



# Luxury Knows No Bounds

## SEASIDE BUILDERS

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There's a saying that luxury has no boundaries. Tom Laudani would agree with that statement. You know why?

Because Laudani knows that luxury has infinite possibilities. He also knows that details can make life (and your home) a place to of ultimate comfort and repose.

He knows that because, as co-founder of Seaside Builders he has turned miracles into mirages from the ground up. As a matter of fact his company has already sold seven of ten townhomes in the new Seagate Yacht Club Residences. The 4,200-square-foot townhomes - that start at \$3.6 million - have roof-top decks, private pools, elevators and con-

temporary styling.

"Seaside Builders is the leading residential developer and General Contractor building luxury single family homes and townhomes east of the Intracoastal," said Laudani, who has 35 years experience in the building business and an eye for perfection when it comes to luxury housing.

One of his latest projects is an 11,000-square-foot oceanfront residence at 1275 North Ocean Blvd in Gulfstream. To say this two-story Bermudian style home is luxurious would not be doing it justice. With two staircases, a massive marble bathroom, an elevator and a walk-in closet the size of a studio apartment, this home is a masterpiece of fine taste.

Although the elements of style and grandeur are in the stratosphere, it's not overdone. Instead it is in a class of its own - subtle, luxurious, stately and elegant.

The landscape architect - Dave Bodker - kept much of the original flora and added Magnolia trees, Palm trees, Agave shrubs and lush Zoysia grass.

But that's not all. There's 150-Linear feet of private ocean front property and 15,000-square-feet of backyard space leading to the beach. As far as swimming pools go this 20 X 50 ft. pool is elegant and refined with a seamless marble ledge. Not far from the pool is a covered lanai with outdoor fireplace, gas grille, teak cabinets, refrigerator, ice maker and perfect view of the ocean.

While the solar blanket heats the pool, life inside this magnificent home can be described as haute couture (one-of-a-kind). The kitchen is massive with white marble countertops (lots of them); a commercial kitchen hood with colorful limestone over the stove and dual ranges (gas top burners and electric on the bottom). There's also a drawer that opens with the flick of a switch where a microwave resides along marble countertop seating.

If a kitchen could be a designers dream, then this one is beyond a waking fantasy. The hanging silver lamps and elegant drop lighting hosts the kitchen island and open air countenance. It's also one of Laudani's favorite rooms in the house. "The kitchen at 1275 North Ocean Blvd is beautiful, especially the Downsview custom walnut cabinetry. Behind it is a Butler's Pantry with refrigerator, freezer and floor-to-ceiling wine cooler."

The first floor master bedroom is spacious and grand with French doors (that open up to a marble patio) with natural light and lus-



cious seaside views. The master closet is 350-square-feet with double doors (of course) and the nearby sitting room is large enough for two chaise loungers, a dresser and enough memories to fill a stadium.

The master bathroom is as spacious as a California ranch and has an elegance befitting a king and queen. The huge shower is exotic yet minimalistic with seamless white marble, overhead shower heads and shower controls on the opposite side. The electric Toto toilets open and close with the tap of a button and have a heater and bidet with dryer.

There's also a first floor office/study with oak paneling, built-in book cases and parquet flooring.

The second floor of this home is equally as majestic as the first. There are four bedrooms with European oak floors, laundry room and open Club Room with refrigerator, ice maker and a luscious view of the ocean. The Club Room has a 75-inch flat screen TV and leath-

er swivel seats that allow one to glance at the ocean or the playoffs. The second floor bathrooms are works of art with frameless glass shower doors, polished nickel faucets and designer mosaic tile.

If all of life is a dance then music is as necessary as food. That's why Seaside added a sound system that goes throughout the entire home with speakers out of view. The wires and electrical system are neatly tucked away in a separate room behind the staircase. There's also a second hidden room with concrete walls for your safe or private belongings.

There's no hiding the fact that this home is a resort in and of itself. Its luxurious furnishings (and attention to detail) are unrivaled and the harmonious flow from room to room is palpable.

"This home brings to market all of my years of design and development experience. Architect Richard Jones created the Bermudian exterior with North and South wings that give it the feel of a Tropical Island Resort. It is also the largest and most extensive single family residence we have built to date. It is truly exceptional," said Laudani.

Laudani's partner, Patrick Whyte, is also part and parcel of this luxury residential construction dream team. "The success of Seaside Builders is our team approach. We specialize in luxury custom home construction, renovation and restoration. Home buyers know we take pride in our work and are meticulous when it comes to unique details, moldings, outdoor living spaces, sophisticated styling and interiors. Above all customer service is paramount," adds Laudani.

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