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Six black-and-white images of tropical plants taken by photographer Mirian Olivera line the orange wall of the hallway from the main living areas to the bedrooms.



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SKY-HIGH ABOVE MIAMI BEACH,
THIS 36TH-FLOOR SETAI PENTHOUSE
IMPARTS A ZEST FOR ZEN

ORANGE SPICE ON SOUTH BEACH



Uncut limestone forms a textural wall in the living area, which encompasses the dining area and kitchen. Ivory fabrics from Kravet and Robert Allen dress the seating.

“

was a little nervous having my South Beach penthouse painted orange,” says the owner of this 36th-floor condominium in The Setai. But designer Martín C. Martínez quickly waylaid his fears with a series of sketches illustrating the use of this hue to instill the home with South Beach spice.

“Martín was so passionate about how the apartment would look,” the owner says. “So I trusted him and his creative eye.” The owner’s only directive — to keep the same architectural and design flavor of the building, which “blends an elegant Asian tradition throughout,” Martínez says.



"IN THE SOCIAL AREAS OF THE HOUSE, YOU WANT SOME 'ZEST' WHEN YOU ENTERTAIN AND ORANGE ACCOMPLISHES THIS," MARTINEZ SAYS.



display space in the living area. Beyond, the same teak woods compose the table in the dining area and cabinetry in the kitchen. A floor lamp with a corrugated-white shade hangs over the table. "A chandelier wouldn't work in this type of setting," Martinez says.



Thus, the interior seamlessly melds the Oriental motifs of The Setai with the sizzle of South Beach.

Ivory, dark brown and natural woods complement the scheme, creating a Zen-like ambiance from room to room, such as the hallway from the main living areas to the bedrooms. "It was a long, uninteresting hallway with a floor begging for drama," Martinez says. The answer — paint the wall orange, the ceiling ivory and cover the floor in sandblasted-black granite with a teak inlay. Then, add striking black-and-white photographs to create "an art-gallery effect," he continues.

The main living areas function as one large space with an uncut limestone wall on one side and floor-to-ceiling windows on the other. Warm and inviting, the living area features an ivory suede sofa and leather armchairs energized with apricot accent pillows. An antique teak console and accessories carry out the Far Eastern aesthetic.

Orange, in its fruit form, appropriately makes an appearance as the dining area's centerpiece. A mosaic of teak wood forms the table, while leather-wrapped teak chairs provide seating.



A quiet corner of the master bedroom includes a work area.



At the far end of the living area, a wall floats between the main living areas and the den on the other side. On each side, a flat-screen TV hangs on the wall. In the den, a wicker cocktail table and black-wicker chair enhance the interior's earthy sensibility.

A reversal of color takes place in the master bedroom, where orange dresses the ceiling and ivory coats the walls. As in the rest of the home, silk accent pillows add dollops of color. "I'm constant with materials I use," Martinez says. "Silk is my fabric of choice on the bed and elsewhere in the apartment." Round and sunburst mirrors in the bedroom and master bath add Zen-like warmth.

Instead of a headboard in the guestroom, Martinez chose a long rolled pillow with an assembly of accent pillows. "Whenever it's possible, I don't use headboards," he says.

"What makes this home so special is its Miami Beach location, the building's name, and the powerful statement of this finished apartment," Martinez says.

The ivory, dark brown and orange palette comes together in the master bedroom, where a wenge-wood bed and bedside chests from Artefacto furnish the space. "The round mirror, hardware and Buddha head on the armoire exude an Asian influence," Martinez says.



River rocks and candles surround the Jacuzzi, creating a spa atmosphere in the master bath. A sunburst mirror furthers the Zen-like feel of the space.





SOURCES

Hallway

Wall sculpture - KOM, Miami, FL

Living Area

Sofa - Mitchell Gold + Bob Williams, South Beach Design Group, Miami Beach, FL

Chairs, console and accessories on console - KOM, Miami, FL

Cocktail table/Ottoman - Biltmore Sofa, South Beach, FL

Occasional table and sofa bench - Details at Home, Miami Beach, FL

Chair, cocktail table/ottoman, and sofa bench fabrics - Kravet/Mark Biller & Associates, DCOTA, Dania Beach, FL

Limestone wall - Custom designed by M Interiors, Miami Beach, FL

Fabricated by Blanco Flooring, Inc., Miami, FL

Table lamp - Luminara, Carriage House, DCOTA, Dania Beach, FL

Spotlighting - Lunatika, Miami Beach, FL

Dining Area/Kitchen

Table and chairs - Details at Home,

Miami Beach, FL

Floor lamp - Luminara, Carriage House, DCOTA, Dania Beach, FL

Cabinetry - Custom designed and fabricated by Florence, Miami, FL

Terrace chaises - Janus et Cie, Miami, FL

Den

Sofa - Mitchell Gold + Bob Williams, South Beach Design Group, Miami Beach, FL

Fabric - Kravet/Mark Biller & Associates, DCOTA, Dania Beach, FL

ON THE BED," MARTINEZ SAYS.



A hand-carved bronze plate from Asia combines with straw plates to form an artistic composition on the wall in the guestroom. Bedside lamps with shell-covered bases and linen shades speak to the mix of natural materials.

Cocktail table and wall plates - KOM, Miami, FL
Floor lamps - Lunatika, Miami Beach, FL
Mirror - Custom made by M Interiors,
Miami Beach, FL
Fabricated by Twin City Glass,
Miami Beach, FL
Master Bedroom
Bed and bedside chests - Artefacto,
Coral Gables, FL
Orange bed covering, brown coverlet and
pillows - Pace Design, Miami, FL

White bed linens - Bloomingdale's, Miami, FL
Armoire - Mitchell Gold + Bob Williams,
South Beach Design Group, Miami Beach, FL
Desk, desk chair, bedside lamps and mirror -
KOM, Miami, FL
Desk lamp and Buddha-head sculpture -
Details at Home, Miami Beach, FL
Master Bath
Black granite tub surround - Blanco
Flooring, Inc., Miami, FL
Mirror - KOM, Miami, FL

Guestroom

Bed covering and orange pillows -
Pace Design, Miami, FL
Bedside chests - Details at Home,
Miami Beach, FL
Bedside lamps and wall plates - KOM, Miami, FL
Throughout.
Recessed lighting, teak and black granite
flooring - Blanco Flooring, Inc., Miami, FL
Flat-screen TVs - Smart Habitat, Hollywood, FL
Area rugs - Carpet Boutique, Miami, FL ■