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LUXE LIVING IN LAUDERDALE

Perla Lichi Design Completes a Full Renovation at L'Hermitage, Bringing Light, Reflection and Comfort

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When it comes to beautiful scenery, Florida's beaches are hard to beat—and Fort Lauderdale has some of the best. Soft sand and turquoise ocean extend for miles in an area that each year brings 3,000 hours of sunshine and an average temperature of 75 degrees. Combine this with the city's numerous restaurants, shops, museums and art galleries, and you have a vacation destination that attracts tourists from around the globe.

Owning a property that provides a luxury experience while offering all the benefits of the city makes life just about complete. When the opportunity arose, the owner of this Fort Lauderdale condominium sought out Perla Lichi Design, who worked with the client to maximize the beauty of the home, inside and out.

Florida is a place Perla Lichi knows well. Besides operating her design studio out of Coral Springs, she also has a showroom in East Fort Lauderdale (with another in Ontario). And luxury design is what she does best; she and her team specialize in residential interiors locally and internationally, adopting a natural approach to design to create highly personal interiors. "We understand that design is more than aesthetic," says Perla. "It is a multifaceted, organic process that influences every element of every interior, and intimately affects the lives of those who will be living within."

When her client purchased this property at L'Hermitage, Perla and her design team took on a collaborative approach to the project, working closely with the client on every detail. "The client was very involved in every aspect of the project," says Perla. "All the layouts, finishes and fixture selections were made to achieve the modern and comfortable look the client was looking for." The result of their collaboration is a full remodel that provides lux-



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ury and modern comfort while capturing the beauty of the area's scenery and art.

The Plan

L'Hermitage is a large two-tower beachfront property and luxury five-star condominium resort in Central Galt Ocean Mile, between the ocean and the Intracoastal Waterway. It boasts attractive views of the ocean, three luxury pools and resort amenities—all just steps from the beach. The client's home is a 3,000-square-foot corner unit featuring three bedrooms and three full bathrooms. It sits near the pool deck with multiple terraces and views of the ocean and surrounding landscape. To maximize the space's light and views and make the unit more comfortable and functional, Perla's design team created an open floor plan with added amenities and the latest technology. They also provided a modern environment that accentuates the bold beauty of the area's surrounding nature and art.

Luxury Starts at the Beginning

When exiting the elevator, visitors step into a foyer that works as an engaging hint of what's to come. Rich tone-on-tone floor tile, a leather woven bench, and textured champagne-and-silver handcrafted wallpaper create a refined modern backdrop for vibrant custom artwork. This also marks the beginning of the Carrera marble-patterned flooring that extends from room to room, creating an elegant beauty and shine throughout the home.

The wide front door was custom made in an Italian modern style with a high-gloss white finish and frosted glass accents. Like the floor, the door design is repeated throughout the residence as a universal theme. To gain access to the unit, the door houses special fingerprint technology, one of many smart tech features added to the apartment. Inside, a nearby Nest thermostat system brings advanced temperature control with app capability.





Perla and her team reworked the entry hall to add a spacious laundry room, storage closet and shower to a neighboring powder room. What's left is a well-proportioned hallway with light tones and expansive floors that maintain an open and inviting feel. The hall features custom artwork in a classic theme that works in contrast to the modern interior, bringing added richness and enhanced engagement. On the opposite wall is a mosaic pattern composed of marble and antique mirror, again blending old and new. Here is also where we get our first glimpse of the home's use of LED chandeliers, each creating a golden shine happily picked up by reflective surfaces throughout the residence.

A Spacious Home Gallery

The entry leads to a spacious open floor plan of white walls and glass windows and doors. At the center of it all is the living room—a luxurious space where the homeowner and guests can comfortably lounge, socialize and admire the vibrant colors of surrounding nature and art.

Immediately noticeable in the room is the collection of custom artwork. The modern themes and bright colors stand out against the white walls to create a gallery setting complemented by spots of color from nearby objets d'art. A pair of three-dimensional art pieces made of angled mirrors adds to the reflective nature of the space.

This reflection theme is brought home in one area in particular: the ceiling. Directly above sits a reflective stretched surface that makes the entire space feel larger, mirroring the shine of the floors while adding light and playful elegance to the home. In the center hangs a wide, round LED crystal chandelier and perimeter multicolor LED lights that pick up the color and energy of the surrounding artwork and accessories.

The room offers a luxurious ambience that lets the artwork, accessories and outdoor nature shine. The low-profile furniture and open flow create a feeling of spaciousness and allow unobstructed views of the outdoors. The white leather sectional sofa, tufted swivel chairs and nearby bench make the most of the space, providing ample ways to communicate while maintaining easy flow and close access to the television. Here, a walnut and white-lacquer media wall houses an 85-inch television decorated on both sides with custom-designed 3D architectural panels.

The designers team chose materials that add softness and richness. The chairs and bench are tufted in complementary charcoal gray velvets, and all the furniture sits on a gray wool-and-silk oversized rug. Surrounding tables extend the reflective steel-and-glass theme while making the room feel large, spa-



acious and clean.

Throughout the space, glass windows and doors bring warm light. To filter light and add privacy, Perla's team installed white sheer drapery and fabric blinds on custom motorized tracks behind white gloss drapery pockets.

Open Dining

The team reworked the nearby dining room and kitchen by removing the wall between the two rooms, opening up the flow and making the entire space brighter and larger. The design of the dining room incorporates the

same look and feel as the living room for a seamless transition. The expandable table features a glass top, an industrial stainless-steel base paired with tufted side chairs, and clean-lined armchairs in a mix of woven and velvet textures. Directly overhead hangs a chrome chandelier with crystal rods extending through the frame.

The kitchen picks up on the theme of the surrounding floors and walls to create a visually expansive space. White walls blend with white-gloss cabinets and frosted-glass upper cabinet doors. Stainless-steel hardware and appliances with custom paneling are



used throughout. With the wall near the dining room removed, Perla redesigned the area to include a kitchen island with crystal pendants.

How Suite It Is!

No luxury remodel is complete without a redo of the master suite. Both the bedroom and bathroom adopt a blend of white, silver and champagne tones accentuated with crystal lighting for soft comfort and a refined look that brings out the vivid colors of the exterior landscape. Throughout the room, Perla used tex-

ured wallpaper with glass beads to complement the rich flooring and white gloss finishes. The leather bed features chrome accents on the headboard and base, and embroidery bedding with champagne faux fur accent pillows.

On each side of the bed is an oversized nightstand with silver leaf accents. Crystal hanging pendants match the warm light of the ceiling chandelier while creating ample storage space on the nightstands. The room glitters in crystal, chrome and polished flooring, and a white shag rug adds softness. Not to be outdone, the master bath extends the home's luxury theme. The









The master suite features a blend of white, champagne and silver tones to create a calm oasis.



room uses the champagne and white-wood motif, complemented by stainless-steel decorative hardware and faucets. The countertop is composed of Calacatta marble, and the shower features mother-of-pearl mosaic tiles.

Additions include a freestanding soaking tub, a double vanity and a separate toilet room with a third vanity. The design team reshaped and minimized soffits, and installed LED lighting and a semi-flush pendant in silver silk organza with crystal accents. A frameless shower makes the room feel open and features three showerheads: one handheld, one wall-mounted and one overhead rain shower. Each head operates independently or in unison via a remote app and nearby keypad, for accurate water temperature and pressure control.

Rooms to Spare

The remaining two bedrooms have their own unique take on the home's themes, combining warm tones and geometric designs on the wallpaper, furniture and bedding in a mix of whites, grays and soft sand/champagne colors.

The guest bedroom/den sits off of the main living room and makes ample use of the property's views. Inside, the multifunctional room features a tufted queen-size daybed/trundle upholstered in soft gray fabric and nail trim accents. On top sits a pin-tucked comforter with plush decorative pillows. Surrounding the bed are a white gloss dresser, matching leather chair, glass side table and coffee table. A retro chandelier in the center of the room features frosted clear glass globes.

The collaboration of Perla Richi's team with the client resulted in a richly elegant home that offers comfort and functionality while complementing the vivid beauty of the views and the art. It's a balance that captures all the magnificence that Florida has to offer, both inside and out.

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