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Design duo Shannon Scott and Raymond Jimenez of RS3 Innovative & Architectural Design show off their inspiring new ideas and dish about the latest green design trends, the new Brazilian dream kitchen and South Florida's most coveted look.



South Florida Opulence: Where do you find your source of inspiration?

Shannon Scott: We've gotten a lot of inspiration from traveling.

Raymond Jimenez: A specific piece can dictate the rest of the design. In this project, the wallpaper brought everything together. It has the silver and the grays that the client actually designed and from it we were able to pull the floors, the area rugs, the panels, and we mixed it up with the black glass.

SFO: What elements are you most proud of in this particular design?

RJ: The ceiling designs and how they complement the layout of the condo. The selected materials all go great together, creating a cohesive look in the space.

SFO: What is the latest common design request?

RJ: Right now, the Brazilian market wants the South Beach look: white floors, white walls, white furniture ... a lot of orchids.

SS: The international clients that we are encountering: Brazilians, Russians, Turkish, and Canadian, all love the clean palettes of color and materials. These clients want to feel like they are in Miami and staying in an amazing hotel. The only times that we get something different it usually comes from locals. Right now we have an American client and he wants Balinese.

SFO: What are your Brazilian trendsetters asking for when it comes to a crucial space like the kitchen?

SS: They want an open layout to entertain family and friends. They tend to ask for clean lines and simplicity when it comes to cabinets. The color is usually a dark or teak color on the doors. Hidden and touch latch, no visible handles. White marble or stone countertops. As for the appliances, they want the top of the line. Sub-Zero refrigerator and Miele stovetops and dishwashers.

SFO: Eco-chic is also a major trend. What are clients looking for when they are asking for sustainable design?

SS: It mostly has to do with a lot of green products: countertops made of recycled glass, cork or bamboo flooring. Some go as far as using solar panels, energy-efficient appliances or recycling water.



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