

ABOVE: Architect and Interior Designer Débora Aguiar

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Celebrated Brazilian architect and designer Débora Aguiar joins with furnishings leader Artefacto to create a sophisticated collection inspired by nature.

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QUESTION: From where do you draw your inspiration?

ANSWER: From the natural environment. I am continuously inspired by nature in the form of shapes, lighting, wood, textures, fibers and natural stone. As a designer I believe that I have a duty to develop projects that incorporate sustainable techniques and materials.

QUESTION: What projects have brought you the most satisfaction and why?

ANSWER: All of my projects bring me great satisfaction and I am always looking for new challenges. The one-bedroom unit I designed in 1 Hotel & Homes in Miami's South Beach gave me the opportunity to work with different materials, textures, reused wood and other sustainable design.

QUESTION: Why do you enjoy working with Artefacto?

ANSWER: Artefacto represents some of the world's finest lines in quality and luxury design. We recently worked with them on a special collection of furniture that is inspired by nature and is crafted with sustainable materials.

QUESTION: What makes Brazilian design different?

ANSWER: Flexibility and adaptability — there are no limits as to what we can achieve. When we use rustic and natural elements along with noble materials it produces the sophisticated result that we love to create.

QUESTION: What are you working on now?

ANSWER: We are designing some private homes that are elegant and richly detailed, as well as hotel projects that include 1 Hotel & Homes South Beach, Hyde Resort and Residences and Hyde Beach House in North Miami.

QUESTION: What do you enjoy most about your profession?

ANSWER: The dynamism. Every day is different and it is always possible to create something new. I love when my clients say of the home I designed, "I want to stay here forever."





ABOVE: The hallway area of a home in 1 Hotel & Homes South Beach features a cocoa-colored palette with tropical elements. A pair of "Cubo" ottomans from Artefacto provide extra seating and tuck neatly beneath the sleek "Zim II" console table.

ABOVE RIGHT: Warmth is created in the living area with Artefacto's abstract "Nest Chair" and the curvy "Milpa"cocktail table created from sustainable woods. Near floor-to-ceiling windows, Fischer dining chairs provide ideal seating to enjoy ocean views.

Acclaimed architect and designer Débora Aguiar seeks challenging projects that engage her creative spirit and love of nature. She is the founder of Débora Aguiar Arquitetos in Brazil, an architecture and design firm that boasts an impressive portfolio of projects in the United States and throughout the world. The designer's signature style combines warmth and sophistication in furnishings crafted with sustainable materials such as reclaimed wood, bamboo, stone and natural fibers. One of Aguiar's projects, the redesign of a unit in 1 Hotel & Homes South Beach, was inspired by the hotel's beautiful beachfront property. Furnished with her new collection created in collaboration with luxury furnishings leader Artefacto, its design concept centers on bringing the outdoors in. "We have created a special line with Artefacto and hope to create more beautiful things with them," Aguiar says. +55 11 3889 5888; www.deboraaguiar.com M