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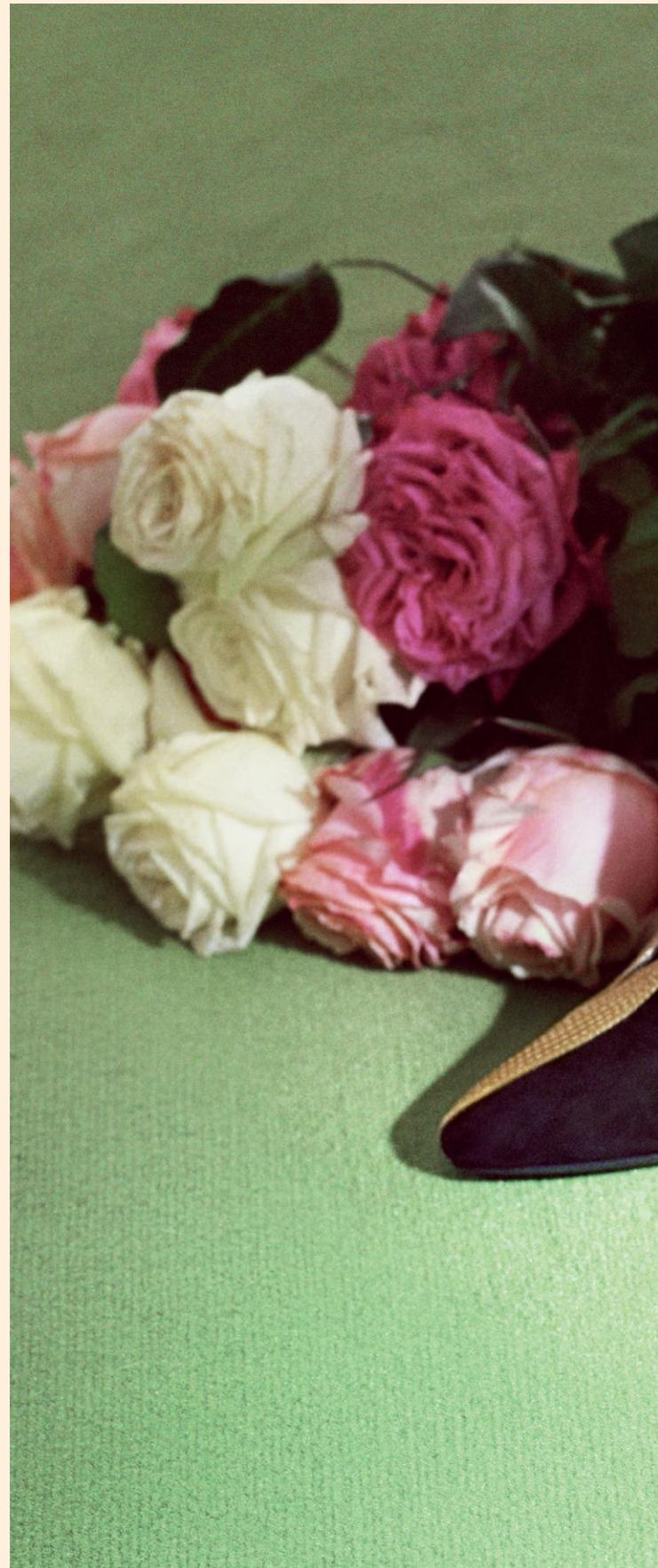
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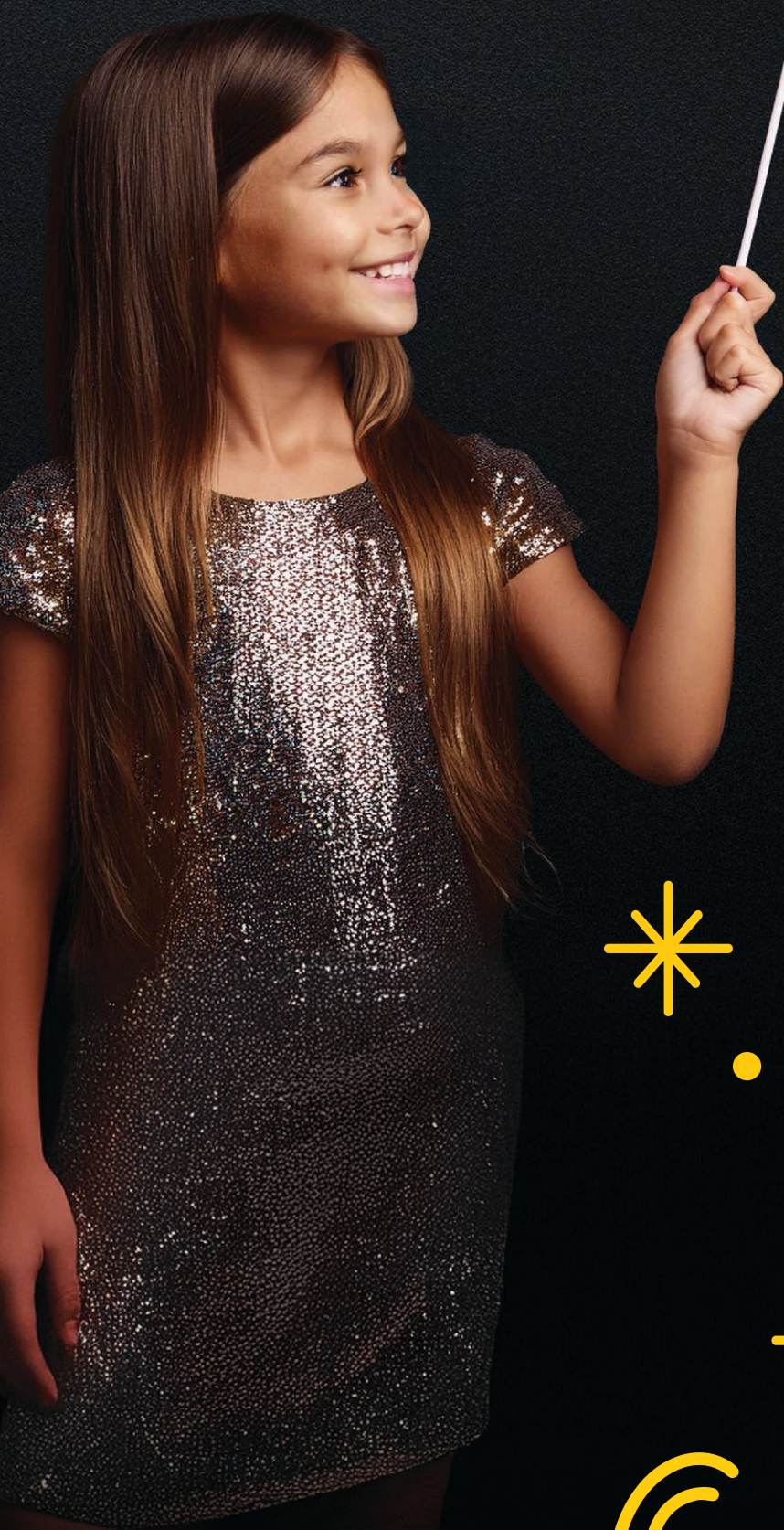
As April arrives, we are delighted to bring you another exciting edition of *Riviera Orange County*. Our annual Home Issue highlights the upscale and dynamic properties that define California living. From sprawling hillside estates to waterfront mansions boasting panoramic ocean views, each estate highlighted in these pages embodies elegance, innovation and sophistication.

To complement our eight-page feature, “The Home Front,” we’re profiling innovators in the design and real estate industries in this month’s special sections, Faces of Design and Top Real Estate Industry Leaders. Whether you’re looking to buy, sell or spruce up your existing space, these trailblazers can help you achieve your goals with style and top-notch professionalism.

Beyond the showstopping homes featured in this issue, we’ve also rounded up the best patios to dine at this season and chatted with jewelry designer Monica Vinader (monicavinader.com) about her new Fashion Island (fashionisland.com) store, which I can’t wait to shop at. Enjoy the issue.

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A letter from the EDITOR



No Place Like Home



Newport Beach native Molly O'Neil recently opened Molly O Architectural Interior Design in Costa Mesa.

Our April Home Issue is one of my favorite editions to plan. Who wouldn't want to spend time perusing coastal mansions? Take a peek inside the multimillion-dollar properties that made our jaws drop in "The Home Front" feature. From 63 Monarch Bay Drive in Dana Point, listed by Compass' (compass.com) Samantha Nugent and Todd Davis for \$36.5 million, to the waterfront 615 Lido Park Drive in Newport Beach, listed by Trey Dewey and Colin Rice of Pacific Sotheby's International Realty (sothebysrealty.com) for \$26 million, these homes showcase the best of O.C.'s seaside living.

From there, flip to our Interiors section to discover a Corona del Mar property by Beth Hoffman Design (bethhoffmandesign.com) and learn all about local Molly O'Neil's new Costa Mesa studio and retail shop, Molly O Architectural Interior Design (mollyointeriors.com). Managing editor Hannah George is also chatting with local interior designer Lindye Galloway (lindyegalloway.com) in this month's "Local Character" column. There's truly no place like home—especially when that home is Orange County.

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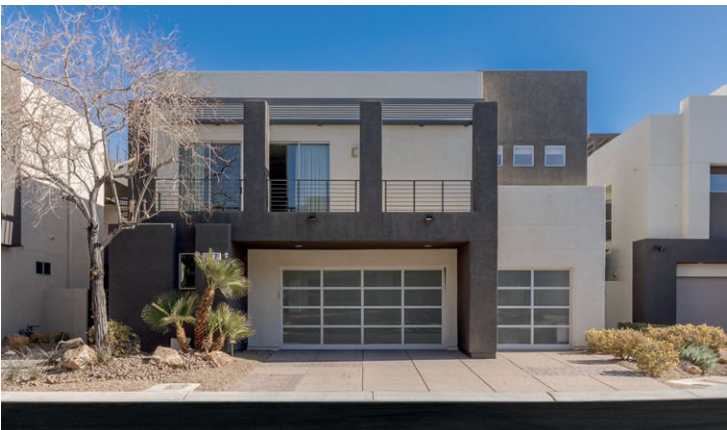
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Dior dress and Dior Fine Jewelry Gem Dior bracelets and ring, dior.com.



On the Cover

Olivia Munn

Photographed by John Russo
Styled by Jeanann Williams

Fendi dark green Jacquard silk overcoat and brown FF silk and wool sweater and shorts, fendi.com.

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\$37,500,000

REP SELLER

33 Smithcliffs is the highest ever sale in Smithcliffs, Laguna Beach.



\$34,000,000

REP SELLER & BUYER

1 Shoreridge is the highest on-market sale in 2023 for all of OC, and the 2nd highest on-market sale ever for Pelican Crest, Newport Coast.



\$33,600,000

REP SELLER

1 Pelican Crest is the 3rd highest on-market sale ever for Pelican Crest, Newport Coast.

NOTABLE SALES REPRESENTING BUYERS



\$43,000,000

REP BUYER

2431 Riviera is the second highest priced home ever to sell in Irvine Cove.



\$37,000,000

REP BUYER

9 Pelicans is the highest sale ever in Pelican Crest, Newport Coast ever, and the highest on market sale for 2025 YTD.



\$28,500,000

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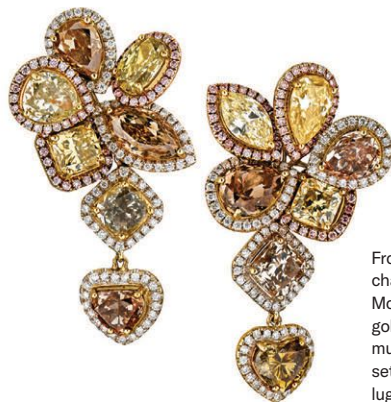
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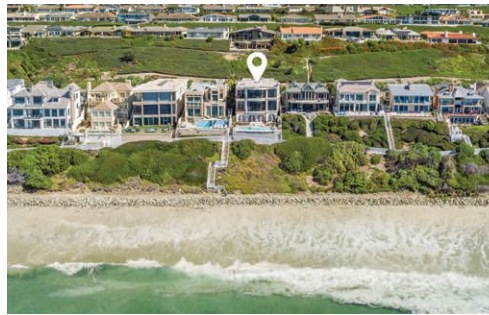
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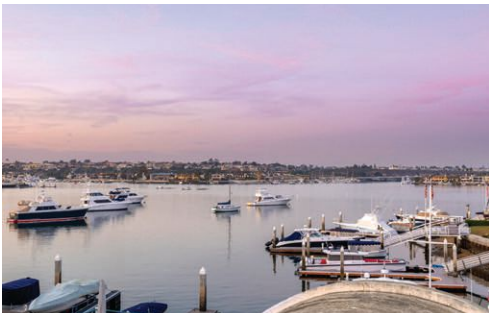
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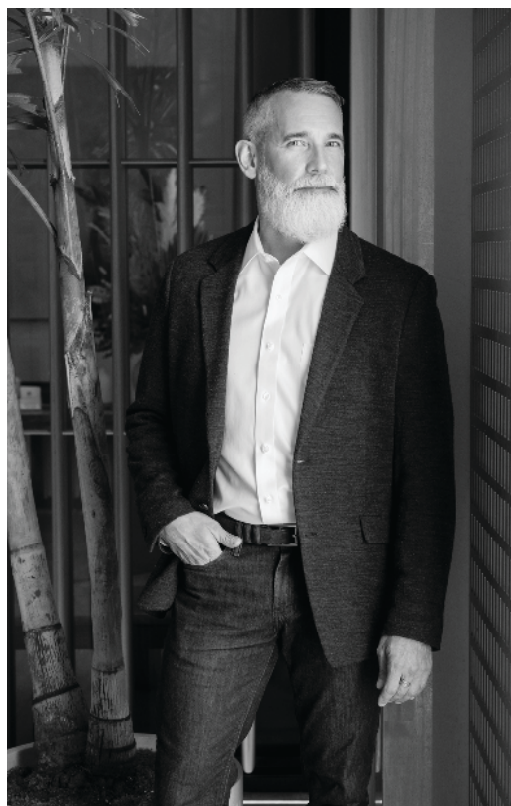
"Our cover star, Olivia Munn, embodies effortless at-home luxury in standout spring runway looks—from the silky, powder-pink elegance of Ferragamo to Prada's perfectly tailored two-piece ensemble. This season, luxury at home is all about relaxation, setting the tone for a fresh start. Plus, keep an eye on the must-have seasonal watches."



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"Our April cover star Olivia Munn's buzzy new series, *Your Friends and Neighbors*, is this season's must-watch! For this issue, I chatted with the stunning star about her work as a breast cancer advocate and how laughter is always the best medicine."

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"In this issue, our travels take us to the gorgeously reimagined Peter Island Resort—one of the true gems of the British Virgin Islands—and to the exclusive enclave of Careyes Mexico in Jalisco. Plus, we reveal our insider picks for the world's best first-class cabins, perfect for planning your next getaway."

Q&A with DR. SEAN BOURKE

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Question: Congratulations! JumpstartMD just opened its first Orange County location! Tell us about it.

Dr. Bourke: JumpstartMD is a Health Optimization Clinic specializing in medical weight loss and hormone replacement therapy. With Northern California locations, we've helped our members lose over 1,000,000 pounds—and now, we're bringing our proven, evidence-based care to Orange County.

Question: How is JumpstartMD different from other weight loss companies?

Dr. Bourke: We provide personalized medical guidance via in-person and online care. As a complement, we offer Rumi, a 24/7 AI weight loss companion. We focus on preserving muscle mass and promoting metabolic health while losing weight. And, once at your goal, we'll help sustain your losses for long-term success.

Question: What are your thoughts on the new weight loss medications?

Dr. Bourke: Medications like GLP-1s are powerful weight management and disease prevention and reversal tools that work best in combination with healthy lifestyle changes. Based on individual needs, we prescribe a variety of medication options, including GLP-1s, ensuring safe, effective, and lasting weight loss and health improvements.

Question: Is medication alone enough to lose weight and be healthy?

Dr. Bourke: No. Medication helps, but long-term holistic success requires proper nutrition, exercise, and medical oversight. We focus on a full-body approach, ensuring patients maintain muscle mass and optimize their overall health.

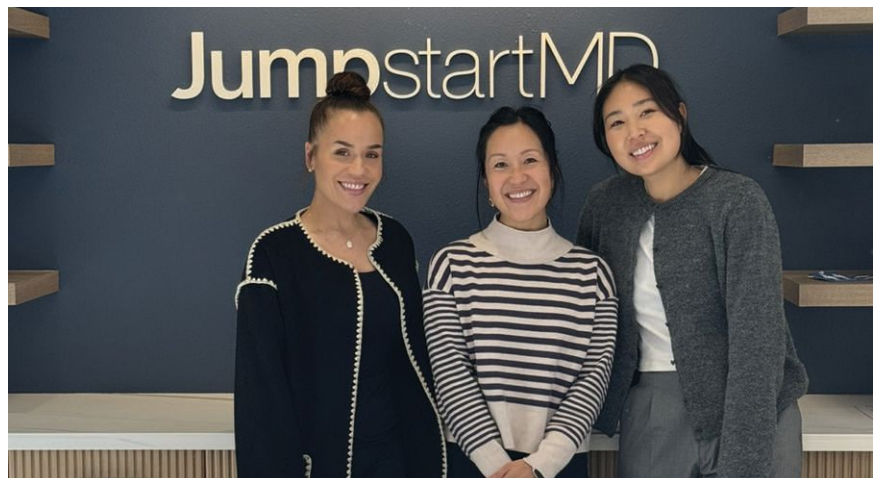
Question: What is BHRT and Menopause Care?

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Golden Hour

From sunset soirees and glamorous galas to star-studded comedy shows and sizzling stage performances, April in Orange County is shaping up to be a social butterfly's shining moment. Flip the page for your go-to guide to all the action. *by* ALLISON MITCHELL

Head to Laguna Cliffs Marriott Resort & Spa in Dana Point for the California Wine Festival's Sunset Rare and Reserve Tasting on Friday, April 25.



4/3

Play for a Purpose Pickleball Event

Spend the afternoon supporting the first-generation students KidWorks serves during this women's pickleball event featuring round-robin-style games, lunch, an awards ceremony and opportunity prizes. 10:45 a.m., *The Tennis & Pickleball Club at Newport Beach Country Club*, kidworksoc.org

4/3-6

The Winter's Tale

Join the American Ballet Theatre for this Shakespearean love story as it's told through the visionary lens of Tony Award-winning director and choreographer Christopher Wheeldon. *Segerstrom Hall at Segerstrom Center for the Arts, Costa Mesa*, scfta.org

4/4

David Spade

Book a night out at the Brea Improv with *Saturday Night Live* alum David Spade, who will bring his signature wit to the stage for one night only. 7:30 p.m., *Brea Improv*, improv.com

4/4

Orangewood Foundation's 21st Annual Scholarship Luncheon

NBA champion and Emmy Award-winning analyst Kenny Smith will serve as this year's keynote speaker during the Orangewood Foundation's annual Scholarship Luncheon, a day that supports youth in their journey toward higher education and independence. 11 a.m., *Irvine Marriott*, orangewoodfoundation.org

4/5

Waymakers Chari-Tea Party

Indulge in a traditional afternoon tea brimming with delectable pastries and glasses of bubbly as you help raise funds for the individuals in crisis that Waymakers uplifts. 11 a.m., *Spring Field Banquet Center, Fullerton*, waymakersoc.org

4/6

Chef's Table: Sip, Savor and Sounds

Illumination Foundation's annual Chef's Table has been reimagined,

offering guests a cocktail hour, an intimate dining experience crafted by executive chefs from Disneyland Resort, and a legendary live performance by The Beach Boys. 4:30 p.m., *Disney's Grand Californian Hotel & Spa, Anaheim*, ifcheftable.org

4/7

Miracles Golf Invitational

Tee off for a great cause with drinks, prizes and on-course eats. All proceeds go to the critically ill children and families in need that Miracles for Kids supports. 9 a.m., *Santa Ana Country Club*, miraclesforkids.org

4/8

Alton Brown Live: Last Bite

Join critically acclaimed culinary maestro Alton Brown as he presents a variety show featuring everything from cooking hacks to humorous songs to reflections on life in the spotlight. 7:30 p.m., *Segerstrom Hall at Segerstrom Center for the Arts, Costa Mesa*, scfta.org

APRIL

by NIKITA COSTA & ALLISON MITCHELL

From left: Gather your gal pals for the KidWorks Play for a Purpose Pickleball Tournament on April 3; famed foodie Alton Brown brings his culinary expertise to Segerstrom Center for the Arts on April 8.





Tee off at the beautiful Pelican Hill Golf Club during the 18 for the Elephants Charity Golf Tournament on April 10.

4/10 18 for the Elephants Charity Golf Tournament

Combat poaching and habitat destruction alongside the Angels Among Us Foundation and Over and Above Africa during this philanthropic day of golf and five-star dining. 9 a.m., Pelican Hill Golf Club, Newport Coast, angelsamongusfoundation.org

4/10 The Drake Gives 5th Annual Fundraiser: Celebrating the Power of Music

Ensure children from all walks of life have access to music education during this night of elevated dining and fundraising, led by event chairs James Cueva, Lourdes Nark, Urvashi Patel and Linda Young. 5 p.m., The Drake, Laguna Beach, thedrakegives.org

4/10-15 Curse of the Ring

Fantasy lovers—come one, come all! Crafted by Richard Wagner, *Curse of the Ring* is a semi-staged opera that will soar to life under the baton

of Carl St.Clair and the masterful musicians of the Pacific Symphony. *Renée and Henry Segerstrom Concert Hall at Segerstrom Center for the Arts, Costa Mesa, pacificsymphony.org*

4/12 Fristers Ladies Spring Luncheon

Immerse yourself in an afternoon featuring a Champagne reception, live music, an elegant lunch and inspiring speakers—including the teen and youth parents that Fristers serves. 11 a.m., Newport Beach Country Club, fristers.org

4/12 Orange County Heart and Stroke Walk

Lace-up your sneakers and walk in solidarity with survivors and colleagues affected by cardiovascular disease. 9 a.m., Angel Stadium, Anaheim, heart.org

4/12-13 The Sleeping Beauty

Festival Ballet Theatre brings the

enchancing tale of *The Sleeping Beauty* to the stage through beautiful choreography by Salwa Rizkalla and a score by the renowned Tchaikovsky. Follow the spellbound Princess Aurora as she finds her happily ever after with Prince Florimund. 6 p.m., Irvine Barclay Theatre, thebarclay.org

4/13 Naruto: The Symphonic Experience

Devoted fans of the anime classic *Naruto* can experience it anew through this live orchestral performance of Toshio Masuda's original score. 7 p.m., Segerstrom Hall at Segerstrom Center for the Arts, scfta.org

4/18 A Fabulous 50th: Chicago and A Chorus Line

Commemorating 50 years on Broadway, these iconic musicals are back yet again, bringing a cast of stars together to celebrate the timeless music of Marvin Hamlisch and Kander and Ebb. 8 p.m., Renée and Henry Segerstrom Concert Hall at

Segerstrom Center for the Arts, Costa Mesa, scfta.org

4/18 An Evening With Amy Tan

Following the success of *The Joy Luck Club* and *The Kitchen God's Wife*, author Amy Tan is taking readers inside her latest book, *The Backyard Bird Chronicles*, during this intimate discussion and book signing. 8 p.m., Irvine Barclay Theatre, thebarclay.org

4/23-5/4 Hamilton

Don't miss the Tony Award-winning musical that celebrates the legendary life of founding father Alexander Hamilton through Lin Manuel-Miranda's genre-blending score. *Segerstrom Hall at Segerstrom Center for the Arts, Costa Mesa, scfta.org*

4/25 Start Smart Fundraising Luncheon

Network among community leaders, educational experts and donors dedicated to raising our future leaders at this afternoon luncheon that will benefit

From April 12 to 13, *The Sleeping Beauty* awakens for an enchanting dance performance by the Festival Ballet Theatre.





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4/25-26 California Wine Festival Dana Point

This two-day event kicks off on Friday at Laguna Cliffs Marriott Resort & Spa with a vino-filled Sunset Rare and Reserve Tasting reception, followed by Saturday's Beachside Wine Festival at Sea Terrace Community Park. Expect live music, delicious cuisine and unlimited samples of hundreds of premium wines. *Multiple locations, Dana Point, californiawinefestival.com/dana-point*

4/25-26 Ben Folds

Emmy-nominated singer-songwriter Ben Folds will take the stage alongside the Pacific Symphony for a night showcasing his symphonic artistry. *8 p.m., Renée and Henry Segerstrom Concert Hall at Segerstrom Center for the Arts, Costa Mesa, pacificsymphony.org*



From top: Spend an April afternoon giving back during the Waymakers Chari-Tea Party on April 5; fan-favorite production *Hamilton* takes the Segerstrom Hall stage by storm from April 23 through May 4.

4/26 Art & Creativity for Healing's Black and White 25th Anniversary Ball

Dress in your best black and white attire to celebrate Art & Creativity for Healing's 25th anniversary. This elegant evening will include gourmet dining, live and silent auctions, casino games and a live DJ. *4:30 p.m., Ambassador Event Center, Irvine, art4healing.org*

4/26 Girls Inc. of Orange County Annual Gala

Celebrate girlhood in all its glory during this festive gala that drives funds toward STEM programming, financial education, and college and career readiness. Silent and live auctions will bring in top donations to directly impact the more than 9,000 women that Girls Inc. of Orange County supports annually. *6 p.m., Fete the Venue, Costa Mesa, girlsinc-oc.org*

4/26 LGBTQ Center O.C.'s Indigo Ball

RuPaul's Drag Race star Manila Luzon will host and musician Ashley Ventri will perform at this annual gala, a dazzling celebration of LGBTQ+ pride, empowerment and connection. *5 p.m., Hyatt Regency Newport Beach, lgbtqcenteroc.org*

4/27 It's in the Bag: Spring Fete

Help grant the wishes of children living with critical illnesses during this fashion-forward fete featuring an auction of new designer handbags from brands including Gucci, Prada and Fendi. *11:30 a.m., The Waterfront Beach Resort, Huntington Beach, wish.orglocie*

4/28 Childhelp's Rich Saul Memorial Golf Classic

Celebrate the legacy of late NFL professional Rich Saul during a spirited game on the greens, where proceeds will benefit neglected, abused and abandoned children. *10 a.m., Newport Beach Country Club, childhelpoc.com*

4/28 Tilly's Tailgate: 18th Annual TILLYS Charity Golf Tournament

Join players on the fairway during this charitable tournament that gives back to Tilly's Life Center, empowering teens to navigate hardship through a positive mindset. *8 a.m., Mission Viejo Country Club, tillyslifecenter.org*



Best PATIOS



Bask in the sunshine at Las Brisas while dining on delicacies such as halibut Veracruz and filet of beef served with mole-potato puree.

BEST PATIOS

Orange County

Decked Out

From sunup till sundown, indulge in artisan fare alfresco when dining at the 10 best patio restaurants in Orange County. *by HANNAH GEORGE*

From top: Dine waterside at A + O Restaurant inside Balboa Bay Resort; SET Steak & Sushi's dreamy outdoor patio.



FROM TOP: PHOTOS COURTESY OF BALBOA BAY RESORT; SET STEAK & SUSHI

LAS BRISAS

Conveniently located on Pacific Coast Highway, this bright and breezy space is an easy choice for breakfast, lunch, dinner or even an after-work happy hour, served from 3 to 6 p.m. on weekdays. Settle in on the seaside patio, where blue and white tiled tables are shaded by umbrellas during the day and warmed by heaters on cool nights. lasbrisaslagunabeach.com

THE DECK

With a name like The Deck, the oceanfront patio at this Laguna Beach eatery will impress any guest looking to dine outside. Dive into a three-story seafood tower brimming with snow crab, lobster tail, oysters, poke and poached Mexican shrimp or a decadent cheese and charcuterie board. Enjoy those bites with a gin-spiked California Cooler cocktail and unbeatable views of Southern California's famous sunsets—cheers! deckonlaguna.com

RANCHO CAPISTRANO WINERY

Orange County's largest winery naturally has an equally expansive patio to match. With three locations across the region, the San Juan Capistrano outpost boasts a 3,000-square-foot outdoor terrace with nods to the area's Mission roots featuring rustic furniture and a roaring fireplace. Whether stopping in for a hearty brunch of huevos rancheros or an indulgent dinner featuring the 16-ounce RCW Cowboy Steak, pair your meal with premium wine pours—and bring your pup to the patio, too! ranchocapwinery.com

BEST PATIOS

Orange County

A+ ORESTAURANT

Featuring a wraparound patio furnished with striped parasols, Balboa Bay Resort's waterfront restaurant is the perfect place to wake up with breakfast or wind down with spritzes. Watch boats sail by on the Newport Harbor over a comprehensive menu by executive chef Prabeen Prathapan featuring standouts such as blackened salmon sliders, tender seared scallops atop summer succotash and beer-battered fish tacos. balboabayresort.com

LÔREA

One of Surf City's newest dining concepts, Lôrea at Paséa Hotel & Spa, welcomes travelers near and far for an outdoor dining experience. Every seat in the house is set against unobstructed views of the sparkling Pacific, with palm fronds and vibrant greenery offering shade. When ordering, expect unbeatable eats, like the Parker House rolls doused in Turkish chili-lime butter and juicy Piri Piri Jidori chicken, thanks to executive chef Scott Rackliff's 25 years of kitchen mastery. paseahotel.com

GULFSTREAM

At Gulfstream in Corona del Mar, dishes are best enjoyed from the restaurant's outdoor patio, which draws a crowd at all hours with flashy yellow umbrellas and a blazing fire pit. As part of Hillstone Restaurant Group, the restaurant offers familiar favorites such

as California artichokes dunked in tangy remoulade and a freshly ground chuck cheeseburger. Save room for dessert—the graham-cracker crust lemon meringue pie is the perfect finish to an alfresco meal. gulfstreamrestaurant.com

FARMHOUSE AT ROGER'S GARDENS

This Corona del Mar mainstay makes eating outdoors an elegant occasion, from the candlelit chandeliers overhead to warm blankets offered when the ocean breeze moves inland. A farm-to-table experience by chef Rich Mead, every dish is fresh and full of flavor, like the inventive cauliflower steak served with chimichurri and the curry and coconut-crusted Icelandic cod that's worth a second visit. farmhouse.rogersgardens.com

JAVIER'S

This list wouldn't be complete without the Newport Coast location of Javier's, the upscale Mexican eatery known for its generous plates and bold tequila-based cocktails. While its new tropical-inspired interiors evoke the beachy vibes of Tulum, the real magic happens outside on the ocean-view patio. With front-row seats to Crystal Cove State Park, it's the perfect spot to linger long after sunset. javier-cantina.com

SET STEAK & SUSHI

Inside Pendry Newport Beach sits the ultimate fusion restaurant from Clique Hospitality. Helmed by chef Jojo Ruiz, SET Steak & Sushi serves sustainable, locally sourced dishes such as nigiri flights and 8-oz. prime filets to its stylish audience housed inside a sultry atmosphere. While seats indoors and around the bar fill up quickly, the outdoor patio tables, shaded by greenery and illuminated by rattan pendant lights, are a favorite for a reason. setnewport.com

TRULY PIZZA

Be whisked away to southern Italy at Truly Pizza in Dana Point. When dining alfresco on the pizzeria's two-story outdoor patio, feel the essence of Italian summers with lemon vines adorning the ceiling and tabletops filled with hearth-baked pies and cast-iron pull-apart bread. While soaking up the sunshine, don't forget a splashy Truly Spritz—made with basil, lemon and prosecco—or an orange creamsicle soft serve for a sweet finale. trulypizza.com

From top: Farmhouse at Roger's Gardens conveniently places blankets on the back of chairs for patio patrons; sit among greenery at Lôrea at Paséa Hotel & Spa. Opposite page: Dine with a front row seat to Huntington Beach when eating outdoors at Lôrea.





1/ Anaheim Ducks goalie Lukáš Dostál 2/ Pendry Newport Beach culinary director Ben Martinek with Ducks forward Frank Vatrano 3/ Ducks defenseman Olen Zellweger 4/ Craft by Smoke and Fire chef-owner Isaias Hernandez and Ducks forward Trevor Zegras 5/ Ducks defenseman Pavel Mintyukov with chef Rich Mead of Farmhouse at Roger's Gardens



ON THE SCENE Freeze Frame

THE PARTY The Anaheim Ducks traded their hockey sticks for piping-hot plates as they played sous chefs to over 30 local chefs during this year's **Dux in Tux**. The 24th annual event was held at the Honda Center and raised funds for the Anaheim Ducks Foundation. **THE PEOPLE** Over 400 guests took to the ice rink, which was decked out in beautiful decor for multi-course, wine- and cocktail-paired meals that were served tableside. Chefs, including **Ben Martinek** of Pendry Newport Beach, **Rich Mead** of Farmhouse at Roger's Gardens and

Roberto Gomez of River Jetty Restaurant Group, were paired with Ducks players like **Frank Vatrano**, **John Gibson** and **Pavel Mintyukov** to pull off the culinary extravaganza. **THE PINNACLE** Exclusive auction items and ticket sales contributed to the night's success, allowing the Anaheim Ducks Foundation to provide educational programming and inclusive hockey clinics for youth. Since 2001, the beloved event has raised nearly \$4 million for local children and individuals living with disabilities—a true victory. *BY ALLISON MITCHELL*



6/ Ducks DJ JoJo Maestrado 7/ Ducks defenseman Pavel Mintyukov 8/ A look at the elegant tablescapes 9/ Ducks forward Trevor Zegras, forward Mason McTavish, alumni Guy Hebert, goalie John Gibson and forward Frank Vatrano 10/ Guests enjoyed dinner on the rink at the Honda Center. 11/ Lôrea's hockey-inspired veggie course



1/ CHOC Gala honorary chairs Freddie and Chelsea Freeman
2/ Rick Matros, CHOC CEO Kimberly Cripe and Adrienne Matros 3/ Cancer survivor Belle Wuich shared her CHOC story. 4/ Cary Hyden and Bree Cox with Sirpa and Teemu Selanne 5/ Guests enjoyed cuisine and beverages from Selanne Steak Tavern and The Landing Wines.



ON THE SCENE Practice Run

THE PARTY In anticipation of the upcoming CHOC Gala on May 17 at the Grove of Anaheim, fundraisers, donors and close friends gathered at **Mindy and Glenn Stearns'** Newport Coast home for the **16th annual CHOC Gala Underwriting Party**. **THE PEOPLE** Gala co-chairs **Dr. Gigi Kroll, Caroline Marchant** and **Stephanie Argyros** and honorary chairs **Chelsea** and **Freddie Freeman**—the 2024 World Series MVP—shared exciting news about the upcoming gala. The highlight was the announcement

that Grammy-nominated country music star **Blake Shelton** will headline the gala's annual concert. **THE PINNACLE** Throughout the evening, the 100 attendees mingled and indulged in cuisine from Selanne Steak Tavern, donated by owners **Sirpa** and **Teemu Selanne**, paired with pours from The Landing Wines, courtesy of **Gemma** and **Adam Cooper**. The chilly night warmed hearts, and each guest went home with a sweet box of Harry Winston chocolates. *BY ALLISON MITCHELL*



6/ Jessie Harrison and Nicci Guice 7/ Glenn Stearns, Dr. Gigi Kroll, Mindy Stearns and Chris Harrison 8/ Amy and Gerritt Cole 9/ Maryam Nasser and Arman Rashtchi with Niloofar and Bahman Fakhimi 10/ CHOC Gala co-chairs Dr. Gigi Kroll and Caroline Marchant 11/ Gemma and Adam Cooper donated bottles from The Landing Wines.





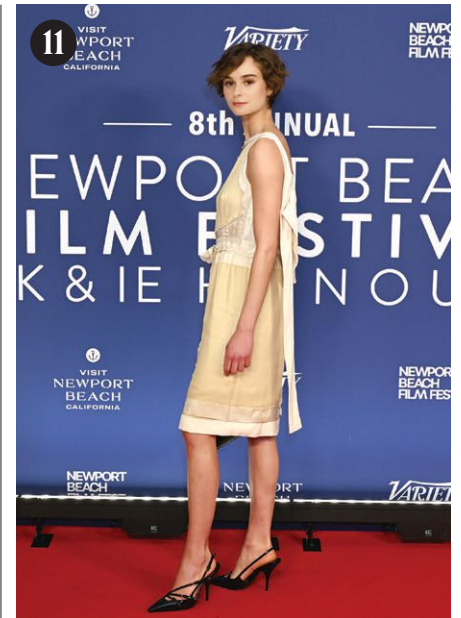
1/ Newport Beach Mayor Joe Stapleton and Julie Jacobs Stapleton 2/ Writer and director Rich Peppiatt 3/ Breakout Award honoree Mia Threapleton 4/ Nabhaan Rizwan, Joe Alwyn and Emma Corrin 5/ Edith Bowman, Felicity Jones and Cat Deeley



ON THE SCENE Reel Royalty

THE PARTY Co-hosted by **Edith Bowman**, **Cat Deeley** and Visit Newport Beach, the **Newport Beach Film Festival U.K. Honours** gathered the silver screen's brightest stars at Raffles London at The OWO. **THE PEOPLE O.C.** locals **Joe Stapleton** (Mayor of Newport Beach), **Gary Sherwin** (president and CEO of Visit Newport Beach), **Gregg Schwenk** (Newport Beach Film Festival co-founder) and **Jane Yada** (president of the Newport Beach Film Festival Board of Governors) hopped the pond for the

festivities. This year's Spotlight Award recipients included **Joe Alwyn**, **Jessica Gunning**, **Ambika Mod**, **Will Sharpe** and **Harris Dickinson**. **Joe Locke**, **David Jonsson**, **Adam Pearson**, **Marisa Abela** and **Mia Threapleton** earned the Breakout Award. **THE PINNACLE** The night's biggest honors went to Artist of Distinction Award recipients **Felicity Jones**, **Emma Corrin** and **Sharon Horgan**, while the multitasking **Stephen Fry** took home the Icon Award.
BY ALLISON MITCHELL



6/ Artist of Distinction Award winner Sharon Horgan 7/ Spotlight Award recipient Jessica Gunning 8/ Spotlight Award honoree David Jonsson 9/ Spotlight Award winner Will Sharpe spoke. 10/ Gregg Schwenk, Icon Award winner Stephen Fry and Gary Sherwin 11/ Actress Saura Lightfoot-Leon



1/ Christina and Louis Lu
 2/ A colorful scene from the Pacific Symphony Lunar New Year concert 3/ Lynn and Doug Freeman, executive chair and CEO of Orange County Music and Dance 4/ Consul General Guo Shaochun spoke.
 5/ Alicia and Brian Chuan with Stephanie Rogers



ON THE SCENE Crossing Cultures

THE PARTY Pacific Symphony welcomed the Year of the Snake at its **8th annual Lunar New Year Dinner and Concert**, where more than \$350,000 was raised. Over 230 guests gathered in the Jewel Court at South Coast Plaza for an elegant dinner from Terrace by Mix Mix before heading to the Renée & Henry Segerstrom Concert Hall, where they were greeted by lion dancers and live music. **THE PEOPLE** Pacific Symphony board members and co-chairs **Charlie and Ling Zhang, Carol Choi and Mei-Yen Chang** hosted the evening with sponsors Tiffany & Co., Hoag and Hoag Hospital Foundation. Longtime music director **Carl St.Clair** was

honored for his continuing guidance of the renowned orchestra. **THE PINNACLE** Excitingly, Consul General **Guo Shaochun** of the People's Republic of China and Deputy General Consul **Song-Hwan Kwon** of South Korea flew in for the fete. Pacific Symphony president and CEO **John Forsythe** summed up the evening best: "From the culturally inspired dinner and donor partnerships to the entertainment at South Coast Plaza and stunning performances, the evening exemplified Pacific Symphony's dedication to using music as a bridge between cultures, fostering unity and understanding." **BY ALLISON MITCHELL**



6/ Alan and Anoosheh Oskouian 7/ Richard Cassarino, Joyce Yang and Arthur Ong
8/ Asian Hall of Fame president and CEO Maki Hsieh 9/ John and Michele Forsythe with Leslie and Scott Seigel 10/ The festive Lunar New Year display at South Coast Plaza's Jewel Court 11/ Guests dined at elegantly decorated tables.





Gilded Touch

Fashion Island will welcome the first standalone Monica Vinader boutique in Orange County this April. Here, the namesake founder and CEO sounds off on the store and her personal style.

by ALLISON MITCHELL

When Monica Vinader (monicavinader.com) co-founded her eponymous jewelry brand alongside her sister, Gabriela Vinader, in 2008, she sought to bridge the gap between fine and fashion jewelry. Committed to sustainable practices and ethical sourcing, she created quality pieces at accessible price points crafted from 100% recycled gold and sterling silver. “In 2022, we launched our Product Passport program, an industry-first initiative that allows customers to trace each supply chain step for 70% of our SKUs. Shining a light into our supply chains, including the origins of our gemstones and precious metals, allows us to make meaningful, positive changes where needed,” says the visionary. “More recently, we introduced lab-grown diamonds, all grown using 100% renewable energy and SCS-007 certified, the highest multi-stakeholder sustainability standard in the industry.”

Now, she’s bringing her dazzling designs to Fashion Island (fashionisland.com). “Our Orange County boutique will be the first stand-alone store in the United States to showcase our new retail design, marking an exciting milestone for Monica Vinader,” she shares. “We recently introduced this concept at our flagship in Edinburgh, Scotland, and are thrilled to bring it to our U.S. customers. The new design is inspired by the natural world—earthy textures, organic forms, and timeless, long-lasting materials like sand, stone and wood. It’s about more than just aesthetics; we wanted to create an immersive space that truly reflects who we are as a brand—our sustainability ethos, our craftsmanship, and our love for art and nature.” Welding, engraving and monogramming services will be available on-site, allowing customers to personalize their purchases. “We want every visit to feel special, engaging, and reflective of what makes Monica Vinader unique,” says Monica.

Here, the sartorialist gives us a glimpse inside her wardrobe—including a few favorite pieces from her collection.



"I don't have many dresses, and this is one I could wear on repeat." *Khaite Truman dress, khaite.com*



"A well-tailored blazer is a must in your wardrobe, especially from a brand that also values conscious design." *Gabriela Hearst Bowen knit jacket in ivory wool, gabrielahearst.com*



"Hunza G is easily the most versatile and comfortable swimwear." *Hunza G Polly swimsuit, hunzag.com*



"This is my go-to bag that can be dressed up or down for nearly every occasion." *Toteme T-Lock croco-embossed clutch in dark brown, toteme.com*



"This ring is a classic, elevated staple piece that makes a statement every day." *Monica Vinader lab grown diamond 2.5mm Eternity ring, monicavinader.com*



"One of my favorite MV pieces at the moment, these earrings are part of our first fully traceable aquamarine gemstone collection. They are made in partnership with Zimbabwe, Africa's first gemstone mine, which is managed and mined by a women-only team." *Monica Vinader Odyssey gemstone cocktail earrings, monicavinader.com*



"I really love the understated simple lines of Celine." *Celine by Hedi Slimane Triomphe 01 sunglasses in black acetate, celine.com*

La Dolce Vita

A taste of the European lifestyle awaits at the new CasaDamí cafe and wine bar in Newport Beach. *by* ALLISON MITCHELL



Clockwise from top: Charcuterie boards at CasaDamí come with your choice of two to 10 items; the Limoncello Spritz cocktail; the Bresaola and Damí salads.



Joining culinary neighbors Buona Forchetta and Shorebird, CasaDamí (casadami.com) is the newest drinking and dining destination at Peninsula Village (peninsulavillage.com), a buzzing residential and retail destination in Newport Beach. Opened March 1, the charming indoor-outdoor concept captures the allure of Europe's all-day eateries, combining a cafe with a wine bar.

"At CasaDamí, our vision was to create a space that feels like an extension of the European lifestyle—where friends gather over exceptional food, thoughtfully chosen wines, and a perfectly crafted coffee, from morning until night," says Camilla Caremoli, who co-owns the concept with partner Dave Shah.

DINING

“We want every guest to feel transported, as though they are dining in their favorite corner of Italy, Spain or France, while still embracing the charm of Newport Beach.”

Open from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. for breakfast and lunch service and from 5 to 10 or 11 p.m. for dinner from Wednesday to Sunday, the hot spot offers myriad experiences for discerning diners. Spend the morning on the 40-seat, flower-festooned outdoor patio, nibbling on freshly baked pastries and sipping cappuccinos or marocchinos blended with Nutella. Coffee service is an art here—premium beans are sourced from Brazil and Central America with every cup brewed in CasaDamí’s Rocket Espresso machine that was handmade in Milan, Italy.

Counter-service is offered during lunch, which is highlighted by crisp salads—don’t miss the signature Damí dressed in heavenly cashew cream—Euro-inspired sandwiches and two- to five-item charcuterie boards. While the sandwiches are exclusive to the lunchtime crowd, the salads and charcuterie boards carry over into dinner, the star of CasaDamí’s well-orchestrated show.

The heated patio continues to buzz as the sun dips over the Pacific, but I recommend snagging a spot in the stunning dining room. The space sparkles with a 15-seat bar custom-made from Italian marble, herringbone Italian white oak floors and plush banquette seating awash in red, gold and pink shades. Then, order a drink.

Shah, an avid wine collector, modeled the restaurant’s impressive beverage menu after his own robust cellar, sourcing labels from Tuscany, Bordeaux, Burgundy and California’s renowned Napa, Sonoma and Central Coast regions. Oenophiles will also delight in his selection of lauded Super Tuscans (think Tignanello, Sassicaia and Guado al Tasso) and French staples such as Château Margaux and Domaine Faiveley Corton-Charlemagne. A Coravin system ensures you can enjoy pours by the glass.

Start your meal with a chef’s choice charcuterie board with a side of freshly shaved Iberico ham. From there, a medley of tapas is the perfect formula for a shared dining experience. The patatas bravas drizzled with salsa brava and garlic aioli, croquetas stuffed with serrano ham and manchego cheese, the layered sofrito Spanish tortilla and Australian tiger prawns swimming in spicy Sicilian sauce were big hits. But my favorite dish had to be the flat iron wagyu that’s exquisitely plated with chile onion jam, pears veloute and

From top: CasaDamí co-owners Camilla Caremoli and Dave Shah; the beautiful dining room at CasaDamí.



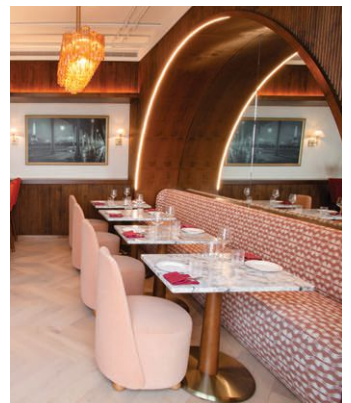
“We want every guest to feel transported, as though they are dining in their favorite corner of Italy, Spain or France, while still embracing the charm of Newport Beach.”

—CAMILLA CAREMOLI

charred lime—it’s bright, punchy and savory without being too heavy.

For dessert, the olive oil cake shines with Meyer lemon, mascarpone cream and blackberry coulis, but the chocolate fondue is the true crowd-pleaser. A mini pot of chocolate over an open flame is paired with strawberry slices, lady fingers and marshmallows for a playful and inviting presentation.

Newport Beach has found its next great dining destination—whether that gathering happens under the sun’s rays or by the moon’s glow.



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Mine Hill Gin

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Junipero Gin Smoked Rosemary

The unfiltered 98.6-proof American craft gin delivers bold notes of smoked rosemary and citrus, creating a distinctive, cocktail-elevating expression. juniperogin.com



Hendrick's Gin Oasium

Released this month and inspired by a desert oasis, Oasium bursts with tangy citrus and lush botanicals, elevating its crisp, green profile into a refreshingly exotic evolution of the beloved gin. hendricksgin.com



Monkey 47 Distiller's Cut

This exciting recent release features capers from Pantelleria, Italy, as its 48th botanical, delivering a bold, spicy, elegant gin with a hint of the sea. us.monkey47.com



Renais Gin

Founded by siblings Alex and Emma Watson (it debuted in the U.S. last summer), the gin transforms upcycled French wine grapes into a bold, award-winning spirit inspired by Burgundy's rich winemaking heritage. renais.com



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Wilde Irish Gin

Inspired by Oscar Wilde, this elegant Irish gin, crafted by master distiller Deirdre Bohane, features 10 botanicals, including mountain heather and bitter orange, for a smooth, citrus-forward profile. wildeirishgin.com

Gin Blossoms

Our spirits editor assembles nine bottles to usher in spring flavors—florals and all.

by MICHAEL MCCARTHY



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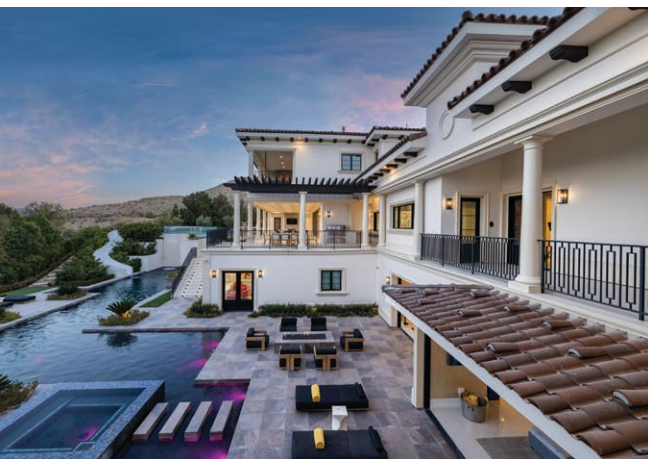
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Dior Men jacket, sweater,
shorts, socks and B33
sneakers, [dior.com](https://www.dior.com).

WITH CHRISTOPHER RIM

PARENTS' MOST PRESSING QUESTIONS ABOUT THE COLLEGE ADMISSIONS PROCESS



As a private college admissions consultant with a decade of experience successfully coaching students through the complexities of elite college admissions, Christopher Rim knows what admissions officers at top schools are looking for now. Below, he provides expert answers to three of the most common questions parents ask about the college admissions process:

Q: When should students start the college application process?

A: Many families mistakenly believe that the college application process begins during junior or senior year. In reality, the process starts the moment a student begins their freshman year. Colleges consider students' grades, extracurriculars, and summer activities starting in ninth grade; however, students can start to establish the skills they will need to excel in the admissions process as early as seventh grade.

The college admissions landscape is more competitive than ever before—not only are top schools receiving more applicants, leading admissions rates at even second-tier schools to plummet into single digits, but eye-catching activities and summer programs are often as competitive as the college admissions process itself.

Standout applicants admitted to top schools don't just check off boxes; they craft a compelling story through every aspect of their admissions profile—whether by launching a small business, developing independent research, or excelling in a niche extracurricular initiative. Showcasing genuine passion and developing the skillset to execute projects such as these take time and strategy. When students put the work in early, it shows in their applications.

Q: What activities will stand out to college admissions officers?

A: Admissions officers can smell inauthenticity from a mile away. That internship that you got your kid at a swanky law firm, the clubs they signed up for just because they thought they'd look good on their resume, the volunteer opportunity they listed but didn't really participate in—all of these will reek of desperation. The activities that will compel an admissions reader are those that reflect a student's hook (their core interest around which their admissions profile is built), demonstrate initiative and leadership (the more self-authored and self-initiated the activity, the better!), and showcase creativity and originality. Students should therefore consider how they might mobilize their passions in service of their community.

Q: My kid doesn't have a 4.0. Can they still get into a top school?

A: Top grades and test scores remain crucial for admission to a top school—but your child can be admitted without perfect stats. The key, however, is demonstrating that they are uniquely qualified to attend the school for alternative reasons—a niche interest that aligns perfectly with a unique program at the school, an eye-catching and impressive independent project that demonstrates their skillset outside of the classroom, compelling proof of academic growth over time, or a striking demonstrated interest in the school.

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School	General Acceptance Rate	Command Acceptance Rate	Command Acceptance Boost
Harvard	3.6%	25%	7.0x
Columbia	3.9%	25%	6.4x
Yale	4.8%	27.6%	5.8x
Duke	5.7%	30.4%	5.4x
Dartmouth	6.3%	33.3%	5.3x
Princeton	4.9%	25%	5.1x
UPenn	6.1%	31%	5.1x
Johns Hopkins	7.4%	37.5%	5.0x
Cornell	7.9%	36.8%	4.6x

When strutting one's stuff on the greens, why not do it with the panache only Dior (dior.com) can offer? This season, the Dior Lifestyle Capsule, deftly conceived by Kim Jones, is where the tee meets high style, marrying the understated opulence of 1980s Paris and New York with a swing of the golf club.

The Dior fall 2025 collection is not merely a nod to nostalgia but a bold reimagining that initiates a captivating dialogue between early '80s Parisian flair and the polished, preppy essence of New York's uptown playgrounds. It's here, amid these sartorial fairways, that Jones plays his master stroke—fusing the ceremonial with the casual in a lineup that could just as easily grace a boardroom as it could the back nine.

Polo shirts and V-neck sweaters are not confined to the clubhouse but paired daringly with Bermuda shorts or sharply pleated trousers. Harrington jackets and casual blazers in muted checks recall an iconic Ivy League motif, yet in a color palette that whispers luxury rather than shouts. The range tees off into sportswear but with retro finesse—a velvet tracksuit or windbreakers with reflective stripes that catch the light as perfectly as they catch the eye. And not to forget, a short-sleeved shirt boasting an oversize CD diamond logo, making it clear that while you might be playing games, your fashion sense certainly isn't.

The collection offers all the essentials for accessories: caps, socks and the coup de grâce—a golf set so exquisite one might hesitate to sully it with turf. It's all about the Dior Gravity that pulls your gaze toward the bold creativity of bags and small leather goods. The Saddle and Hit the Road messenger bags are reinterpreted in two-tone hues of the Dior Gravity leather, sporting the emblematic Dior Oblique motif. Sneakers (including the B27 and B33) can trace their lineage back to traditional golf shoes, yet are reborn with fringed tongues and check-print variations.

In this game, as in fashion, it's all about playing through—so do it with styles that are as striking on the street as on the green.



Dior Men DiorFluidCannage M11 sunglasses



Dior Men B27 sneakers and B33 sneakers



Dior Men Hit the Road messenger bags and Hit the Road backpack



Dior Men vest, shirt, shorts, socks, shoes and mini belt bag



Roger Dubuis 36mm bespoke pink velvet MB, rogerdubuis.com



Van Cleef & Arpels Perlée watch set in 18K rose gold, vancleefarpels.com



Vacheron Constantin Traditionnelle Perpetual Calendar Ultra-Thin 36.5mm in pink gold, vacheron-constantin.com



Cartier Coussin de Cartier small model watch in 18K rose gold with diamonds, cartier.com



Breitling Navitimer 32 timepiece, breitling.com



Dior La D My Dior timepiece, dior.com



Harry Winston Ultimate Emerald Signature timepiece featuring diamonds and pink sapphires set in 18K white gold on a pink satin strap, harrywinston.com

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Chopard Happy Sport Collection timepiece featuring diamonds and pink sapphires set in 18K white gold, chopard.com



Patek Philippe World Time in white gold with opaline blue-gray dial with "carbon" pattern and calfskin, handstitched, blue-gray strap in a denim pattern, patek.com



Panerai Radiomir 8 Giorni Eilean Experience 45mm timepiece, panerai.com



TUDOR Black Bay 39mm steel case and steel bracelet timepiece, tudorwatch.com



Hamilton Jazzmaster Open Heart Auto 42mm timepiece, hamiltonwatch.com



IWC Portugieser Automatic 42 timepiece, iwc.com



Longines Conquest, longines.com

Spring Fling

As temperatures climb, elevate your wristwear with these essential springtime timepieces. Effortlessly blend style and sophistication with supple leather straps, seasonal denim, radiant diamond accents and nature-inspired dial hues.
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Rolex Perpetual 1908 platinum timepiece, rolex.com



Dynamic Duo

The Cucinelli sisters introduce the BC Duo bag and share their chic must-haves. *by PHEBE WAHL*

“Camilla and I complement each other. Our working dynamic is based on mutual respect, admiration and different creative approaches,” says Carolina Cucinelli. “Despite a nine-year age difference, we have a true connection, both personal and professional. Camilla is incredibly creative and knowledgeable about the product process: the search for materials, the design balance, and always making sure to respect the codes of the brand. I am a bit daring at times and try to push us toward new chapters. I am inspired by art, music and films. Together, we find balance and strive to design items that will bring beauty and effortless practicality to the life of women.”

It is this very harmony—of vision, talent and perspective—that defines their latest creation: the BC Duo bag collection for Brunello Cucinelli (brunellocucinelli.com). A tribute to seamlessly blended contrasts, the collection reflects the sisters’ shared appreciation for heritage and innovation. “Carolina and I wanted to design a handbag that is beautiful but also practical; modern, but remains true to the brand’s heritage,” Camilla Cucinelli explains. “The BC Duo is a celebration of the bond and beauty that is born when two different elements find a perfect balance. We were inspired by all the connections that define us: the relationship between past and future, between tradition and innovation, between us and others.”

With their signature mix of elegance and ease, the Cucinelli sisters have crafted a collection that speaks to the modern woman who appreciates timeless craftsmanship but embraces contemporary functionality. Here, the sartorial stars share their stylish selects.



"My favorite bag in the collection is the mini BC Duo. It's a refined style that I can wear from day to night, in my hand or as a crossbody, and it fits all my essentials." shop.brunellocucinelli.com –Camilla



"I love using simple seasonal ingredients that come from our vegetable garden. One of my mother Federica's favorite things is to tend to her garden, and the entire family benefits from the produce she grows and the care she provides. In the spring, I especially like serving dishes with wild asparagus that we find in Umbria during the early warm months." –Camilla



"The Chateau Marmont in Los Angeles is one of my absolute favorite hotels. I have enjoyed spending time with friends and family in this iconic place. It is a second home for me, and I have such fond memories from the last few years." chateaumarmont.com –Carolina



"We always travel to Sardegna in the summer with my sister and our families. The kids love the beaches and crystal-clear water while we have fun visiting local markets and hosting friends for special occasions." –Camilla



"My favorite drink is a crisp glass of white wine or a bittersweet Negroni, which never fails to feel Italian in its elegant simplicity and bright color." –Camilla



"Hosting friends and family at home, especially in the summer months, is one of my favorite things to do. I especially enjoy a late Sunday lunch outside by the pool, where we can make simple dishes and enjoy the warm weather. I use linen tablecloths in neutral hues and fresh flowers to decorate my tables. In Umbria, we have the most beautiful sunflowers, which decorate and brighten any table setting." –Carolina



"I don't leave home without wearing a fragrance from our new collection, Incanti Poetici. Each scent is inspired by a poem, and I mix and match them depending on my mood and the look I'm wearing. When I want to be transported to the Mediterranean, I wear Soffio Zenit, inspired by 'Un Desiderio' (A Desire) by Giannina Milli. It has notes of fig, lavender, rosemary and labdanum." shop.brunellocucinelli.com –Carolina

A Man of Many Talents

Dior Homme face Robert Pattinson's take on the ultimate masculinity? Versatility.

by PHEBE WAHL

Robert Pattinson, a distinguished virtuoso of the silver screen and face of Dior Homme (dior.com), has nurtured a flourishing partnership with the brand since 2013. We checked in with Pattinson as he reflects on the unique clarity and bold minimalism of the latest Dior Homme fragrance, his deepening connection with the art of perfumery and the enduring significance of his alliance with Dior.

Is there something in particular that intrigues you when smelling this new fragrance? It has such a clarity that gives the scent a striking impression of individualism.



Robert Pattinson in Dior Men by Kim Jones wearing Dior Capture Le Serum and Rouge Dior Balm in No. 000 Diornatural

In your opinion, what has Francis Kurkdjian's take on Dior Homme brought to the fragrance? Francis has brought something so uncluttered, a sort of daring simplicity that feels incredibly bold.

You have been the face of Dior Homme for quite a while now (since 2013). How has your relationship with fragrance evolved, and where does Dior Homme fit into that journey? To be with Dior for so long is such an honor for me. It is now one of the longest professional relationships I've had in my life. I've grown up working with the same people there and it's always such a pleasure to work with them. I appreciate fragrance more and more. I think it definitely helps being educated by the very best in the business about it!

How do you think this campaign reflects the essence and identity of the Dior Homme fragrance? There's something extremely classic about it. A lot of cinematic references. But still has something very fresh and enticing.

How does this campaign signify the evolution of the Dior Homme brand? I like the saying that nature does not grow in leaps, and while Dior Homme is always innovating and changing, it maintains the familiar while leading us gently into the new, always with a little bit of wonder.

What do you think about The Blaze's new remix of Leonard Cohen's "I'm Your Man" created for this campaign? What a dream team, a wild combination of geniuses. 'I'm Your Man' is one of the greatest, and The Blaze is able to break it right open and let you hear something so near and dear for the first time. There's no better gift than that.

What does "I'm Your Man" mean to you today? Maybe that versatility might just be the secret to real masculinity.

Perfume is often described as capturing certain emotions or moods. Similarly, acting involves channeling emotions and portraying characters in an authentic way. How do you see the process of crafting a fragrance mirroring the process of developing a character for a role? I definitely haven't done one of those things, but I can definitely say they both seem equally mysterious. You search for wildly disparate elements that you feel an emotional connection to, and then do a deep

dive into trying to synthesize all the elements into a whole greater than its parts.

You've taken on a wide variety of roles in different genres. How do you choose your projects, and what do you look for in a script? It's not something I can look for, and I wish it was, but really, the scripts I choose are some level of a no-brainer, whether it's what's on the page or the people putting it together. Sometimes, the gap between page and screen is as mysterious as making a fragrance or preparing for a role, so there's a lot of trust and risk. I remind myself to sit comfortably with that even though I never do.

Have you ever considered exploring other areas of the entertainment industry, such as directing or producing? I started a production company and couldn't be more excited about producing and the projects we are putting together. More soon!

How do you balance your professional career with your personal life? I have no idea. Do you have any advice? Love what you do and do what you love, except don't because then you never know what's actually happening.

At what time of the day do you apply your fragrance, and where? Mainly in the morning so that by the evening, you've really made it your own. I'm more used to wearing fragrance at night when I have plans to go out. I give one spray and walk through it.



Dior Homme parfum

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Giving VOICE

Whether on screen in the new series *Your Friends and Neighbors* or as a leading advocate for breast cancer awareness, Olivia Munn is here to make some noise.



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Chanel pink cotton dress, black shorts and Fantasy knit patent boot, chanel.com; Lugano asymmetrical radiant-cut necklace with a 3-carat radiant-cut diamond complemented by over 14 carats of additional diamonds set in 18K white gold, luganodiamonds.com.

Olivia Munn epitomizes the essence of keeping it real, whether she's championing breast cancer awareness, navigating the joys and challenges of motherhood, or captivating audiences in her new compelling role as Sam in the Apple TV+ series *Your Friends and Neighbors*.

"*Your Friends and Neighbors* is about this very successful man, [played by] Jon Hamm, who loses everything, and he's forced to start to steal from his friends and neighbors," she explains of the buzzy new series. "It's about this world that is the top 1% of America and how all of their lives are intertwined—and the chaos and greed and destruction that happens within this group of people," she says. Munn's ability to infuse her character with relatable humanity amid the chaos of the elite social circles she navigates is thanks to preparation drawing from real-life interactions. "I mined from a collection of different people I have met over the years," she says.

Munn's deep sincerity extends into her real-life role as a breast cancer survivor and advocate. Her initial reaction to her diagnosis was one of privacy and introspection. "When I was first diagnosed, my first reaction was not to tell anyone... because at that time, the diagnosis was so big," Munn shares candidly. Yet, she soon recognized the need for support for herself and her husband, which led her to discuss her journey openly. This transparency has enabled her to advocate effectively for early detection, driven by her personal experience and a simple yet lifesaving online test (bcrisktool.cancer.gov).

Motherhood has fundamentally transformed Munn's worldview and priorities, impacting how she balances her professional endeavors with personal well-being. "It has changed how I look at everything," she says. "Having children changed how I see everything and live for the day," she reflects. Munn's approach to life is now more focused on creating a stress-free environment for her family, learning to navigate life's challenges with a clear perspective on what truly matters.

"I've learned from my oncologist that stress creates stress hormones, and those hormones feed into my type of cancer," Munn explains. "And so whenever I think about having a certain person in my life who causes me stress or gives me anxiety, or if there's a scenario or a job that does that, I think to myself, 'If this is, God forbid, feeding any cancer in my body, and it came back later as cancer that we found—would it have been worth it?' And the answer is always no. So it frames my mind differently," she

Louis Vuitton striped side-tie dress and top, louisvuitton.com; Dior Fine Jewelry Gem Dior ring, dior.com.

"MY DECISION TO BE REALLY CLEAR ABOUT THE PEOPLE AND THINGS IN MY LIFE THAT GIVE ME STRESS HAS CHANGED MY LIFE IN A WAY THAT HAS MADE IT REALLY CLEAR. IT'S JUST VERY SIMPLE: DOES THIS CAUSE ME STRESS? [IF IT'S] YES, I DON'T DO IT OR I TAKE IT OUT OF MY LIFE. IF IT'S NO, THEN I CONTINUE FORWARD."





From top: LOEWE x Paula's Ibiza Collection top and skirt, loewe.com; Dior Fine Jewelry Gem Dior ring, dior.com. Prada coat, top, skirt and heels, prada.com.

Hair by Kiley Fitzgerald

Makeup by Diane Buzzetta

Manicure by Shigeko Taylor

says. "My decision to be really clear about the people and things in my life that give me stress has changed my life in a way that has made it really clear. It's just very simple: Does this cause me stress? [If it's] yes, I don't do it or I take it out of my life. If it's no, then I continue forward."

Living with husband and comedian John Mulaney, Munn finds that laughter is indeed a crucial medicine in their household. "There isn't a day that goes by that we're not laughing. ... John is the funniest person at home and onstage. He's equally funny in both places. I don't know how our family could survive without him," she says, highlighting how their life together is enriched with humor, which helps them handle the complexities of their lives. "He doesn't let the stress get to him, so it makes my life a lot calmer. But if there is something that feels like it's going to be stressful, I look at him, and within a few minutes, he's made a joke about it, and it just helps cut the energy completely," Munn explains, noting that their son is following his lead inheriting his sense of humor. "It's really sweet because I see this little mini-me in the making. I see this carbon copy of John being molded in front of my eyes."

Munn's commitment to living authentically extends deeply into her advocacy and personal wellness practices. "I'm diligent about my water intake. I drink two and a half liters a day. It's really important just to flush out my system—flush out the toxins," she explains. She has also discovered the profound impact of meditation on her overall health and mindset. "I meditate just seven to 10 minutes a day. It's not a ton, but it's been impactful," she shares. By setting attainable goals for herself, Munn maintains focus and derives joy from her achievements, big and small. "I started giving myself attainable goals. ... Meditating seven to 10 minutes a day is attainable. I'm really focused on it, and that always feels good. Making attainable goals is one of the biggest things that brings more joy to my life."

Beyond personal health, Munn is eager to leverage her platform for broader impact, particularly regarding cancer research and awareness. "I'm excited that the Susan G. Komen Foundation reached out to me to take a larger part in the organization. I'm excited to join them and see what we can do to help get more awareness out there, but especially get more funding for research," she enthuses. Her personal battle with a fast-growing and aggressive type of cancer underscores the critical role of research in her survival and recovery. "I know that my cancer is curable because of the research that has been done—and research needs money—so I'm excited to be working with them on that."

Much like the accolades for her work on screen, Munn's efforts in breast cancer advocacy have not gone unnoticed, as she was recently named a Time 2025 Woman of the Year. Her visibility and dedication have had a tangible impact, no doubt. "Continuing to spotlight this could help us get the message out even more and hopefully save even more lives," she explains. "There isn't a day that's gone by that I haven't gotten a text or email or DM where someone is telling me that they found their cancer because of this."

Opposite page: Ferragamo satin dress and heeled sandal with ribbon, ferragamo.com; Verdura Criss Cross cuff in 18K gold, verdura.com. Shot on location at 16187 Royal Oak Road, Encino, Calif., available for \$39,995,000 through Aaron Kirman at Christie's International Real Estate Southern California, christiesresocal.com



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THE DETAILS: Sailors and land dwellers alike will adore this exceptional waterfront home in Lido Village. At 615 Lido Park Drive in Newport Beach, homeowners will enjoy a 75-foot private dock, Arcadia power-sliding doors, European oak herringbone and straight-plank floors, and a chef's kitchen with Cristallo Supreme countertops, hand-blown glass pendant lighting and Wolf and Sub-Zero appliances. Built in 2024,

expect four bedrooms and five bathrooms across 5,016 square feet of living space—plus outdoor space in the Newport Harbor for your private yacht. *615 Lido Park Drive, Newport Beach*

PRICE: \$26 million

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“615 Lido Park offers a rare blend of walkability and waterfront luxury, with Lido Village’s vibrant amenities just steps away and a spacious 75-foot dock in the rear. Its Santa Barbara-inspired contemporary architecture and impeccable finishes create a stunning coastal property unlike any other in Newport Beach.”

—TREY DEWEY







THE DETAILS: With 84 feet of coastal frontage, the seaside estate at 63 Monarch Bay Drive in Dana Point is California living at its best. Built in 2022, the four-bedroom, six-bathroom property is sprawled across 7,717 square feet and offers a custom elevator for zipping between floors, a Boffi kitchen outfitted with Sub-Zero and Wolf appliances, and breathtaking outdoor terraces. Its position in the guard-gated Monarch Bay community also scores its homeowners exclusive access to the coveted Monarch Bay Beach Club. *63 Monarch Bay Drive, Dana Point*

PRICE: \$36.5 million

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“This oceanfront home isn’t just a residence; it’s a front-row seat to the Pacific Ocean, where floor-to-ceiling glass captures the most breathtaking sunsets you’ll ever see. It’s modern, effortless and located in Orange County’s best kept secret community: Monarch Bay.”

—SAMANTHA NUGENT



THE DETAILS: Tucked within Corona del Mar's luxurious Irvine Terrace neighborhood, 1119 Dolphin Terrace was crafted by Brandon Architects in 2023, taking six years to complete. Clocking in at 10,255 square feet, the five-bedroom, eight-bathroom estate is a contemporary masterpiece with two kitchens, two primary suites, a bar and glass-walled wine cellar, and a massive 219-inch LCD TV wall. Outdoors, discover a 65-foot lap pool complemented by a full-size gym, sauna, steam room and meditation area.

1119 Dolphin Terrace, Corona del Mar

PRICE: \$39.998 million

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“1119 Dolphin Terrace blurs the lines of what is possible, stretching the boundaries of indoor and outdoor space, spanning over 10,200 square feet of interior living space and is situated on a rare and uniquely deep and expansive lot, all while showcasing breathtaking coastline, Newport Harbor and city light views from both levels.”

—PAUL DAFTARIAN



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1615 BAYADERE TERRACE, CORONA DEL MAR \$22,000,000

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2024 was another year of significant transactions for Casey Leshner, marked by record-breaking sales and industry shifts that reshaped the real estate landscape. Although achieving one of the highest sales in Corona del Mar was a milestone, his greatest accomplishment was guiding clients through the complex market changes and ensuring they remain well-positioned for the future. For Leshner, real estate is more than transactions—it's about delivering lasting value.

Leshner's most distinguishing attribute is his ability to create opportunities in any market. His strategy is deeply rooted in relationships—connecting with homeowners, investors and business proprietors to provide efficient, insightful concierge-level service. With decades of experience navigating every market cycle, he maintains an aptitude for agile advisement—ahead of industry trends. Transparency in buyer representation and strategic marketing will be critical moving forward, and his role as a trusted advisor has never been more vital.

As with his celebrated, annual Community Appreciation Event hosted at the iconic Port Theater, Lashner is focused on contributions to the people who have enriched his work and his life for so many years. He continues as headline sponsor of the CdM 5K, the CdM Christmas Walk, and the Farmers Market, along with initiatives for the region's schools, organizations and next-generation business leaders - with support and engagement within the community as always his priority.

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TINA TAN

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As the director of luxury estates of her eponymous firm, Tina Tan brings a fresh, authentic approach to real estate, blending her deep local expertise with creative marketing and a genuine commitment to relationship building. Tan is more than a REALTOR®; she's recognized as a true connector, community builder and ambassador for the lifestyle that makes Orange County one of a kind.

An Irvine local, this top real estate leader knows the ins and outs of this market and, more importantly, understands the heart and soul of her community. Tan believes the secret to finding the perfect home is embracing its neighborhood, culture and the experiences that come with it. Her popular food tour series reflects this philosophy, highlighting the best of what the O.C. has to offer. Her passion for the vibrant region shines through as she educates clients on its local gems, encouraging them to visualize life in the community before moving in.

Tan believes in "making clients feel at home, whether they're moving in or moving up." Her motto—"Details define excellence"—guides her business approach, ensuring every transaction is an elevated, thoughtful, personalized process.

Tan's expertise has been especially vital in the wake of the devastating Southern California wildfires. With displaced families from Los Angeles urgently seeking homes, she has helped many find temporary and permanent residences in Orange County, often working around the clock to meet demand.

A career highlight for Tan was listing a home at \$2.095 million, which received multiple offers and closed at \$2.55 million—\$450,000 over asking. This successful sale enabled her client, struggling financially, to walk away with \$1 million in his pocket. It was a life-changing sum, exemplifying how Tina Tan is redefining what it means to be a REALTOR®, one connection at a time.

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MARYAM AMIRI

Team Amiri at Redfin
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A consummate professional known for her unwavering dedication, drive and results-driven approach, Maryam Amiri has solidified her reputation as a top-producing real estate expert in Orange County. As the Principal Premier Agent at Team Amiri, she has built a thriving business rooted in trust, accessibility and unparalleled client service.

In 2024, Amiri, with her partner Chris Bistolas, reached new heights, closing over \$143 million in sales volume, including a standout transaction of \$7,580,000. Her ability to cultivate lasting relationships with buyers and sellers—many of whom are repeat clients or referrals—reflects the trust and value she brings to every deal. “My passion for the industry is matched only by my commitment to helping people achieve their dreams,” she shares.

With years of firsthand experience grounding her, Amiri embraces a solutions-driven mindset, ensuring every client benefits from her deep market knowledge and innovative approach. By anticipating trends, leveraging cutting-edge marketing and providing strategic guidance, she empowers clients to make informed decisions with confidence. “My expertise lies not just in closing deals but in anticipating market shifts, advising clients on investment opportunities and delivering tailored strategies that maximize value,” she explains.

Her mantra, “Intentional actions produce predictable results,” encapsulates her thoughtful approach, ensuring every move is calculated for maximum impact. “This approach fosters trust, consistency and reliability,” she says, “essential qualities in achieving success and exceeding expectations in every transaction.” As a trusted advisor and dedicated partner, Amiri continues to redefine excellence in Southern California’s dynamic real estate market.



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If you know Orange County real estate, you've likely heard of the powerhouse duo Shauna and Leita Covington. As a mother-daughter team with over 40 years of combined experience, they bring a rare blend of deep-rooted expertise and fresh perspective to Orange County's luxury market. Shauna's long-standing connections in Laguna Beach, paired with Leita's innovative approach, create a dynamic partnership that offers clients the best of both worlds. Their ranking in the top 0.5% of more than 1.1 million REALTORS® nationwide speaks to the trust they've built and the results they deliver.

"Excellence, integrity, results—that's what drives us," they say. This duo's strategic and personal approach ensures every client feels confident, informed, and fully supported throughout the buying or selling process. Whether crafting a custom marketing plan for a coastal estate or helping clients navigate investment opportunities, their goal is always the same: a seamless, successful experience.

The Covingtons have a front-row seat to the evolution of luxury real estate and are passionate about sharing what they see. Their expertise lends itself to today's buyers seeking more than just a beautiful home—they prioritize lifestyle, from breathtaking views and intentional design to properties with ADU potential or mixed-use flexibility. "It's not just about finding the perfect house—it's about creating the lifestyle they dream about," they share.

For these real estate leaders, Orange County isn't just a market; it's home. With every transaction, they're not just closing escrows but opening doors to a new chapter.

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MICHAEL FAWAZ

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With over \$1.8 billion and over 650 transactions in career sales, Michael Fawaz is a premier real estate adviser in Newport Coast, specializing in luxury properties that match the lifestyle of this exclusive coastal community. With honesty, integrity and professionalism serving as his core values, Fawaz strives to exceed his clients' expectations and give back to the community that's been his home for nearly three decades.

Recognized in the top 1.5% of real estate agents in the U.S. by the Real Trends 2021 of the Wall Street Journal, Fawaz's reputation for personalized service and successful transactions is unparalleled. "With Compass, I have the premium resources and platform to provide my clients with the best," he says. Recently, he successfully matched the right buyer with the right seller for two properties in a two-week span, totaling over \$30 million in transactions.

A Newport Coast resident for 27 years, Fawaz has deep roots in the community. He has raised two daughters and contributed his time and expertise to local schools, charities and the Newport Coast Community Association, where he's served on several boards. This commitment to enhancing the local lifestyle has elevated the value of real estate in the area.

Looking ahead, Fawaz aims to pass his expertise to his daughters, particularly one with a keen interest in real estate, ensuring the Newport Coast remains a safe, desirable place to live for generations. "Newport Coast is very unique, and my goal is to keep selling the lifestyle one fine home at a time."

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LESLIE THOMPSON

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A luxury property specialist with over 17 years of experience, Leslie Thompson provides exceptional results for her clients. Committed to integrity and personalized service, Thompson ensures every transaction is seamless, strategic and successful.

Thompson's career began in the fast-paced TV industry, where she honed her skills as a director and team facilitator. Transitioning into real estate in 2007, she joined Coldwell Banker and quickly established strong foundations, earning recognition and respect from her peers. In 2017, she became a Founding Agent of Compass, drawn to its innovative technology and leadership.

Offering a hands-on approach, Thompson expertly guides clients through the buying and selling process. In 2024, Thompson leveraged unique Compass platforms to uncover off-market inventory and develop targeted marketing campaigns. Despite the challenges of limited inventory, 2024 was a great success; each seller obtained full-price or within 3% of list, and each buyer secured their dream home with desired terms, often among multiple offers.

A Newport Beach resident for 25 years, Thompson has established deep connections. An active community member, she's served on various nonprofit boards and has been providing long-standing service for her Lido Isle community. Thompson's expertise spans coastal Newport Beach to Laguna Beach, offering clients detailed market data and insight into current trends that shape home values.

Recognized as a top 1% O.C. REALTOR®, Thompson's reputation is built on trust, excellence and a commitment to delivering outstanding results. Whether finding a hidden gem or negotiating a record-breaking sale, she continues to set new standards in luxury real estate.

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Power Play

Renowned photographer Nick Mele and Roxy Owens of Society Social team up on a game room furniture collection that works hard and plays harder. by CHANDLER PIBL

Nick Mele and Roxy Owens staged the collection at the renowned Highlander Mountain House in Highlands, N.C., showcasing the pieces in their natural habitat.



Clockwise from top left: The King barrel-back lounge chair and Pawn wicker stool make the perfect pair; vintage charm abounds in the Knight Retro rattan rocker and Gambit gaming chair; shown here in Bruntschwig & Fils Digby S Tent fabric in coral, the Royal Flush swivel can be customized with the customer's own material.



frames. The resulting pieces showcase a signature blend of sophistication and levity that effortlessly draws the eye. Society Social's (shopsocietysocial.com) craftsmen produce upholstery in North Carolina and woven pieces in the Philippines, ensuring the utmost quality and customization options, such as color matches from Farrow & Ball, Sherwin-Williams or Benjamin Moore.

“Polished yet playful, this nostalgic collection lends a spirit of togetherness, taking the modern-day game room to a whole new level.”

The Checkmate game table anchors the collection thanks to its rich mahogany construction, cabriole legs and thoughtful grasscloth storage inset perfect for tucking away game room essentials. To match, the King and Queen barrel-back chairs offer bold upholstery and proportions ideal for lounging with a cocktail or perching over the table.

A welcome addition to any living space, the Royal Flush swivel invites you to press pause and stay awhile through its understated silhouette and welcoming dimensions. The Pawn wicker stool is the natural accoutrement, serving as either a chic side table or the perfect spot for a quick sit via its interchangeable top.

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When a gifted photographer's eye for design and an eminent furniture brand founder's expertise come together, the results score big. Born from a serendipitous meeting in Palm Beach, the Pause Life, Play Games furniture collection reimagines the modern game room through eight statement furnishings that blend Roxy Owens' knowledge of heritage craftsmanship with Nick Mele's singular artistic vision.

A shared love for heirloom design served as the cornerstone of Mele and Owens' meticulous process, from selecting fabrics together to crafting finishes and



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ROOTED IN STYLE



For their second project together, principal designer Beth Hoffman crafted a client's forever home, integrating low-tox living with heritage-inspired touches.

by HANNAH GEORGE

THE PROJECT

As the demand for homes in Corona del Mar continues to rise, properties are being designed to maximize every inch of the coveted area. For one Orange County client, they knew who to look to design their 4,000-square-foot, single-story home as a sophisticated sanctuary with a neutral palette. Having previously worked together, the client called on local interior designer Beth Hoffman (bethhoffmandesign.com) for their forever home. Architect Eric Aust (austarchitect.com), Silverman and Luman Builders, and landscape architect Molly Wood Garden Design (mollywoodgardendesign.com) were also brought in to bring the project to life. "The goal was to create a space that felt both comfortable and cozy, with everything serving a meaningful and functional purpose," shares principal designer Beth Hoffman. "Our client envisioned a wraparound home, with every room opening to a central courtyard." Ultimately, the design aimed to evoke the feeling of a luxury wellness retreat while maintaining earthy, soulful elements centered around the client's personal heritage.

Above: Principal designer Beth Hoffman poses alongside the wellness bar, featuring a fusion blue quartzite countertop and custom-made shearling stools. Opposite page: The guest casita incorporates various cultures with a Tarz bedcover, a handmade Chindi patchwork Kantha quilt and Turkish pillows.

THE INSPIRATION

With three golden retrievers and a recent shift toward low-tox living, the active client's needs had evolved since their previous project with Hoffman. "As the homeowner embraced lifestyle changes, it became essential to adapt the plans to their shifting priorities," says Hoffman. "Their growing interest in health and wellness became the foundation of the design." Meaningful touches also remained a significant factor. "Inspired by their Greek heritage, they wanted the essence of their background to resonate throughout the home with treasured collectibles and symbolic elements both inside and out," she continues. This motivated Hoffman and Aust to play up the old-world aesthetic, incorporating timeless materials of wood, stone and clay with notable Greek motifs, including a gabled roof and thoughtfully placed olive trees that hug the outskirts of the property.

THE HIGHLIGHTS

"From the moment you step through the front door, your eyes are immediately drawn to the expansive central courtyard, the heart of the property, which is visible from every room in the house," says Hoffman

regarding the stunning work of landscape architect Molly Wood. “Large-format antiqued limestone floors and one-of-a-kind vintage planting pots create layered heights of greenery, with the knurled character of the olive tree taking center stage.” Thanks to pocket doors and wraparound windows, the boundary between the home’s interior and the courtyard dissolves. The home’s stone siding exterior continues seamlessly onto the interior walls, while the same oak and reclaimed wood are used throughout.

When it came to filling the space, “The furniture had to be both cozy and functional—ideal for entertaining family and perfect for plenty of napping,” notes Hoffman. Think daybed swings, a soothing Zellige-tiled fountain, an outdoor pizza oven, a Gloster Furniture woven rope and quilted dining set, and a two-sided fireplace in the California room, surrounded by a custom terrycloth Muskoka Living sectional. At the same time, the abode embodies the tranquil luxury living the client was seeking. The wellness bar features a warm antique brass backsplash, fusion blue quartzite and custom-made shearling bar stools, “perfect for enjoying juices made from hand-picked fruit gathered from the many trees scattered throughout the property,” she adds.

As for staying true to the client’s roots, the dining room takes center stage. “With the help of a local woodworker, we sourced an ancient teak tree stump from our client’s hometown of San Diego, using it as the table base and topping it with a leathered black granite slab,” says Hoffman of the custom-made dining table. For the finishing touches, “We added a custom brass plaque featuring a special Greek message for our client [and] designed a side bench upholstered in patterned fabric depicting a mountainside village on the serene island of Amorgos, Greece.”

THE RESULT

Achieving a look that weaves together wellness, culture and durability was no easy feat, but the end product is a testament to the team’s intentionality. “Every space, both indoors and outdoors, has its own distinct aesthetic but flows seamlessly with cohesive materials,” states Hoffman. “Our client’s genuine love for infusing meaning into every aspect of their life was a true inspiration. Their vision for each room wasn’t just about filling space with beautiful things; it was about creating intentional environments that foster creativity, celebration, healing and rest.”

Wraparound windows, pocket doors and stone interior walls incorporate the indoor-outdoor living the client was seeking.

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—Beth Hoffman



Design Details

Type

New-construction,
single-family home

Location

Corona del Mar

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Builder

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Landscape Architect

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Resources

Paint

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Homecoming Queen

After three decades away, interior designer Molly O'Neil returns to Orange County to open a new design studio and retail shop in Costa Mesa. Welcome to Molly O Architectural Interior Design. *by ALLISON MITCHELL*



Clockwise from top: A working kitchen invites visitors to interact with textures and envision design possibilities at Molly O Architectural Interior Design in Costa Mesa; Molly O'Neil framed a charming blowfish wallpaper to add a touch of whimsy to the space; bunkbeds in the showroom allow O'Neil to show off myriad linens.

Congratulations on the opening of your new studio and retail shop! Why was now the right time to open Molly O Architectural Interior Design (mollyointeriors.com)? It has been 30 years since I lived in Newport Beach but it was time to come home. I was raised here and my dad was the Mayor of Newport Beach from 1998 to 1999; Newport and Orange County are in my DNA. I knew Costa Mesa was the right spot for the studio because the community

SHOWROOM

embraces artists, professionals and unique shops. Naturally, it was a perfect fit.

How have your Newport roots influenced this new space? Molly O was the name of the Sabot that I sailed in the bay from 7 to 16 years old. The name stuck and I thought it was perfect for the store. Newport's barefoot luxury water lifestyle is a huge inspiration for the studio. People in coastal Orange County want luxe fabrics, good design and materials that are enduring. They also want their homes to be lived in, comfortable and ready to entertain, whether that is having people over after a day on the water or your neighbor over for morning coffee. I wanted my store to be filled with unique finds and luxury fabrics, and serve as a resource for those who want a home that will stand the test of time. Shoppers at Molly O can expect to be inspired by color, textures and architectural details.

What are some of the most unique features of the shop? The shop has unique and one-of-a-kind home decor items that you can purchase and go home with that day. But if you are thinking about remodeling or building, and are looking for an interior designer to help you make those decisions that are intimidating or tough to do on your own, such as what is the best kitchen layout or materials for your space, we created the studio so you can experience the kind of work we do. We have a working kitchen that you can touch, feel and see. We have a beautiful mosaic tile and Honduras wood archway so you can feel different kinds of woods and textures and see how they can be used to create an architectural moment. Our fireplace is created with hand plaster that runs all the way up to the ceiling to help show how we can create a statement with unexpected materials. We have fun built-in bunkbeds and a fabulous high-back banquette with wonderful blowfish wallpaper framed as statement art and more, so shoppers can immerse themselves in a space and help themselves visualize what their homes could look like.

What sets you apart from other interior design firms and retail shops in the area? I have a background in designing commercial kitchens and dining areas for restaurant chains and this has shaped the way I look

From top: Principal designer and shop owner Molly O'Neil takes a seat in her new Costa Mesa showroom; a hand-plastered fireplace filled with candles is one of the studio's many showstopping vignettes.



"Interior design is all about creativity and thinking outside of the box to find solutions that work for each person's home, style and lifestyle."
—MOLLY O'NEIL

at residential spaces. Homes need to be efficient but also flow from one space to the next to tell an entire story. This is why color is so important to me. I want each room to have a different feeling depending on how you use it but also relate to the other spaces in the house. I am deeply passionate about sharing my interior design knowledge with clients but I also love a creative challenge. Interior design is all about creativity and thinking outside of the box to find solutions that work for each person's home, style and lifestyle.



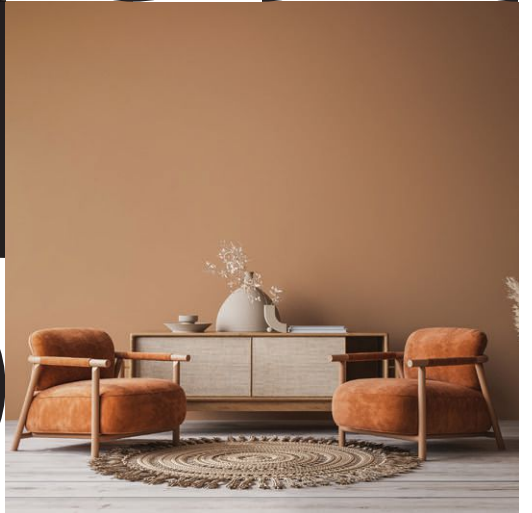
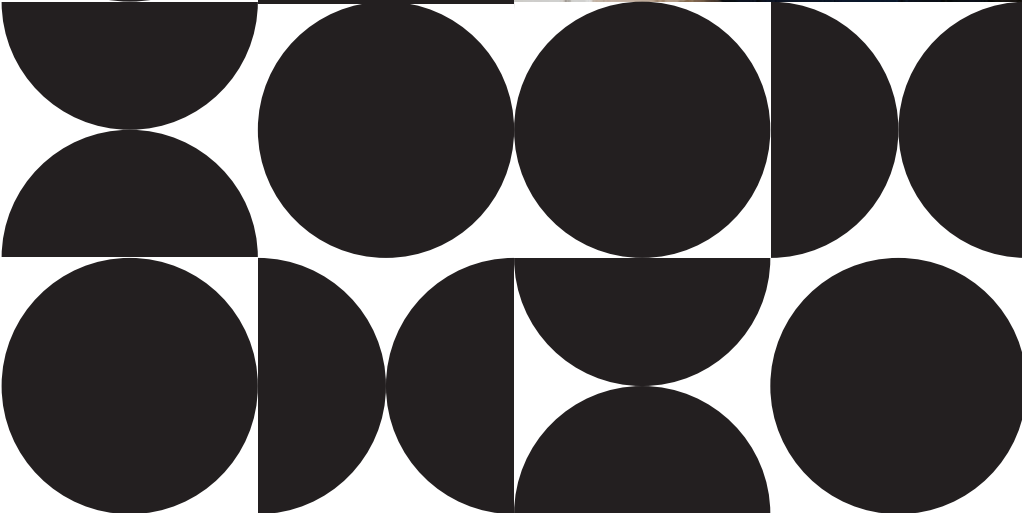
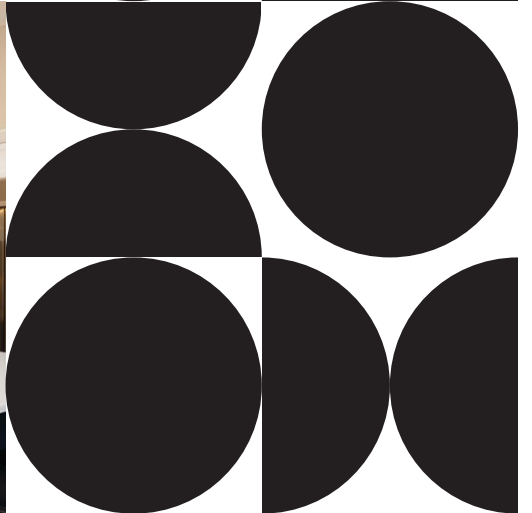
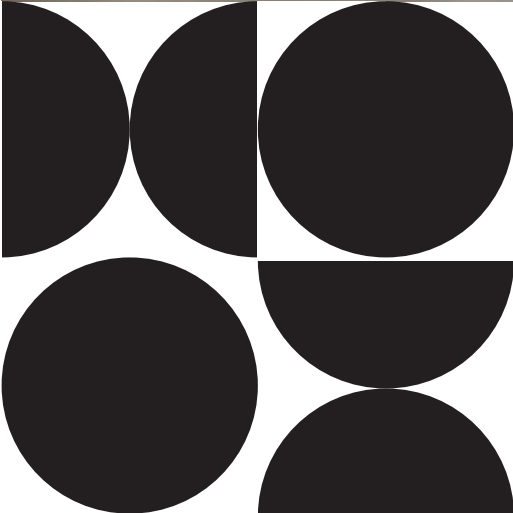
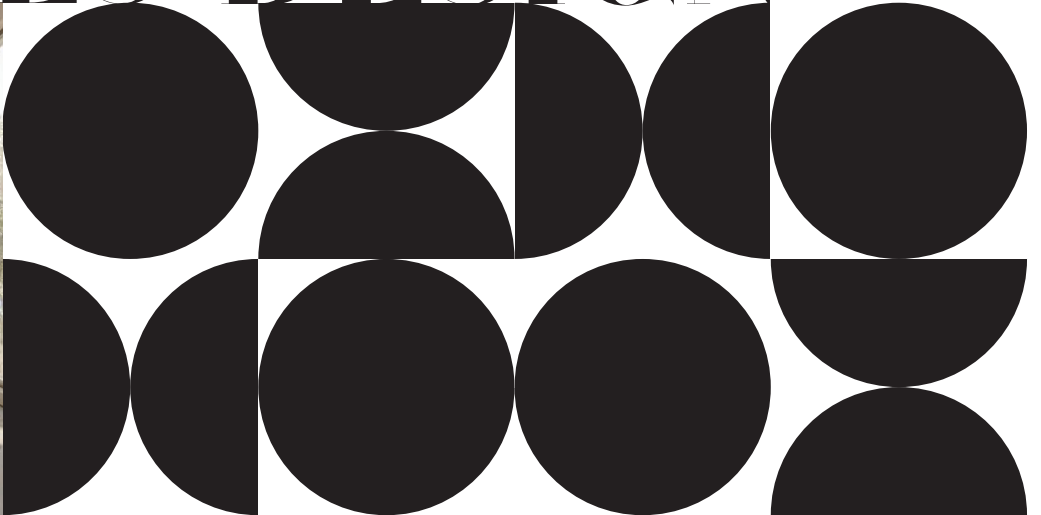
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Pamela Barthold

PAZZAM DESIGNS | OWNER & PRINCIPAL DESIGNER

What made you fall in love with luxury design?

Growing up surrounded by the great furniture masterpieces of Fritz Hansen' Egg Chair, Danish designer Arne Jacobsen's Eames chair & ottoman and Ant chair along with many artistically crafted Danish teak pieces. It was more than just a piece of furniture; it was an experience. Luxury design isn't just about aesthetics. It's about the story behind each piece- the history, It's like owning a piece of someone's heart, the emotional connection.

How do you approach each project?

As a cum laude graduate of Purdue University Industrial Design and a former Mattel executive with Barbie Design, both reinforced my belief to ensure every element feels uniquely curated just for the client, a daily reminder that they are worth the very best, it's a confidence boost to surround oneself with beauty that doesn't just elevate your space, it elevates your spirit. A form of self-care is a way to celebrate yourself every single day. As it's not just about living in style, it's about living with intention surrounded by pieces that tell your story.





From left to right | Pam owner of Pazzam Designs admiring the view of her stunning Harbour design, Chanel Sophisticated Marble Master Suite, By the Sea Gourmet Kitchen, Elegant Presidential office, Illuminating & sparkling Luxury Kitchen for all your family & guests!



"I love turning a client's dream home into a timeless masterpiece under the muse it happened magically!"

—PAMELA BARTHOLD

How would you describe your design aesthetics?

My personal aesthetic is sleek, luxurious and modern with a touch of warmth and sparkle. Regarding my clients, my style reflects their dreams, passions and lifestyle. I create their homes to be elegant interiors utilizing the finest materials while embracing the tranquility of the environmental living space, indulging in the highest standards as it creates breathtakingly beautiful and wonderfully functional spaces where every detail is crafted to elevate their everyday experience with their thumb print.

What's your favorite type of project to work on?

Designing homes that are the embodiment of elegance, sophistication, luxury and meticulous craftsmanship. From the first sketch to the final flourish our full-service approach streamlines every step of the process . Ensuring the client's vision is perfectly realized without a hitch. Whether it's a new custom build or a historic restoration . I love turning a client's dream home into a timeless masterpiece under the muse it happened magically.



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What makes your company a unique leader in the interior design industry? As a native of France, I bring a touch of French sophistication to every project, seamlessly blending artistry and function to create spaces that feel deeply personal, effortlessly elegant, and infused with timeless European charm. My background in interior architecture gives me a unique perspective and my empathy ensures I truly understand how to bring my clients' visions to life. Supported by

a passionate, detail-focused team, I deliver designs that connect on both an emotional and aesthetic level.

What's your personal design philosophy? My design philosophy is all about building genuine connections. I welcome clients into my extended family and provide unwavering support and guidance every step of the way. Along with my team, we craft designs that reflect our clients' unique needs while constantly striving for excellence. By partnering with top tier tradespeople and





A serene bedroom blends plush textures with a sleek canopy bed for an inviting retreat. The spa-like bathroom features a sculptural tub, golden fixtures, and a statement chandelier. A grand staircase makes a striking impression with warm wood tones. The elegant kitchen boasts a waterfall island and modern black lighting.



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professionals, we ensure every detail is executed to the highest standard because our clients deserve nothing but the best.

What are your company's greatest successes and achievements?

Our proudest achievements include winning SoCal NKBA's 2024 Best Transitional Kitchen award in second place, a testament to our commitment to design excellence. We're also honored to be able to transform multi-million dollar homes across Orange County and create spaces that perfectly balance functionality and artistry, while reflecting each client's unique vision.

What advice would you give to a homeowner trying to decide on a design professional? Selecting a designer is more than just hiring a professional; it's forming a collaborative relationship built on trust, communication, and shared vision. Since you'll be working closely for months, it's crucial to find someone who listens, understands your needs, and values collaboration. The best results come when the client, designer, and contractor/architect work as a cohesive team, ensuring a seamless process and beautifully executed results.

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Pure Design House

DEANA DUFFEK | PRINCIPAL DESIGNER

ARIANNA NOPPENBERGER | PRINCIPAL DESIGNER

Do you have any fun facts you'd like to share?

Deana: Arianna and I joined forces on our design journey, bringing our collective expertise and vision together in new and dynamic ways. Our partnership began at a party. We discovered we'd both worked with the same client, one on residential projects, the other on commercial developments. It was our aligned design sensibilities, strongly influenced by European aesthetics, that brought us together. That vision has now become a reality with Pure Design House.

What are some of your favorite design resources?

Arianna: We are a full-service, experiential design firm with a holistic approach to design spanning the

fields of interior design, architecture and product design. Both Deana and I find inspiration through our travels as they expose us to diverse design aesthetics and innovative products. I'm deeply inspired by Italian design—it's difficult to name just a few favorites. Our goal is always to bring items that are fresh, new and thoughtfully curated to our clients. Some of Deana's favorite resources come from Denmark, Sweden and Belgium.

What are some fundamental everyday values your company lives by?

Deana: We believe it's not only the environment, but how one feels within their environment. Timeless elegance and restrained simplicity are the





Our spaces can foster a deeper connection with people. Our priority is not only designing one-of-a-kind luxury interiors, but to craft healthy environments that represent the core values of those who inhabit them. We're breaking down walls and pushing the boundaries of possibility. Literally and figuratively. We're empowering our clients and helping them create spaces that inspire, comfort, and become the sanctuary for happiness, health and wellbeing.



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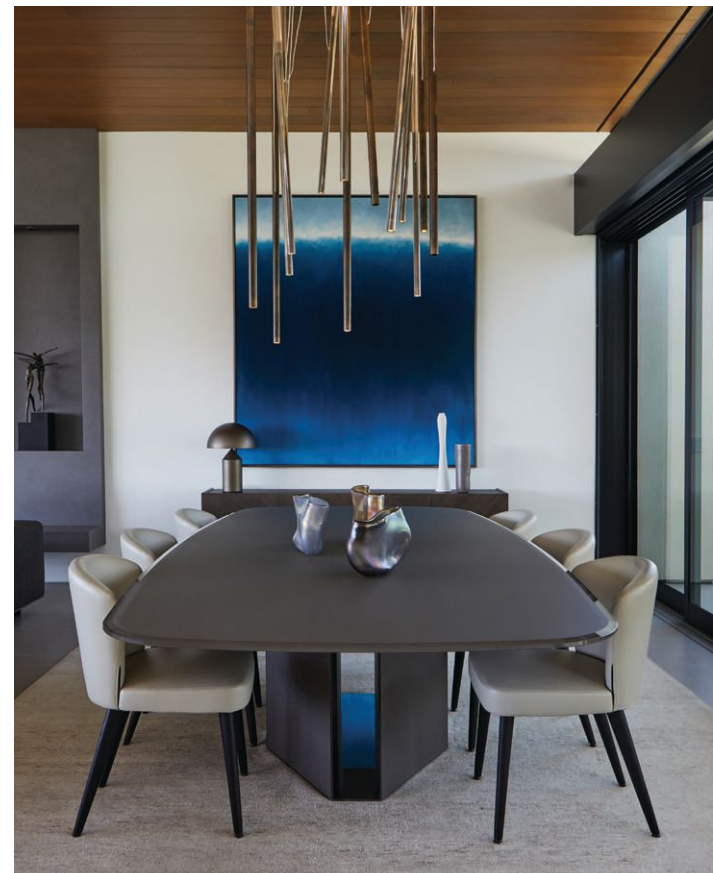
—DEANA DUFFEK &
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guiding principles for all of the work we do. A commitment to excellence is a value we hold very dear. Not only do we strive to create the optimal luxury experience for our clients, but we like to hold a safe space for them to evolve into the versions of themselves they aspire to be.

What has impacted your journey as an interior designer? Arianna: My focus and love has always been deeply rooted in architecture. I thrive in the development of detailed design and construction projects. Designing something from nothing and then having the knowledge of construction that enables us to build the project is exhilarating.

Deana: I love architecture and design. Everything about it from initial schematics to

final construction and everything in between. I grew up in the business. I come from a family of builders, designers, engineers, architects and real estate developers. I spent some of my first working hours in my aunt's showroom at the Atlanta Market. Design is pretty much in my DNA. I was inspired by my own personal experience enduring the impact of an unhealthy living environment. Our team strives for a future of interior design that not only creates custom, beautiful spaces, but also reduces toxins in our living environments while enhancing the wellbeing of those who live in them. Pure Design House is dedicated to shaping our clients' environments using only the purest materials possible, leveraging science-driven data to design spaces that are healthy for mind, body, and soul.



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Genevieve Chambliss
VIÈVE INTERIORS | OWNER & PRINCIPAL DESIGNER

What Inspired you to become a designer?

I took art classes as a kid and have always been drawn to architecture and design. I remember seeing a floorplan for the first time and noticing a door swing; this exciting discovery made so much sense to me. My brain works in a visual and spatial way. After earning my civil engineering degree from UC Irvine and working in the field for several years, I decided to take night classes at the Interior Designers Institute and fell in love. Interior design is not just about making things beautiful—it's also practical and functional.

What made you fall in love with luxury design?

I love the details of architectural design and creating truly custom elements. High-end design demands expert craftsmanship, precision, and the best materials. It takes skilled designers and tradesmen to execute. That expertise comes at a cost, but it's what makes a space feel truly elevated.

How do you approach each project?

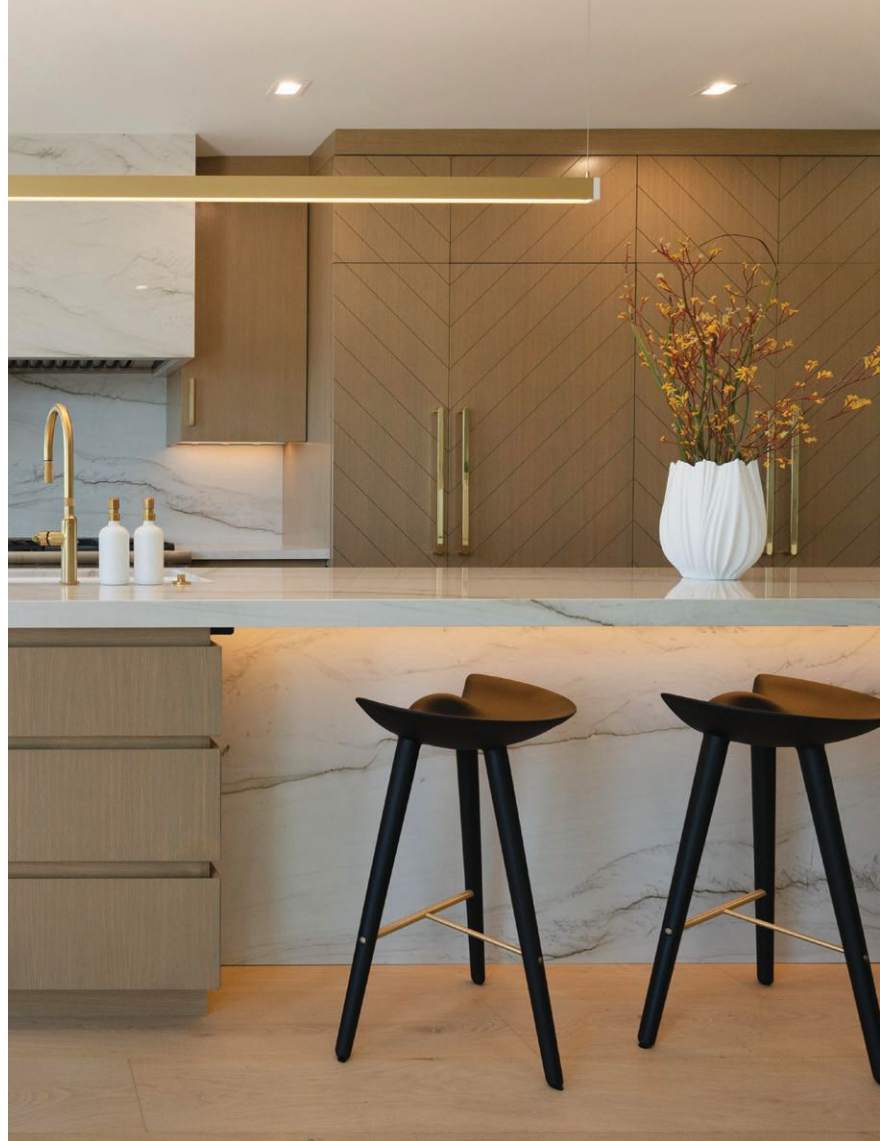
I love getting to know my clients and teasing out their style. I start with a detailed questionnaire, but I also pay close attention to what they wear, what they like (or don't like), and the details they gravitate towards. I excel at interpreting a client's vision and translating it into a cohesive design. Since I

love so many styles, I don't limit myself to just one—that would take half the fun out of the job!

Any fun facts to share? The name Viève comes from my first name, but it carries a deeper meaning, closely resembling the word "live" in several languages. I added the fancy accent to reflect my belief that true elegance goes beyond material luxury—it's about living with peace and grace. I found an Audrey Hepburn quote while creating a mood board: "Happy girls are the prettiest girls." Inspired, I adapted it to: "Happy homes are the most beautiful homes" because it's the lives inside that truly matter.

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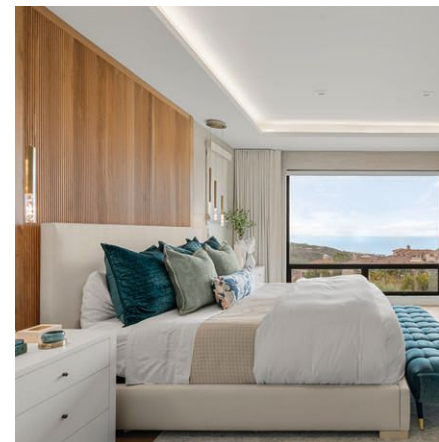


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—GENEVIEVE CHAMBLISS



This client came to us wanting a modern coastal look that highlights the breathtaking ocean views in their Newport Coast home. Clean lines, white oak cabinetry, and soft Mont Blanc quartz set the foundation, while coastal blue-green hues and shimmering gold fixtures create a relaxed yet glamorous ambiance.



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Juaneice Munoz

LA CASA AZUL DESIGN | CEO & PRINCIPAL DESIGNER



“Home is a refuge from the outside world—a well-designed and curated home provides that refuge.”

—JUANEICE MUNOZ

La Casa Azul design style is known for its simplicity and luxurious nature woven seamlessly throughout homes along the California Coast and beyond. The homes and lifestyles created for their clients are timeless classics with a contemporary twist.



What made you fall in love with luxury design? When we lost our home in 2008, the importance and sanctuary that home provides became crystal clear. To me, luxury is more than high-end selections, it's simple, clean, intentional and purposeful. Home is a refuge from the outside world—a well-designed and curated home provides that refuge.

How do you approach each project? Our designs are an opportunity to make something more than just a beautiful space. We want the client to sigh a deep breath of relief every time they step inside their home. We think about their daily routine, favorite pastimes, things they love, as well as current and prospective uses for their home in the future. For example, we might design a space that captures the light in the perfect location for their morning coffee routine.

How would you describe your design aesthetic? Serene, timeless and intentional. The decisions that we make are very purposeful, from the color palette to the hand-selected materials that create a mood. Making a home serene sometimes requires intentionally leaving things out that might interfere with overall design. We want our clients to feel calm, relaxed

and happy to be home. We address a project and every decision with the entire plan in mind.

What are some of your favorite design resources? We use natural materials fairly consistently in our interiors. Limestone is my all-time favorite. It creates a perfect balance and adds so much texture and warmth to a home. Drapery is another favorite. A cotton or fine linen drape is timeless and perfectly aligns with that cool California luxury aesthetic we aim for. We balance simplicity with custom, hand-crafted art and curated pieces. It's a process that we thoroughly enjoy and it makes our clients' homes feel bespoke and special.

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How do you approach each project?

We care about our clients' home design projects as if they were our own. We want to reflect who the client is and what they love. The first thing we do when we meet the client is learn about their space—how they use it, how it reflects their day to day lives, and where they spend their time at all times of the day. This helps guide us during the design process and layout.

How would you describe your design aesthetic?

Whether you need a one room refresh or a full remodel—or something in between—we approach each opportunity with the same focus and creative energy. I put an emphasis on using live plants in a home. It brings the outdoor environment inside and adds freshness to a space. I also have a few rules I live by: less is more, create flow, incorporate pops of color, and always design with purpose. My projects often incorporate neutral color palettes, natural materials, and layered textures to create inviting and timeless designs.

What are some fundamental everyday values your company lives by?

Communication. Communication. Communication. Consistent, clear communication with our clients and our team of contractors, subcontractors and specialists is vital to the success of our projects large and

small. The homeowner should know every move being made at their home. Not only do I design, I love to oversee the entire construction project. I am onsite several times a week, communicating with our teams to ensure everything runs smoothly and all the details are dialed in. Mistakes are costly. We want to minimize confusion and keep every project on track

What about some fun facts? I love working with families. I have a family of my own with my husband and two girls, and I love connecting with other families who have kids and share my love of design with them. I am currently working on a project that combines two of my passions: moody projects and refreshing a kitchen. It's the most important room in the house. This one will include marble floors, black textured wallpaper, deep green tile and a whole lotta love.

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—CARLI BECKMAN



From studs to stunning, this home exudes warmth and sophistication. We cozied it up with a fireplace, dark built-ins, and an oversized couch to capture family movie nights. Rich textures, moody lighting, and a timeless kitchen shine in every detail, creating elegance, charm, and effortless functionality for gatherings and quiet moments.



EXPLORE.

Walking on a Dream

Careyes is more than a destination—it is a vision realized. Founded in the 1960s by Italian banker and artist Gianfranco Brignone, this secluded retreat on Mexico's Pacific coast was designed as a sanctuary where nature, architecture and art exist in perfect harmony.

by LAURA ECKSTEIN JONES

Over the past few years, Careyes (careyes.com) has continuously appeared on the social media feeds of some of my most chic, in-the-know friends. What I saw on my screen—bold, colorful architecture, sculptural forms and pristine stretches of beach—was enticing and mysterious. What exactly was this magical place? A hotel? A resort? A community?

Luckily for me, all was revealed when I had the opportunity to visit—including the reason this seaside sanctuary on Mexico's coastline is still under the radar. Getting there is definitely part of the journey. After landing at Manzanillo International, a driver and I traveled along windy jungle roads for about 90 minutes before arriving at the gates. (Puerto Vallarta Airport, which is larger and has more flights in and out, is about three and a half hours away.)

The long journey was worth it once I settled into my beautiful, colorful casita



Clockwise from top: Reminiscent of the Amalfi Coast, Casitas de las Flores is a collection of colorful one- to three-bedroom casitas in bold hues; Playa Careyitos; large palapas like the ones seen at Casa Selva—the six-bedroom villa designed by renowned French architect Jean-Claude Galibert—are a characteristic of Careyes style.

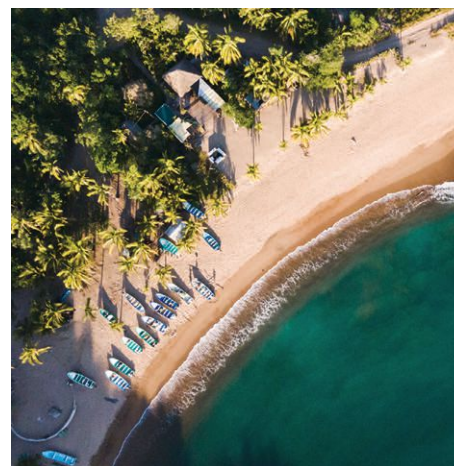


overlooking the sparkling sea and I had a moment to take it all in: the stunning ocean views, the sounds of birds singing, and the scent of the salty air and thick jungle mingling together.

The architecture in Careyes is unlike anywhere else—vivid, sculptural homes perched along the cliffs, blending Mediterranean and pre-Hispanic influences. Casitas de las Flores, where I stayed, is a community of hillside villas painted in bold colors, with paths filled with sculptures, fountains and flowers around every turn. Those seeking more privacy and space may prefer to rent one of the stunning villas or ocean castles, designed by architects including Alberto Mazzoni, Jean-Claude Galibert and Diego Villaseñor, while those looking for a more social setting can book a stay at El Careyes Club & Residences, which feels more like a traditional hotel. Regardless of the accommodation type, each stay is curated, offering privacy, a full staff upon request and an intimate connection to the surroundings.

Besides its remote location, what makes Careyes so special is built into its history. When Gianfranco Brignone discovered this stretch of land decades ago, the bon vivant convinced many of his aristocratic friends—like the Agnellis of Fiat fame—to visit and invest in the community. Nowadays, Careyes is still an international community of artists, intellectuals and European cognoscenti, living in the now and embracing the slow rhythm of life.

Spanning over 46,000 acres—definitely arrange to have a car on property—Careyes consists of beaches, villas, casitas, pools, restaurants, shops, galleries and more. The vibe is less resort and more “choose your





From top: Yoga at Casa Corazón; Casa Mi Ojo became the first home in Careyes in 1975. This iconic property established the foundation of Careyes' signature architecture—a harmonious blend of Mediterranean minimalism and vibrant Mexican craftsmanship.

own adventure,” with boat rides, yoga classes, beach walks, swimming and dining at your fingertips. Besides beach time on the beautiful Playa Rose, reading beside my private pool at the villa, and visiting shops and the gallery at the Plaza de los Caballeros del Sol cultural square, I took a yoga class at Casa Corazón, where the humid air helped loosen my limbs, and the thick jungle leaves made for a truly unforgettable “studio” setting.

Dining is an extension of the Careyes experience. Playa Rosa restaurant offers Mediterranean-Mexican flavors by the sea, La Coscolina embraces Moroccan and plant-based cuisine, while Pueblo 25 presents an intimate fine dining experience with an extensive wine collection. Shio Sushi surprises with Edomae-style sushi, bringing world-class flavors to this remote paradise. My favorite restaurant, Lilo Beach Club, serves top-notch pizza, crudo, salads and more against a backdrop of stylish guests speaking multiple languages and the DJ's soulful selections. But the very best meals I

had were spent with the new friends I made, at their private villas and casitas.

Beyond relaxation and dining, Careyes offers several key events that draw in visitors from around the world, including the Chinese New Year festival in January; the Agua Alta Polo Tournament in mid-April; and OndaClassica in November, which this year will focus more on jazz, opera and world music, as opposed to mostly electronic music in the past.

There were so many memorable moments on this trip, but one that stands out is the sunset sound bath at Copa del Sol, an awe-inspiring concrete bowl on the cliffs above the crashing sea. As I lay on my back inside the dome absorbing rhythmic beats and powerful shamanic chants, I was able to truly take in that exact moment of time, one I won't ever forget.

Careyes allows you to do just that. This is a place where the cosmopolitan meets the untamed, a retreat that leaves an imprint on the soul.

Sky's the Limit

In-air luxury has reached a new altitude thanks to these ultraluxurious first-class suites.
by PHEBE WAHL



Cathay Pacific's ultraluxe Aria Suites are available for the Hong Kong to New York and Hong Kong to London routes.

The importance of traveling in comfort and style cannot be overstated when booking a long-haul flight. Fortunately, the world's leading airlines have been consistently elevating their offerings, upping their game for both the design and service of first-class cabins. These premier options transform a simple flight into a luxurious aerial retreat, blending the exclusivity of a boutique hotel with the allure of high-altitude travel. Here's a glimpse into some of the most opulent first-class experiences that redefine luxury in the skies.

CATHAY PACIFIC ARIA SUITE

Cathay Pacific's (cathaypacific.com) Aria Suites, featured on its Boeing 777 aircraft, epitomize the fusion of elegance and functionality. These suites

offer a serene escape, complete with a fully flat bed, a sliding privacy door, wireless charging and service that prioritizes passenger comfort, all wrapped in a design that reflects the refined aesthetic of Hong Kong.

Best for: Hong Kong to New York and Hong Kong to London routes

DELTA ONE FIRST CLASS

Delta Air Lines (delta.com) redefines luxury air travel with its Delta One first-class service, offering standout features like full-height privacy doors and direct aisle access lie-flat seats. Passengers experience tailored in-flight service with chef-curated meals and Westin Heavenly premium bedding, exclusive to Delta One. This suite is designed for optimal privacy and comfort, ideal for those seeking a tranquil flight or a productive workspace. Enhancing this premium experience, Delta has introduced new Delta One lounges, including the recently

opened lounge at JFK last June and the upcoming lounge set to open in June at Seattle-Tacoma International Airport.

Best for: Transcontinental U.S. routes, New York (JFK) to Los Angeles and New York (JFK) to San Francisco routes

EMIRATES FIRST CLASS SUITE

Emirates' (emirates.com) First Class Suites on the Boeing 777 are synonymous with lavishness, providing passengers with their own private haven. Each suite is enclosed with floor-to-ceiling sliding doors and includes amenities like a personal minibar and ambient lighting. Unique features such as virtual windows and an onboard shower spa ensure that Emirates' passengers experience unparalleled luxury and freshness upon arrival.

Best for: Newark to Dubai, Dubai to London and Dubai to Sydney routes



ETIHAD AIRWAYS THE RESIDENCE

Taking luxury to unprecedented heights, Etihad Airways' (etihad.com) The Residence offers a three-room suite aboard its A380s. This extraordinary cabin includes a living room, a bedroom with a double bed, and a private bathroom with a shower. The experience is perfected by the service of a dedicated butler, ensuring a personalized and exquisite journey.

Best for: Abu Dhabi to London and Abu Dhabi to New York routes

SINGAPORE AIRLINES SUITES

Singapore Airlines (singaporeair.com) has reimagined flying first class with its Suites on the Airbus A380. These individual havens boast sliding doors and window blinds for ultimate privacy, with a separate bed and a plush chair to relax in comfort. The culinary offerings, crafted by internationally

acclaimed chefs, add to the high-life experience at high altitudes.

Best for: Singapore to Paris and Singapore to New York routes

AIR FRANCE LA PREMIÈRE

Air France's (airfrance.us) La Première offers a slice of French luxury on select Boeing 777-300ER aircraft. The private suites can be fully enclosed with curtains, and the seat extends into a lie-flat bed with luxurious bedding, providing a restful sleep akin to that in a posh Parisian hotel.

Best for: Paris to Los Angeles and Paris to Tokyo routes

QATAR AIRWAYS QSUITE

Qatar Airways (qatarairways.com) has revolutionized business class with its Qsuite, which features the industry's first double bed and privacy panels that allow passengers to create their own private room. This innovative design caters to both privacy and socialization, offering a versatile space ideal for both relaxation and business productivity.

Best for: Doha to London and Doha to Paris routes

Clockwise from top: The ultrachic Delta One Lounge at Boston Logan International Airport; the iconic Delta One dessert cart offers a range of indulgences; Cathay Pacific's Aria Suites offer a fully flat bed and a sliding privacy door.





Tucked amid the archipelago of the British Virgin Islands, the historic Peter Island Resort has reemerged as a treasure trove of luxury. *by* PHEBE WAHL

Treasure Island



From top: Peter Island Resort, a private island resort, in the British Virgin Islands beckons once again amid crystal-clear waters; Deadman's Beach boasts a milelong crescent of immaculate white sand, turquoise waters and picture-perfect palms.

Nestled amid the azure waters of the Caribbean, Peter Island Resort (peterisland.com) has emerged anew as a resplendent treasure chest rediscovered. After a meticulous six-year restoration, the island beckons once again with the soft lapping of crystal-clear waters against its pristine docks and the promise of unparalleled luxury.

The journey to Peter Island begins with an air of adventure and discovery reminiscent of an old pirate saga. Departing from St. John, a sleek vessel slices through the cerulean sea, charting a course through a labyrinth of islands that once echoed with the tales of buccaneers



Clockwise from top left: The newly reimagined Yacht Club offers everything for yachters to enjoy with state-of-the-art facilities; hidden at the edge of Little Deadman's Beach, Honeymoon Beach offers perfect privacy paired with unspoiled beauty; in addition to a range of rooms, Peter Island Resort offers two ultraluxe villas: Hawk's Nest and Falcon's Nest; guests can enjoy a bite poolside or by the beach under one of the chic cabanas.



and hidden gold. As we navigate past Tortola, with its rugged cliffs carved by the blasts of pirate cannons, and Norman Island, the fabled inspiration for Robert Louis Stevenson's *Treasure Island*, the boat captain shares that the sea underneath us is dotted with cannon balls.

The anticipation builds as we skirt the ominously named Dead Chest Island, where the infamous Blackbeard reputedly marooned his unruly crew. The lore of these waters, rich with the history of pirates who once sought sanctuary in its hidden coves, adds a layer of mystique to the approach. Finally, as the secluded cove of Peter Island comes into view, the sight of superyachts moored gracefully at the marina reveals that this island has been transformed into a sanctuary of opulence.

Peter Island's storied past stretches back to the early 1600s, when it was first settled by the Dutch adventurer Pieter Andriensen. Over the centuries, it changed hands like a coveted jewel until the late 1970s when entrepreneurs Jay Van Andel and Richard DeVos recognized its potential and established it as a private island resort. The hurricane of 2017 could have been the final chapter in its storied history, yet, like a phoenix, Peter Island has risen resplendently.

Upon disembarking at the marina, visitors are immediately enveloped in an atmosphere that caters to today's jet set. With its state-of-the-art facilities, the newly reimagined Yacht Club offers everything for yachters to enjoy, from sports courts and beach shuttles to the Drunken Pelican restaurant, where patrons can dine with a view to truly treasure. Other dining options include the elevated Drake Steakhouse, where choices range from fresh catches to tableside tomahawks for two.

The main allure of the new Peter Island, however, is its sheer magnificence as a luxury destination. The Beach Club (with



its exhaustive range of water sports) and the spa, featuring world-class treatments, are just the beginning. Each amenity, each service, is designed to remind its guests that, though they may be far from everyday life, they are ensconced in the lap of luxury. The rooms and suites are so well appointed and the service so elevated that it's easy to forget one is stranded on an island rather than sailing through a lavish dream of luxury.

Peter Island is indeed a treasure island reborn. It's a place where the romantic history of swashbucklers mingles with the highest standards of luxury, creating a destination that must indeed be marked with an X on the map by anyone in pursuit of paradise.





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An Unforgettable Evening at
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California Vintage Wine Bistro
February 6, 2025

We celebrated Anaheim's hottest new wine bistro with an exclusive evening of fine wine, elevated cuisine, and sophisticated ambiance. Guests savored chef-inspired bites perfectly paired with an exquisite charcuterie board, showcasing artisanal cheeses and gourmet accompaniments. The evening featured a curated selection of wines, including the crisp J Vineyards Cuvee Brut, the bold Orin Swift Abstract, and the elegant Orin Swift Mannequin Chardonnay, hand-selected by expert sommeliers. With lively conversation, exceptional flavors, and an atmosphere of refined indulgence, it was truly a night to remember.

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Pocket Paradise

This April, the traditional bed and breakfast model will receive a luxurious upgrade with the arrival of Le Petit Pali Laguna Beach. *by ALLISON MITCHELL*

From left: Enjoy a day by the sea at Treasure Island Beach with Le Petit Pali Laguna Beach's amenities; 41 well-appointed rooms await at the new Laguna Beach property.



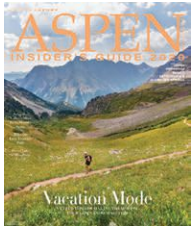
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Palisociety (palisociety.com), the beloved hospitality company founded by Avi Brosh in 1998, is expanding its Le Petit Pali portfolio with the opening of Le Petit Pali Laguna Beach (lepetitpali.com). The two-story, 41-room hideaway joins the brand's three other Le Petit Pali hotels in Carmel-by-the-Sea and Brentwood, offering visitors and locals an upscale bed-and-breakfast retreat.

Located across the street from Montage Laguna Beach on Pacific Coast Highway, the intimate space provides king and suite rooms awash in playful textures and patterns. Muted blue and gray tones, wood flooring and curated art pay homage to the property's coastal setting with a touch of European sensibility. Diptyque bath amenities, Bellino fine linens, Marshall speakers, SMEG mini refrigerators, Grind espresso machines and plush robes and slippers make guests feel right at home—as do the Antipodes water bottles and Baci chocolates offered upon check-in.

Guests will be provided with a complimentary Champagne continental breakfast daily during their stay, and a thoughtful menu of dishes and drinks can be enjoyed alfresco at the property's pool, in the lobby lounge or on the ocean-view deck. When visitors aren't soaking up the sun at nearby Treasure Island Beach or Goff Cove, the boutique hotel invites dwellers to explore weekly programming inspired by Laguna's laidback beach culture. Once the sun sets, homemade cookies are delivered to guest rooms each evening. Let the beachside bliss begin.



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LOCAL CHARACTER

MASTERING HER CRAFT

In celebration of our annual Home Issue, we're checking in with Orange County interior designer Lindye Galloway, who recently launched a retail shop and an exclusive furniture series with RH. *by HANNAH GEORGE*



Interior design maven Lindye Galloway (lindyegalloway.com) is known for her thoughtful and elegant approach, serving as the chief creative officer of her full-service atelier, Lindye Galloway Studio, and co-founder of home retail boutique, Le Maé by Lindye (lemae.com). Now adding “collaboration with RH” to her impressive list of achievements, the O.C. local tells of the all-new Alora collection and how she continues to take clients’ homes to the next level.

Tell us about your new Alora designs with RH. The Alora series offers a striking array of furniture pieces crafted from American white oak. The designs feature sleek planes, radius curves, smooth waterfall edges and wire-brushed finishes, emphasizing continuous woodgrain and artisanal craftsmanship.

You also recently co-founded a retail shop, Le Maé by Lindye. What can shoppers expect to find here? Shoppers will discover a curated collection of thoughtfully designed furniture and home accessories that bring timeless elegance and everyday comfort into their spaces. Born from a passion for historic craftsmanship and the charm of the European countryside, Le Maé offers a range of beautifully crafted seating, coffee tables, dressers, hutches and elevated home accessories.

Local design trends—what’s in? Clients are gravitating toward organic textures, natural wood tones and soft, earthy palettes that create a relaxed yet refined atmosphere. There’s also a growing appreciation for bespoke, statement-making pieces—custom furniture, unique lighting or artisanal decor—that add personality and depth to a space.

What’s next? I’m always exploring new opportunities and collaborations that align with my passion for design and craftsmanship. While I can’t share details just yet, there are some exciting things in the works that I can’t wait to reveal soon!

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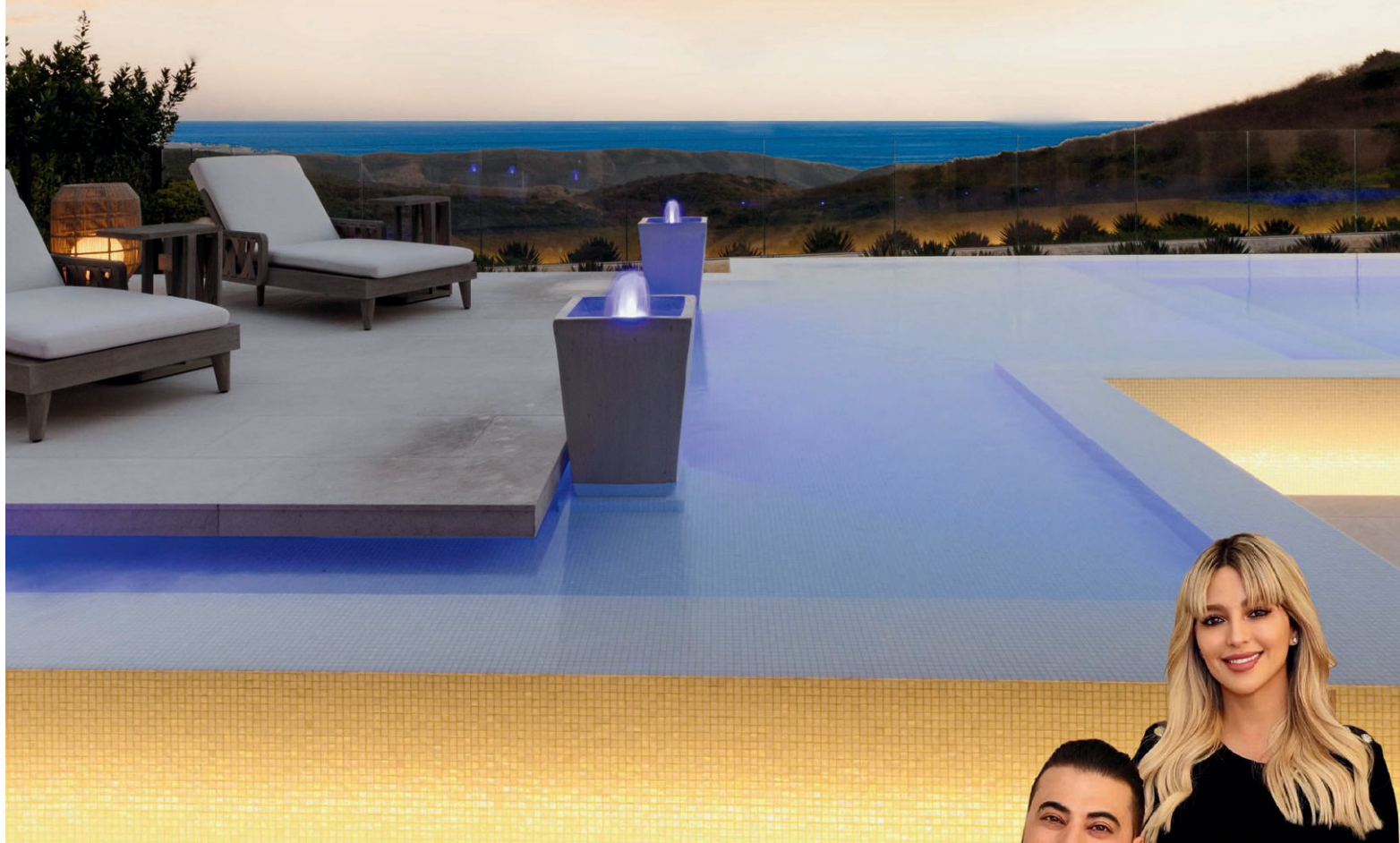
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