



## 77 RESIDENCE

Bal Harbour, Florida, United States

On the northern tip of the barrier island commonly referred to as Miami Beach, one finds the village of Bal Harbour. Here, the 77 Residence is nestled in a corner lot under the South Florida sun. Following modern design principles, this is a home designed for a family that truly enjoys outdoor living, the intimacy of family life, but also cherish to entertain. To hear the story behind the project, we had the opportunity to talk to the Founder of SDH Studio Architecture + Design, Stephanie Halfen.

When Stephanie had to design the home, she naturally had to first and foremost consider the personality and lifestyle of the family. “They (the family, ed.) have a passion for nature and therefore blurring the lines between the interior and the exterior of the home became our number one design goal”, Stephanie says. However, in the process of fulfilling this goal, Stephanie and her team faced a major challenge. “What is truly unique about this project is that it is a corner lot located in the heart of Bal Harbour Village. Corner lots are extraordinary in the sense that they provide an immense amount of natural light for the interior of the home. At the same time, when you have two facades facing the street, privacy becomes a really important factor that needs to be considered.

You want to provide just the right amount of openings to be able to





enjoy the light and the views from the inside of the home – without being too exposed to the exterior. This is an interesting balance”, Stephanie explains. As a consequence, Stephanie and her team developed a play of volumes and planes that essentially create a playful balance between maintaining the privacy of the interior as well as unfolding the magnificent views towards the exterior landscape. As Stephanie explains: “An open floorplan concept was adopted to make everyday living extremely comfortable for the entire family while being the perfect setup for entertaining. The main living areas are double-height volumes with floor to ceiling sliding glass doors that fill the interior space with natural light while being completely surrounded by the spectacular views of the outdoors.”

Through the use of soft-nuanced furniture and strategically placed artwork, the interior displays a modernly refined and luxurious personality that fits well with the characteristics of the neighborhood. As Stephanie concludes: “The home feels intimate, warm, and spacious and stunning at the same time. It is truly about the experience; a deep search for functionality and beauty creating the perfect setting for a family to turn everyday living into something truly extraordinary.”

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