

KAKAR HOUSE OF DESIGN

One look at the portfolio of interior designer Anil Kakar spurs a few questions. Where does he find this gorgeous stuff? How involved are his clients, given how unique his work is from project to project? What, if any, are his signature design moves? Kakar could answer it all with a single word: balance. He balances a design firm with a furnishings and accessories storefront, which allows him to pour extra time, energy and resources—like a dedicated staff—into sourcing. He balances a belief that success is dependent on the client's satisfaction with a passionate desire to engage his own vision. He balances an approach focused on customization with a love for color, patterns, textures and layering. And he balances a bespoke, intimate view of design with an understanding of the opportunities found in technology, embracing the efficiency and connection it provides. The results harmonize it all, and they speak for themselves. It's a good thing, because Kakar and his team hardly have the time to explain them. Whether they're drafting whole-home interior plans, trekking through hidden shops around the globe or crafting custom furnishings through their Miami location, inspiration and creation occupy their time.



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“I inject the client’s personality into every project.”

Ask the Expert

Tell me about the project that put your company on the map.

It was a Miami Beach Mediterranean villa, built in the 1930s. It needed a gut renovation, and we restored it to its full glory before spending years decorating it with one-of-a-kind pieces, a mix of antique and new. The transformation was magical. It resonated with everyone who saw it. We kept the charm and history of the property but updated it into a luxurious marvel of modern-day living.

Name influences and inspirations that inform your work.

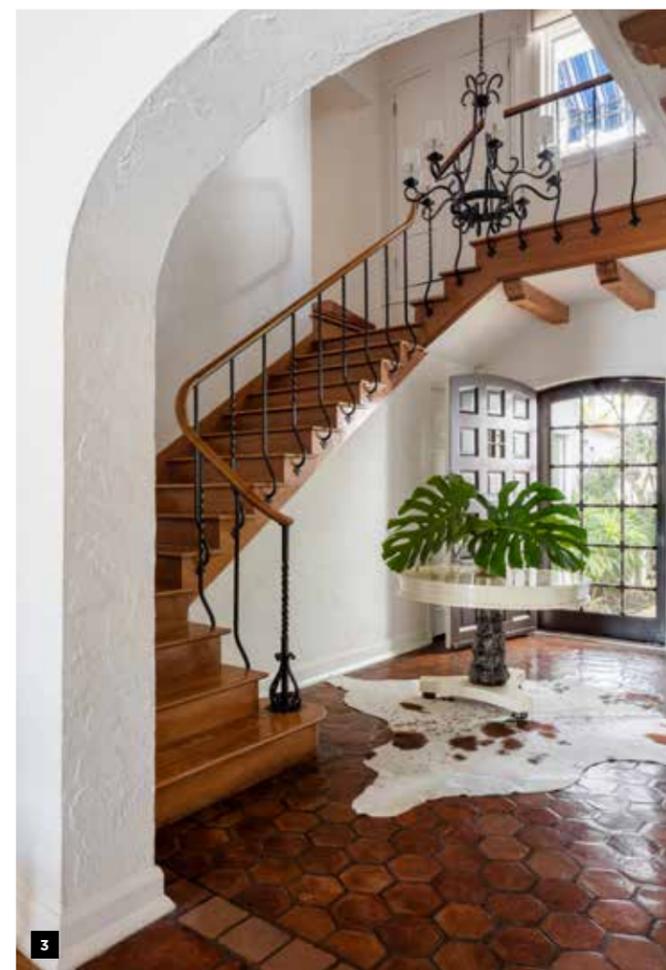
Mother Nature and my travels are huge sources of inspiration. Tony Duquette and his idea that home decor should be like theater—over the top; more is more—have influenced me greatly.

What style is your firm most known for?

We incorporate an eclectic and original mix of global furnishings to create interiors that withstand the test of time. We are known for comfortable, cozy and richly layered spaces that are fun and whimsical.



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1. & 4. In the living room, Belgian linen sofas flank the original stone fireplace. The iron ceiling fixtures were restored, and custom black-and-white photography of European scenes by Jeroen Nelemans were incorporated. Vintage, blue-and-white Asian vases decorate the bookshelves. **2.** The outdoor spaces were completely redone. Kakar and his team added handmade tiles from Spain to the pool surround and designed a sleek and clean deck concept. The landscaping, by Stanley Matz of Majestic Gardens, conveys a special, subtropical setting. **3.** A bone-and-bronze table and cowhide rug were made custom for the foyer. The original staircase and French terra-cotta floors were restored to their former glory.

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