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A home with dazzling sea views is a luxury in itself, but two storeys up in the prestigious Residences at Seafire, one sensational condominium elevates exclusive seaside living to an art form.

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Ideally situated on Seven Mile Beach, with envy-inducing resort amenities at its disposal, this three bedroom condominium's almost 3000 square feet of interior space combine superb finishes with sleek symmetry and sea-themed sophistication.

Designed to maximise enjoyment of the vibrant views, the open plan living space and master suite occupy the western, beach-facing side of the building, each with a deep shaded terrace overlooking lush, landscaped gardens, an undulating pool and the sea beyond. The two guest suites, one with a private balcony, face the rising sun on the opposite side of the ten-storey tower.

Cayman-based Design Studio, were commissioned to develop, coordinate and execute the interior design for this home, choosing furniture and accessories that reflect the quality of the condo whilst also acknowledging its Cayman roots and coastal location.

"We wanted the owners and guests to feel instantly at home, to kick off their shoes on the patio and never want to leave," says interior designer Michelle Butler. →



High ceilings, white walls, floor-to-ceiling windows and pale, wood-grain floor tiles lend the interiors a sense of space and serenity whilst the soft grey tones of the living room create a soothing contrast to the vivid colours outside.

Thoughtful positioning of lights and furniture subtly divide kitchen, dining and seating areas, and the ingenious glass *NannaWall* on the sea-facing side folds away to seamlessly merge the living space and terrace, and thus blur the transition between indoors and outdoors.

A rich mix of materials – marble, wood, metal, fabric and textured wallpaper – along with flashes of colour from throw cushions, plants and a large area rug give the neutral palette a lift, whilst a multitude of silvery reflections from the chrome reading lights, metallic vases and a side table inlaid with tiny pearlescent shells, add a hint of glamour.

The kitchen – a masterpiece of pared back minimalism – is an oasis of pristine, gleaming white. Acres of counter space and an extra-long island, topped with luxurious grey-veined *Staturietto* marble, are perfectly offset by high gloss white cabinetry. Rows of soft-close drawers and cupboards keep counter spaces clear whilst concealing a lust-list of high-end *Miele* and *Sub Zero* appliances, including a wine fridge, warming and cooling drawers, microwave and more. The uncluttered, clean aesthetic of the kitchen is so calming, even the most reluctant chef would be itching to chop, steam and sauté here.





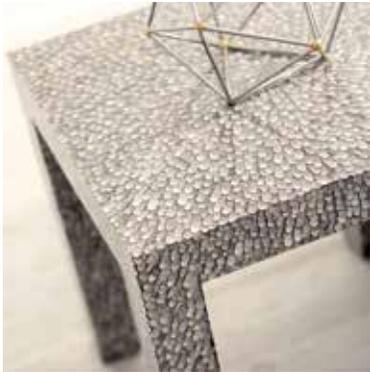
Creamy tones dominate in the master suite where an upholstered bed, dressed in luxurious crisp cotton linens from Bedside Manor, takes centre stage below a tray ceiling. The sleek bathroom, with a deep, freestanding oval bathtub, twin rain showers, his and her sinks and marble floors provides an at-home spa experience, and a walk-in closet with a full height mirror and custom-built shelving ensures every personal item has its place. This private suite opens onto a shaded balcony where glass railings give uninterrupted views of shore, sea and sky – the perfect place to enjoy a leisurely breakfast or a moonlit nightcap.

In the guest suites, the interior design adds depth and character through clever use of colour and texture, with dark blue feature walls and warm rugs.

In one suite, the bed and headboard, upholstered in an intricately patterned fabric that echoes the tone of wall behind it, makes a dramatic statement piece. Flanked by a symmetrical arrangement of lamps and bedside tables, it's a contemporary take on an intimate boudoir.

In the second guest room, where the bed is simpler in design, the colourful printed bed linens provide visual interest and, being 100% cotton, promise a restful night's sleep. Above the bed, a sunburst mirror in a copper finish adds a playful touch to the feature wall and reflects the blue beaded chandelier back into the room.→





Throughout the property, marine-themed accents abound: a series of framed sea stars and shells in one bedroom, a coral painting in the master suite, turtle prints in the living room and sea horse-stamped scatter cushions, all of which serve to tether the sumptuous home to its seaside location and connect it to its environment.

Beyond the indoors, the owners are able to take advantage of unbeatable outdoor spaces. The Nest, an exclusive communal roof terrace, offers enviable views east across North Sound and west along Seven Mile Beach and across the glistening Caribbean Sea. This sophisticated lounge area was created by celebrity designer Martyn Lawrence Bullard to merge the coastal views with first-class entertaining facilities and relaxation spaces, for the ultimate escape. Back down to earth verdant tropical gardens surround a pool and clubhouse – all ingredients for a perfect day in paradise.





Location and views may play the leading role at this exclusive residence but it is the sophisticated supporting cast of texture, colour, fabrics and furnishings, that raise living here to the height of luxury. 

