout. Covered terraces and seating areas and a full cabana encircle the sparkling pool and jetted hot tub. Capitalizing on the favorable year-round climate, a shaded summer kitchen allows for al-fresco dining and entertaining, while the private dock means keeping your boat in your backyard is an everyday reality.

Fans of the classic film, from which the home draws its name, will recall that Rick Blaine was misinformed when he went to Casablanca for the waters and disappointingly found himself in the desert instead. If only he had been sent to Miami.

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TOP: The sleek white walls are perfect for displaying a contemporary art collection.

ABOVE: A professional-grade cooking space is complete with a Wolf gas stove, two Sub-Zero refrigerators and two ovens, a drastic transformation from the dark wood and tumble marble rough floors.