Driven by modernist principles of simplicity, volume and natural materials, Blurred Boundaries on Indian Beach represents an architectural masterpiece translated into its lush, surrounding context through poetic, yet restrained interventions.

On such a unique and spectacular site, it wasn't enough to simply design a home. The property – its extensive waterfront and sculptural mature groves create the opportunity to craft a one-of-a-kind, modernist masterpiece and family retreat that embraces the lifestyle of Florida outdoor living.

Upon entering the estate, an arrival drive meanders through lush, tropical gardens set beneath a preserved canopy of live oak and hickory trees. The organic patterns and layered textures of the gardens, inspired by the works of Roberto Burle Marx, not only provide year-round appeal, but provide ample screening to adjacent properties. Approaching the home, a sculptural live oak welcomes you under a shaded arrival court, seamlessly drawing individuals down through a flowering lily-pond courtyard.

Because the larger landscape is so dominant, spectacular and immediate, the architecture establishes a scale of the interior to match the exterior. Rising in an iconic, architectural gesture, the home's entry frames transparent views through the home and into Sarasota Bay. Upon entering, a linear gallery, an ideal space for art connoisseurs, extends the length of the home and provides access to all rooms. The design achieves maximum transparency between interior and exterior spaces, creating the illusion of a private sanctuary with infinite grounds.

Along the home's western façade, an expansive, promontory entertainment terrace provides uninterrupted views of Sarasota Bay and the Gulf. Playing off the architecture, a modernist lap pool, set parallel to the shoreline, maximizes cooling ocean breezes and creates a virtual sky mirror for the dramatic, ever changing sky. An expansive lawn provides ample space to relax or recreate.

Envisioned as an extension of the residence, the gardens bridge the contemporary vernacular to its more natural, coastal environment. A central courtyard, situated between the kitchen of the primary residence and the guest home, serves as a central meeting point for the estate's residents and guests. Shaded under a grove of palms, the terrace accommodates possesses the ability to host small, intimate gatherings and large, social events. In the future, should a future boat dock be constructed, the design places the courtyard on-axis with the existing easement, unifying the property to the Bay.

The design weaves together a series of interconnected gardens, allowing each interior room to enjoy the beauty of the coastal landscape. The guesthome rests within a Florida citrus grove, which unites the estate's tennis court and entertainment cabana to the east and a linear water feature and sunset firepit terrace to the west. The existing smaller home, situated upon Indian Bay Road, has been converted to an office and caretaker property. This ensures that minimal service traffic interrupts the privacy of the main residence.

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