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The centerpiece of this home is the great room, shown here awash in natural light, perfectly accented with stained open beam trusses, a stunning furnishings package and Maggie, Calusa Bay's good luck charm on every photo shoot.



Double mahogany and glass entry doors are flanked by stone columns, tastefully accented with a pair of Hubbardton Forge handmade iron sconce fixtures and matching entry arrangements by Calusa Bay Design.

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Combining the talented efforts of top luxury home professionals can often create “a perfect storm.” And in Naples, weather aside, this can occur when just the right group joins forces. On this stunning speculative project at 6600 Ridgewood Drive in Pelican Bay, a previously successful trifecta has essentially hit another home run.

Calusa Bay Design’s Leslie Sherman, and Realtor/broker Taber Tagliasacchi of Calusa Bay Properties identified this piece of land for their latest project.

“Pelican Bay offers an amazing palate for a prospective buyer, including 3

miles of white sandy beach, oceanfront dining, 27 holes of golf and a vibrant tennis program, and all within walking distance of Waterside Shops, Artis—Naples and Mercato,” Ms. Sherman says.

“It’s the best possible location for a new luxury estate home in all of Naples,” Ms. Tagliasacchi adds.

Calusa tapped Matt Knauf of Knauf-Koenig Group and John Cooney of Stofft Cooney Architects to collaborate once again, and the results are nothing short of spectacular. “The oversize lot gave us the opportunity to create a gracious, updated home with maximum curb appeal,” says Mr. Cooney. “This team hit another home run on this one.”

The goal was to design a piece of architecture in the tropical West Indies

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The spa-like master bath creates a private soothing retreat. Cabinetry by Calusa Bay Design, soaking tub by Kohler.

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genre. The 20-foot vaulted gable ceiling in the great room created the perfect opportunity for a stunning stained open truss ceiling detail spanning one end of the great room to the other. The ceiling detail is beautifully accented by the 12-foot double transom windows and French doors that flank both sides of the great room, flooding the room with natural light and creating a dramatic, inviting indoor living space.

Mr. Cooney says the open, light-filled, spacious design, repeated throughout every room in the house, is one of the hallmarks of his company’s design style. It, like this home, is simply beautiful.

“We were honored to be part of this team,” says Mr. Knauf. “Having completed several other luxury home projects together, we have an effortless synergy that allows us to anticipate the design choices more effectively. We bring a level of construction detail to our projects that is acutely focused on the finest finishes and trim details. From the custom transoms over each interior door, to the hand-crafted millwork, to the concrete foundation and solid block walls, the highest standards are upheld.”

As you enter the 25-foot stone entry through mahogany and glass double doors, the spectacular central living area takes your breath away. The single-story, 4,625 square-foot, spa-like retreat features four large en suite bedrooms, a light and bright dedicated home office, 4½ bathrooms and an amazing outdoor living space complete



Above: The outdoor great room has a 20-foot-tall stacked stone fireplace and a full kitchen. The area overlooks a private backyard with 50-foot pool and adjoining infinity spa.

Right: A glimpse of Stofft Cooney’s open floor plan with views from the kitchen through the great room to the front entry.



with kitchen, fireplace, TV and remote-controlled screens and shutters.

A product of the combined efforts of

Calusa Bay design coordinator Tatum Johansson and the HE Design team of Chad Elkins and Michael Hayes, the spectacular furnishings and décor package incorporates trusted names like Century Furniture, Habersham Home, Baker, Hubbardton Forge, Charleston Forge, Legacy Linens and Loloi Rugs for the ultimate achievement in casual elegance and relaxed sophistication.

“Anytime Leslie Sherman calls about a new project, we jump at the chance to collaborate with her team. We know the finished home will be something that we will be proud of for years to come,” Mr. Hayes says. “When I am out around town and I drive by one of our projects, I still get a bit of a thrill to be able to say, ‘We helped create that.’”

Design projects in the bigger metropolitan areas like Miami or NYC frequently get the bulk of the attention in the media, but seeing a completed project like this reveals the quality, depth of experience and talent right here in Naples. “It is apparent as soon as you arrive at the house that everyone from the landscape designers, to the painters and all of the other trades involved are high-end professionals,” Mr. Hayes says.

The custom-designed, wide plank, French white oak hardwood floors throughout the home are from Legno Bastone Wide Plank Flooring. “European craftsmanship and iconic design are paired with a light smoking process introduced for depth and subtle richness to the exceptionally wide planks and long lengths up to 10 feet,” says Arturo Guido of Legno Bastone. “The oiling was accentuated in the thin grain to create a finish which is considered by many as ‘furniture for your floor.’” he says, adding, “The final finish came together by our European artisans seamlessly layering contemporary and traditional elements.”

A state-of-the-art chef’s kitchen custom designed by Calusa Bay features a wine and wet bar and built-in butler’s pantry. Both the kitchen and its built-in banquette overlook lush, landscaped grounds, a 50-foot lap pool and an infinity edge spa.

“We have had a strong positive response to our Pelican Bay new construction homes,” Ms. Tagliasacchi says. “The homes have been attractive to residents within Pelican Bay, who are looking for the style and modern technology that our new homes offer, as well as upscale buyers looking throughout the Naples market for a sophisticated new home.”

As Naples real estate continues to grow and flourish, it is homes like these that shift the landscape toward the sophisticated and fresh. Truly custom finishes from Calusa Bay Design, expert architectural design from Stofft Cooney Architects and the highest quality construction detail from Knauf-Koenig Group are what this dream team delivers to the new Naples luxury market. ■

— For more information about this home, call Taber Tagliasacchi at 287-0777, email [Taber@TaberNaples.com](mailto:Taber@TaberNaples.com) or go to [6600RidgewoodDrive.com](http://6600RidgewoodDrive.com).



A walnut dining table by Century Furniture is perfectly adorned with a graceful custom chandelier by Low Country Originals. Simple skirted linen side chairs, a soft contemporary painting and a custom-finished Habersham sideboard complete this eclectic, elegant look.



The master wing is a spacious, welcoming retreat overlooking a beautiful and private backyard and pool. A dash of plum provides just the right accent to the soothing neutral tones throughout.



An especially favorite room in this home, the dream kitchen has a large island with 2-inch mitered quartzite counters and a custom 10-foot metal range hood. The hood, cabinetry and finishes, all by Calusa Bay Design, introduce a fresh, eclectic, yet elegant style that resonates throughout the home.