

# THE MIRAMAR

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## *An Estate by Alvarez Homes*

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Photography by Jorge Alvarez



Architect Addison Mizner popularized this Spanish and Mediterranean Revival style for the estates he designed in Palm Beach.

**T**HE DESIGN OF THIS ALVAREZ HOMES' MODEL WAS inspired by the architectural legacy of Addison Mizner. The 5,867 square-foot estate is located in the new coastal community of MiraBay. The two-story, four-bedroom residence has a European motor court, a variety of verandas and balconies, a three-car garage and ten-foot high ceilings. ▶

*The drawing room features its own bar, an interesting stepped ceiling and custom woodwork, which gives the space an undisputed air of elegance.*



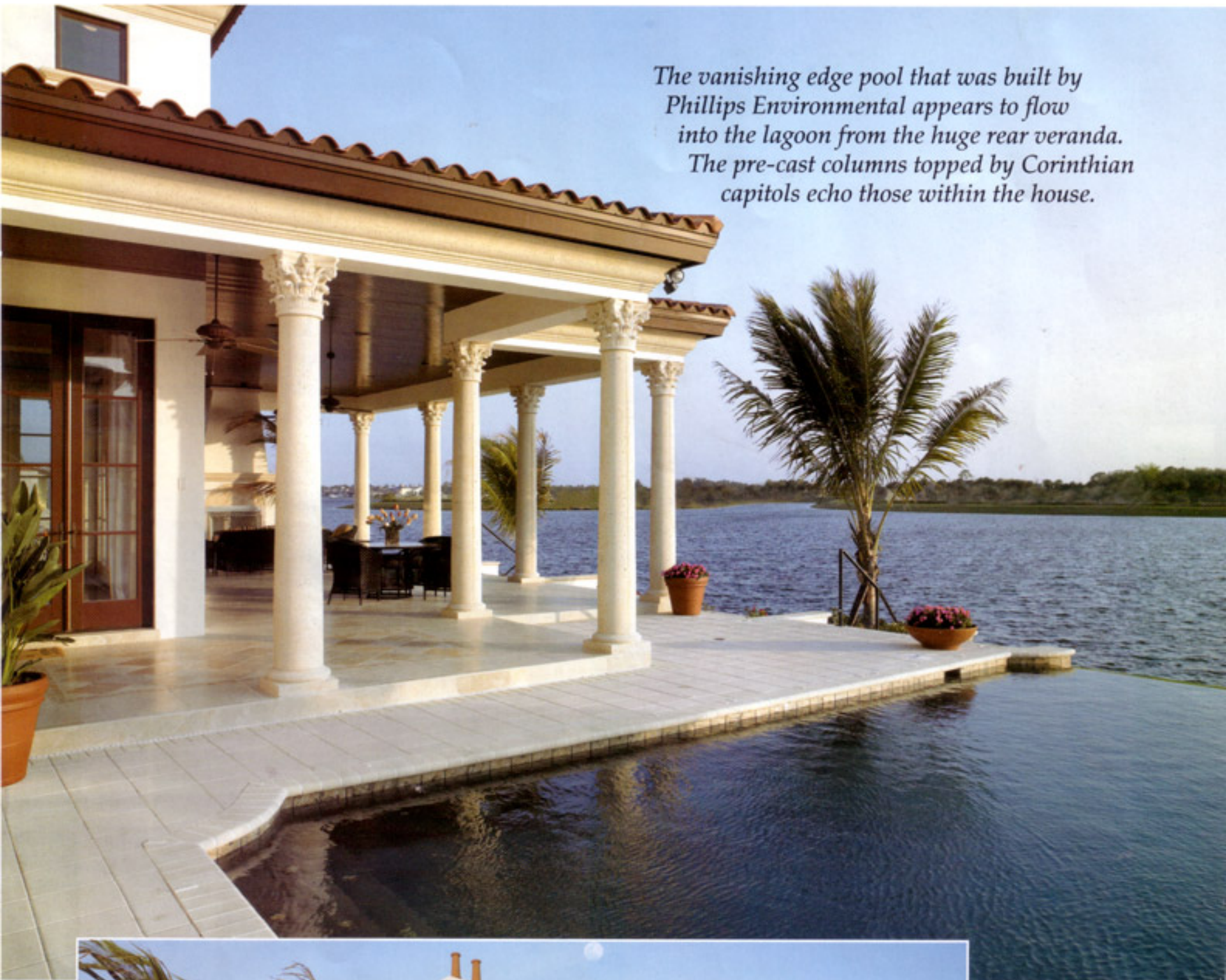


*The warm, inviting cabinetry was provided by Kitchen and Bath Ideas in Brandon and Clearwater. Luxurious Cohiba granite countertops and the drop-in farm sink are distinctive touches.*



*◀ In addition to its free-standing tub, the master bath area has a large walk-in shower. The custom shutters were created by West Coast Shutters and Sunburst in St. Petersburg.*

*The vanishing edge pool that was built by Phillips Environmental appears to flow into the lagoon from the huge rear veranda. The pre-cast columns topped by Corinthian capitols echo those within the house.*



*◀ The Mizner influence is evident from all angles. The expansive exterior areas under roof are ideal for entertaining.*



*The gathering room lies just beyond the breakfast room. The ten-foot high sliding glass doors in wood frames stack on the sides of the room to provide access to the veranda and views of the lagoon beyond.*

A winding grand staircase in the foyer leads to the 50-foot long gallery, adorned with columns. The spacious living room adjoins a drawing room along the gallery on one side, while the formal dining



room and kitchen stand across the hall. Beyond the breakfast area is the twenty-two square foot gathering room that leads to the veranda and its outdoor kitchen, fireplace and disappearing-edge pool.

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Plaster-cast pineapple crown molding accented with silver leaf, a pre-cast stone fireplace and Brazilian hardwood floors are all details that make the living room of this Alvarez-built home unique.

On the second floor, the owners' suite has a fireplace, morning bar and a private staircase to the lanai below. An ante room separates the master bedroom from its bath with a Roman-style tub, separate shower, twin vanities, bidet and walk-in closet. Each of the other bedrooms has its own bath and balcony. There is also a study on the upper level. Alvarez Homes achieved the look of an ageless estate by blending the Spanish and Mediterranean

Revival style that made the mansions of Palm Beach so desirable.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Alvarez Homes is located at 3617 Hudson Lane in Tampa, (813) 969-3033.