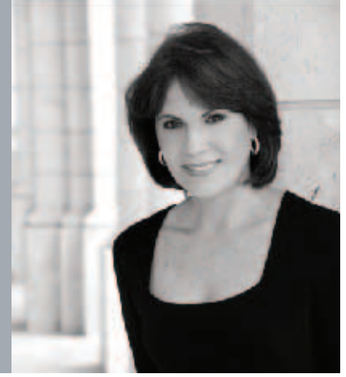


IVETTE ARANGO

One Designer Of Luxury Interiors Pairs A Love For Art And Design With Contemporary Elements to Create Uniquely Elegant Spaces

Question: What sparked your passion for interior design?

Answer: I have always enjoyed being an interior designer, but also fell in love with the idea of creating a business where I'm doing something I love. I thrive on creativity within a field that is continually fueled by new ideas and techniques. Art and its history is also a passion — I like to incorporate these elements into a project as well.

Question: What inspires your designs?

Answer: I have traveled all over the world and take inspiration from many places. I left Cuba as a young girl, and I'm inspired by the life and family I have created here in the United States, and in particular my community in Miami, Fla.

Question: What makes Ivette Arango Interior Design unique among other design firms?

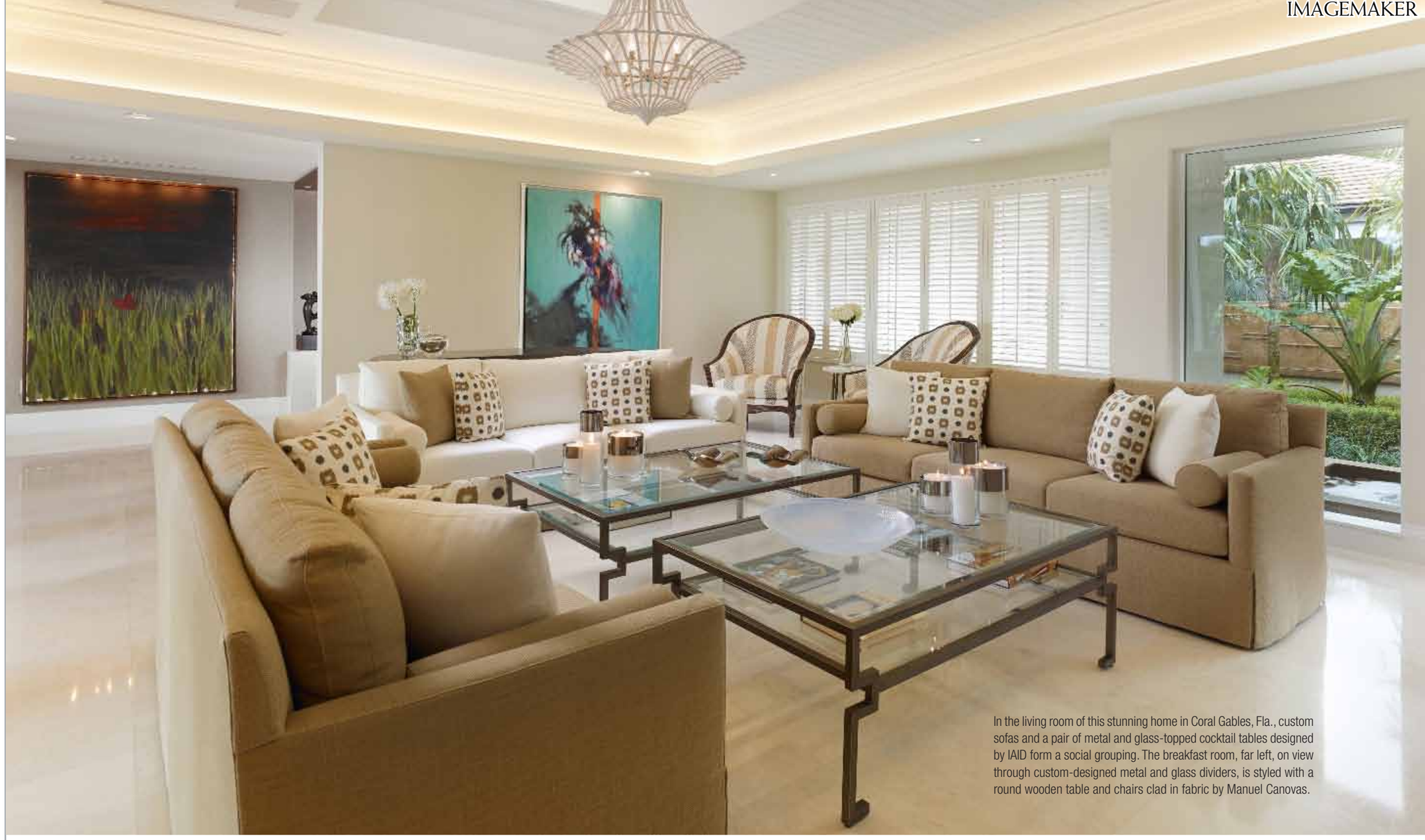
Answer: We have been in the business for over 40 years, and have creative and technical expertise. Locally, we have been at the heart of historic and energizing expansions in Miami that have made large contributions towards our becoming global competitors in luxury markets.

Question: What design or time period do you find most engaging?

Answer: I think the Bauhaus Movement brings together art and modern technology nicely with certain clean lines and ample qualities of light.

Question: What do you strive to create when working on a project?

Answer: The ideas for designing a space must be analyzed from both a creative and functional mindset. I must also consider a client's budget. These elements all need to come together and it is my role to be flexible in meeting the objectives.



In the living room of this stunning home in Coral Gables, Fla., custom sofas and a pair of metal and glass-topped cocktail tables designed by IAID form a social grouping. The breakfast room, far left, on view through custom-designed metal and glass dividers, is styled with a round wooden table and chairs clad in fabric by Manuel Canovas.



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Interior designer Ivette Arango cannot remember a time when she was not interested in interior design, "I have always felt a connection to spaces that were thoughtfully and creatively done," she says. After leaving Cuba as a young girl, her family settled in Miami, Fla., where she later built Ivette Arango Interior Design, a company that creates luxury, high-end interiors. "There was a time when the industry suffered due to an economic downturn that rendered the Miami Design District 'a paradise lost'," she says. "But today, we have again become an epicenter of art and innovation in design — I find it thrilling to be a part of the current evolution." 305/576-6243; www.ivettearango.com◆