

# SCENE

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## TALKING SHOP

CFA DESIGN GROUP

Real or fake? You're sure to ask that question upon spotting CFA Design Group's gorgeous faux-real flowers, trees and botanical creations. The lifelike, modern designs can be found everywhere from Eighty Seven Park and Porsche Design Tower to the lobby of the Brightline West Palm Beach. "The industry has changed over the past 10 years, with more manufacturers ditching the old silk florals and exploring materials that not only look hyperrealistic—even including artificial pollen on the flowers—but also *feel* real," posits owner Adrian Garcia, who believes in using elements charged with Mother Nature's energy. "We love to find unique vessels, like hand-blown glass from Poland and Mexico, handmade hammered bowls from India, and teak and onyx vases." Trending now: bonsai. Notes Garcia, "We recently started educating ourselves in the art of bonsai and we've done almost every style, from trailing to cascading, with artificial plants." [cfadesigngroup.com](http://cfadesigngroup.com)

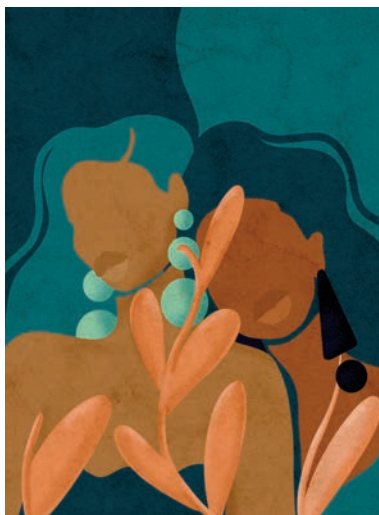
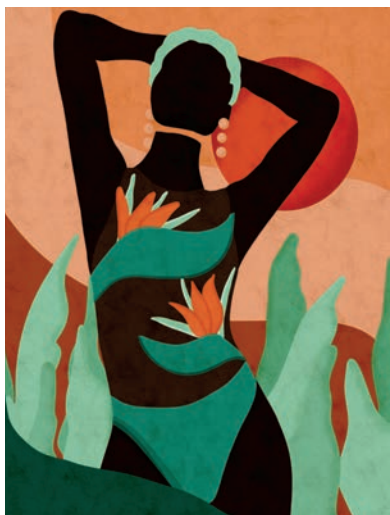
## LIFE IN THE FAST LANE

PALAZZO DELLA LUNA

On Miami's exclusive Fisher Island, residences at the new condominium development Palazzo Della Luna are appointed with furnishings by the Italian leather house Poltrona Frau. Known for its custom Ferrari and Maserati interiors, it feels (and smells) like you've stepped into an exotic supercar. Standouts include a library lounge complete with a black-oak Lloyd bookcase lined with saddle Camello leather and vivid orange shelving; bedrooms appointed with upholstered dressers and bedside tables swathed in Pelle Frau and saddle leather and crowned with Canaletto walnut and Calacatta marble; and a family room anchored by an Isidoro bar cabinet lined in saddle leather (right) that recalls Hollywood's Golden Age. Residents can luxuriate in amenities like a waterfront lounge with a butler-serviced *aperitivo* bar and a beauty salon, among others. [palazzodellaluna.com](http://palazzodellaluna.com)



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## POST MASTER

@REYNANORIEGA\_

**Who:** Reyna Noriega, a Miami-based, Black and Afro-Latina visual artist, author and educator who works across a variety of mediums, among them graphic design, pattern and product design, digital illustration, painting, murals and photography.

**What:** Through simplified shapes and forms in bold and vibrant shades, she portrays figures of people of color, architectural spaces, and landscapes. Along with selling her prints and canvases, Noriega collaborated with UNWRP in 2019 to bring her art to gift wrap, throw pillows and greeting cards. She has done editorial work with the *The New York Times* and collaborations with Apple, Adobe, Netflix and Saks Fifth Avenue, to name a few.

**Why:** Her multidisciplinary practice is devoted to highlighting and uplifting women. Through layers of paint and pixels, Noriega offers a window into her life, telling stories inspired by her culture and relating experiences in which women can recognize themselves, and feel represented and empowered.

**In her words:** *"It's always been my goal to find a way to bring joy to people's lives and help them realize all the joy that is already there. By highlighting these women that are often overlooked and misrepresented it helps to shine a light on them, uplift and empower. The idea of a young girl going to a museum and being able to see images that reflect her, it fills me."*

## SPEAKING ITALIAN

SOPHIA PASSERINI

The term "mass production" does not exist in Sophia Passerini's vocabulary. The native Venetian owns Passerini Luxury Interiors in Jupiter, which launched in London in 2012 and relocated to Florida in 2019; it's filled with a rare mix of pieces from her bespoke line and custom or hard-to-find items sourced from exclusive collections and cherished artisans in Italy. Here, Passerini reveals how the past has shaped her career in interior design. [passerini.com](http://passerini.com)

### Why do you refer to your services as "home couture"?

Home couture recalls the concept of haute couture taken from the Parisian high-fashion tradition but transferred to the home interiors world. The artisans I use in Italy are the most highly skilled in the market.

### Tell us about your new home linen collection, Marsaria.

In Venice, there is an island, Burano, that is famous for its laces, which inspired me to launch my own line of linens. The collection puts together three pillars of luxury: materials, craftsmanship and customization. Our materials are the most refined percales and sateens, both in cotton and in other fabrics such as silks and cashmere. Each set is made to measure for the client's bed, dining table or bathroom, and we can fulfill any request.

### What are the Italian experiences you offer clients?

Before the pandemic, we organized special trips to Italy with clients of large-scale residential projects who were looking to source materials directly from where they originated. We traveled to quarries in Carrara and other workshops where clients can see and choose exactly what they'd like for their home and meet the artisans. During the week, we'd surround our clients with beauty and art, along with amazing food and wine, for an unforgettable experience. I miss this so much, and hopefully, we can start doing it again when it's safe to resume travel.



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## SHELF LIFE

HOLLY HOLDEN'S  
PEARLS OF PALM BEACH

Ever longed to peer over those manicured hedges to peek into some of Palm Beach's finest homes? Interior designer and TV host Holly Holden offers readers a glimpse into eight timeless dwellings—including that of a former Canadian Prime Minister and a collector of one of the largest privately owned

collections of Irish art—in her new book, *Holly Holden's Pearls of Palm Beach*. Along with hundreds of vibrant photos, Holden details how the homes' interiors were woven together and evolved over time, highlighting treasured traditions and standout conversation pieces. "The eight houses do not boast," notes Holden. "Instead, there is a quiet understatement, which is the magical touch that creates an enchantingly inviting atmosphere that beckons one to return again and again."

[hollyholden.com](http://hollyholden.com)



## CHECK IN

AMRIT OCEAN RESORT  
& RESIDENCES

If you're looking to rejuvenate in the new year—and who isn't?—head to wellness mecca Amrit Ocean Resort & Residences on Palm Beach's swoon-worthy Singer Island. Set to open in March, Amrit spans more than seven beachfront acres and offers a mix of residences and resort guest rooms between two sleek towers aptly named Peace and Happiness. A stone moon gate flanked by urns overflowing with water and illuminated by fire makes for a dramatic entry to the property, while inside textured patterns inspired by sand dollars, sea urchins and driftwood reflect the feel and colors of the ocean. "A key feature of the lobby is the spiral grand staircase inspired by the shape of a seashell," says Mauricio Salcedo, principal at Bilkey Llinas Design. Guests and residents can expect cutting-edge, individually customized programming that marries Eastern well-being philosophies with Western technology (think everything from acupuncture to sound and light therapies) while enjoying a sculpture garden, a 40,000-square-foot Ayush hydrothermal therapy experience for alternating between hot and cold pools and a salt chamber, and a plant-centric spa restaurant. [amritocean.com](http://amritocean.com)



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