



In the family room, a sofa and chairs from Avenue Road, a Poltrona Frau coffee table, and Rosemary Hallgarten area rug frame the panoramic views

BELOW: In a child's bedroom, a Modernlink chair, a custom-designed ottoman, Avenue Road table and Rosemary Hallgarten area rug add color and texture

DESIGN

PALM BEACH *Bliss*

Interior designer Sergio Mercado worked with a Palm Beach family to create a serene oasis in the sky

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Interior designer Sergio Mercado has been cultivating his signature style for decades, drawing inspiration from the coastal energy of California, the vibrancy of Miami, the timeless glamour of Manhattan and, now, the attitude of Palm Beach. Mercado's New York City-based namesake design firm has just completed renovations on an Ocean Boulevard penthouse apartment for a young family, the Liberts. Mercado previously collaborated with the couple on their Williamsburg, Brooklyn townhouse (the family splits their time between New York City and Palm Beach) so it was a comfortable and seamless working relationship. "Anderson and Jessica live a very modern lifestyle and are both stylish in a barefoot luxury sort of way," says Mercado. "Very tasteful, not flashy." With two young children, a bustling social life and an affinity for the arts, the oceanfront home features a calming cream-and-gray color palette with a mix of matte and glossy finishes to add texture. "We were going for a warm minimalist approach to the interior architecture," says Mercado. "I wanted the focus of the apartment to be on the views and not strong architectural details, which really worked." With a striking bar designed to look like a block of Calacatta marble and carefully curated beach-chic furnishings, Mercado has brought laid-back luxury to life in this Palm Beach oasis. ■



The bar was designed to look like a solid block of Calacatta marble and, on the wall, is the painting "Desert Walk (Resting)" by David Burdeny

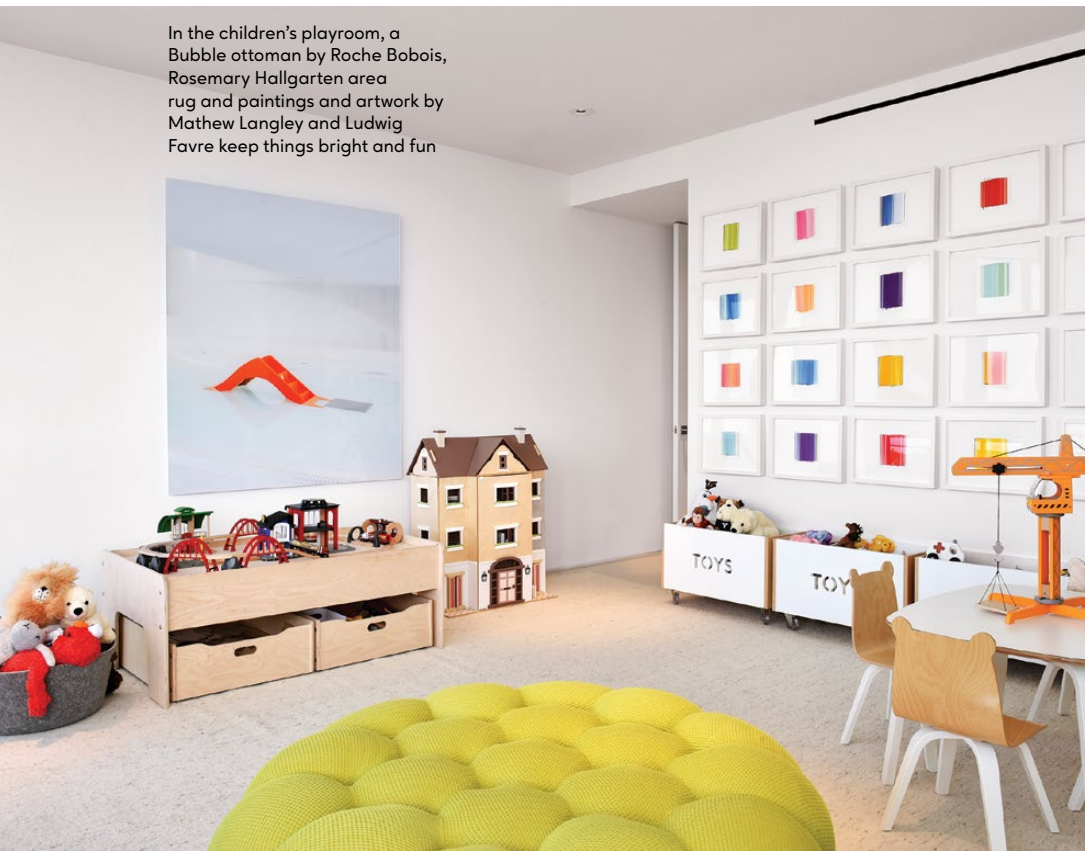


In the kitchen, cabinetry by Boffi, countertops by Silestone, Miele wall ovens and, at the end of the hallway, hangs "Blue Smoke Speculation" by Sarah Meyohas



In the dining room and entryway, a custom-designed stainless-steel-and-glass dining table and Cassina dining chairs underneath a Starlight light fixture by Henge from DDC. The sculpture on the pedestal is "Pope's Pipe" by Anna Fasshauer

In the children's playroom, a Bubble ottoman by Roche Bobois, Rosemary Hallgarten area rug and paintings and artwork by Mathew Langley and Ludwig Favre keep things bright and fun



In the primary bedroom, Mercado placed the bed floating in the middle of the room. The bed integrates a headboard, nightstands, reading lights and a dresser



On the terrace, durable furnishings were selected for outdoor use. A lacquer-and-stainless-steel dining table and chairs by Paola Lenti at DDC, a sectional and coffee table by Francesco Rota from DDC, on which sits alabaster wireless illuminating sculptures by Carpyen