

nikki baron and Wendy St. laurer Baron & St. Laurent Interior Design



n an industry where firms are expanding and designers are less involved with the process, the Miami-based boutique firm of Baron & St. Laurent prides themselves on personalized interior design service and working hands-on with their clients.

Nikki Baron and Wendy St. Laurent listen, process and interpret the clients' wants and needs and then skillfully and creatively make it all happen—whether the style is traditional, contemporary or transitional. Thanks to their dedication and passion, the team of Baron &

St. Laurent works closely with their clients to create the most beautiful homes in South Florida.

The pair began their partnership in 1999 and have since become very successful, creating clean, luxurious and classic designs that reflect Florida's tropical environment. They work as a team with each other and their clientsexchanging ideas, challenging designs and making decisions-a process that originates from both their academic backgrounds.





Nikki received a master's of fine arts from the University of Miami and began her career as an Associate Professor of Fine Arts at Barry University in Miami, where she taught for nine years. Wendy received her bachelor's of architecture from the University of Oregon and is a professional member of the American Society of Interior Designers (ASID) and she is NCIDQ certified.

Together this award-winning pair was recognized in the annual ASID National Residential Design Competition, bathroom category in 2003 in Southern Accents magazine. They have also been published in Metropolitan Home, Southern Accents and the Miami Herald's Home & Design magazine. These well-educated, talented designers develop long-lasting client relationships and deliver timeless quality with a classic tropical twist.



BELOW LEFTA renovated 65-year-old Carribean Colonial home. The living room is traditional yet has a clean modern twist.

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New custom kitchen in white lacquer features stainless steel with Calcutta Gold marble and a blue and white china collection.

More about Nikki and Wendy...

WHAT IS THE BEST PART OF BEING AN INTERIOR DESIGNER?

Wendy explains that the best part of being an interior designer is being in an industry that is fluid and constantly changing. She sees each day as intellectually challenging, and a new chance to be fresh and creative.

WHAT ONE ELEMENT OF STYLE OR PHILOSOPHY HAVE YOU STUCK WITH FOR YEARS THAT STILL WORKS FOR YOU TODAY?

Wendy believes in balance, symmetry and proportion-these are the guiding principles that she learned in architecture school and applies to every decision she makes.

WHO HAS HAD THE BIGGEST INFLUENCE ON YOUR CAREER?

Wendy gives her partner, Nikki, the credit for influencing her career. She says, "Nikki pushes me every day to be a better, more creative and sincere designer."

WHY DO YOU LIKE DOING BUSINESS IN FLORIDA?

Nikki loves Miami because she says it's a "young and vibrant city growing by the second with a diverse population very exciting for creative, serious professionals. The volume of new projects feels limitless and we're excited to be here at this very moment."

WHAT DO YOU LIKE ABOUT BEING PART OF SPECTACULAR HOMES OF SOUTH FLORIDA?

Nikki feels a book is a new vehicle for the pair; there is an interesting element of permanence and documentation.

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