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A CAPTIVATING BEACH HOUSE IN GRAND CAYMAN CAPTURES THE BEAUTY AND MOVEMENT OF THE SEA



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**ABOVE:** The essence of beachfront elegance in a pale-blue coastal-contemporary style trimmed in white, this stucco and plank three-story retreat features an impressive cedar-washed gabled entry.



home usually offers one or two special "moments," as developer and builder Eric Kline calls them, but when developing this 7,800-square-foot luxury vacation house in the Cayman Islands, he aimed to go above and beyond. "We tried to incorporate a series of moments or events that together make up one continuous experience," the builder says. "When designing that way, the collective is greater than the individual parts."

Interweaving seaside colors, patterns and forms, this home reflects its environment. A magical setting, "the beach community of Cayman Kai in Grand Cayman is surrounded by 100 shades of turquoise blue water and even has a bioluminescent bay," says Tracey Kline, who developed the property with her husband. "The shallow water just offshore is what makes Rum Point Beach so special. Every weekend the locals gather on their boats to enjoy Sunday Funday while stingrays circle their feet ... and this coastal retreat, Sun Serenity, is in the middle of all that."

With the large volume of ceiling heights and the color of the flooring, the space models the ocean, which is just outside. A second-floor promenade curves around the great room; walls of glass windows and doors blur the separation between inside and outside; drop ceilings in the kitchen and dining area float like clouds; and filmy white draperies dress the main living area like sprays of sea foam.

RIGHT: A curving second-floor promenade pulls the eye up around the great room, where Avenue Lighting's chandelier shimmers and sparkles. While sofas from RC Furniture clad in Kravet's chenille feature straight lines, a brown wingback chair by Bensen, Lignet Roset's "Anda" accent chair and Palecek's open-weave wicker swivels are voluptuously curvilinear.







With a nod to the sea, shades of blue and gray color the casual dining area. Xcella's chrome-framed chairs covered in Brentano's gray leather easily accommodate a party of eight around a custom, white oak table by McKenzie Craft.

"We were fortunate to arrive by boat," interior designer Jason Lynn says.

"We saw the house from the ocean and waded through the water to come to the pool area. It's a nice memory of how the house looked on the coast. It was stunning, beautiful and tropical with lots of natural light."

The colors of the environment set the interior tone. "The sky ... blue and white; the sandy beach hues; also the variations of color in the water with deep purples and grays of the seaweed — we abstracted out all of those colors and brought them into the house in a subdued way," project designer Jack Lonetto says.

With an organic, water-world feel, shimmering chandeliers combine elements of metal and glass; accent walls and ceiling sections are papered in faux eel-skin; and the ceramic flooring, in washed gray and blue, mimics exotic wood.

Two seating areas in the living area mirror furniture choices. Loveseats and a sectional sofa are covered in sand-colored chenille; a curvy accent chair is wrapped in a pale linen while a contemporary wingback chair is clad in



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brown wool. Nearby, two woven swivels join the mix. For shimmer and shine, pillows in silk, cotton and mohair color the space, while sculptural accessories add interesting line and textural details.

White, gray and blue hues style the streamlined kitchen and dining area. Designed to fit the casual eating space, a custom seven-foot-square table is crafted from white oak, the base, a U-shaped form that punctures through the top.

"With six bedrooms that include four second-floor master suites, the design is based on function," Eric says. "To accommodate four private ensuite bedrooms with ocean views, we staggered them and placed two over the pool to provide additional shade coverage." The vaulted ceilings in these pavilion bedrooms are lined with Canadian cedar, gray-washed to resemble driftwood.

The house backs the beach and faces the sunset. Chaise lounges are strategically placed poolside and in the shallows to enjoy the views. The pool runs the full length of the house and is all three feet deep, which is great for both children and adults.

"The Caymans are beautiful, warm, hospitable, fun and relaxing, and we wanted to bring those elements into the home," Lynn says. "From everywhere, there are great views, and with that, it's not hard to make a beautiful house."

**ABOVE:** Rum Point Beach provides the perfect backdrop for a pavilion bedroom colored in ocean hues. Slamp's coral-like chandelier conjures the sea from above, while Carpet Boutique grounds the private space in pale gray and green. "We custom designed the beds with white-oak platforms made high enough so that luggage can be stored underneath," Lonetto says.



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#### SOURCES

#### LIVING AREA

Sofa and love seats - RC Furniture, Industry, CA

Fabric - Kravet, Inc., DCOTA, Dania Beach, FL Accent pillows fabricated by Lee Parker,

Deerfield Beach, FL

Green accent pillow fabric - Holly Hunt Miami,

MDD, Miami, FL

Pale-blue Mohair accent pillow fabric - Pindler, SFDP,

Hollywood, FL

Dark blue accent pillow fabric - Donghia, Inc.,

DCOTA, Dania Beach, FL

Throws and cocktail tables - Owner's Collection

Brown chair - Bensen, Vancouver, BC

Wicker swivels - Palecek, Dallas, TX

"Anda" accent chair - Lignet Roset, MDD,

Miami, FL

Vase on cocktail table - Zentique,

Norcross, GA

White occasional table - Seasonal Living,

Austin, TX

Table lamps - Arteriors,

Carrollton, TX

Floor lamps - Barbara Cosgrove, Kansas City, MO

Chandelier - Avenue Lighting,

Chatsworth, CA

Drapery fabric - Brentano, Donghia, Inc., DCOTA,

Dania Beach, FL

Area rugs - Carpet Boutique,

Aventura, FL

#### KITCHEN

Cabinetry, island, countertops and display

shelving - Encompass Ltd., Grand Cayman,

Cayman Islands

Counter stools - Vanguard Furniture,

Conover, NC

Back fabric - Holly Hunt Miami, MDD,

Miami. FL

Seat fabric - Pindler, SFDP,

Hollywood, FL

Accessories - Owner's Collection

Pendant light fixtures - Avenue Lighting,

Chatsworth, CA

#### DINING AREA

Table - Custom designed by The Decorators

Unlimited, Palm Beach Gardens, FL

Fabricated by McKenzie Craft,

Miami, FL

Chairs - XCELLA Furniture, Ontario, Canada

Chair and drapery fabric - Brentano, Donghia, Inc., DCOTA, Dania Beach, FL Light fixture above table - Avenue Lighting,

Chatsworth, CA

Centerpiece - Owner's Collection

Artwork - Wendover Art Group, Largo, FL

#### **PAVILION BEDROOM SUITE**

Bed - Custom designed by The Decorators Unlimited,

Palm Beach Gardens, FL

Fabricated by McKenzie Craft, Miami, FL

Bedside table and chest - Star International Furniture, Inc.,

Foothill Ranch, CA

Throw, occasional table, television and

accessories - Owner's Collection

Wicker chair - Palecek, Dallas, TX

Chandelier - Slamp, Rome, Italy

Drapery fabric - Brentano, Donghia, Inc., DCOTA,

Dania Beach, FL

Area rug - Carpet Boutique,

Aventura, FL

#### PATIO/POOL

Pool - Encompass Ltd., Grand Cayman,

Cavman Islands

Chaise lounges and accent table in pool

shallows - Ledge Lounger, Webster, TX M



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