

INTERIOR DESIGNERS



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ASK THE EXPERT

What are the key influences in your work today?
Sustainability, entertainment and technology. Having access to security and efficient performance, such as controlling temperature or lighting, has become prevalent as smart buildings are becoming increasingly popular.

How would you describe your clientele?
We service high-end residential and commercial clients, as well as developers and domestic and foreign investors. We team up with select realtors to provide a comprehensive service to our foreign investment clients.

What would be your dream creative project?
I would love to design an iconic building where the arts are practiced and available to people of all ages, from all cultures.

EOLO A&I DESIGN

At Eolo A&I Design, the creation of a home depends upon an understanding of energy flow, constant renovation, environmental preservation and teamwork at every level. "Our philosophy is to respect the client's needs and dreams in order to achieve a beautiful, enjoyable and sustainable project," says principal Sandra Diaz-Velasco. "My process starts the moment I meet a client. Once we begin an open and synergetic dialogue, the ideas start coming together, and we are able to build the puzzle. My favorite aspect is capturing the emotions the homeowner wants to convey and watching them translate into the design." Eolo, a full-service architecture and design firm, has become known for Diaz-Velasco's thoughtful combination of modern elements with traditional styles. A lover of all forms of artistic expression, Diaz-Velasco's desire to reflect emotion in her designs was instilled by her grandfather's love for craftsmanship and ability to turn simple aesthetic components into art forms. "I developed a passion and talent for designing structures and spaces through a holistic approach," she says. Having completed projects throughout Florida, Latin America and the Caribbean, the designer and architect has been the recipient of numerous awards, among which her recognition as one of DCOTA's Stars on the Rise may be the most telling. Yet when asked what she regards as the greatest success in her career to date, Diaz-Velasco says, "continuing to grow in a field that is, at least for now, dominated by men." A visionary in all aspects of the industry, Sandra Diaz-Velasco leads her innovative firm in creating structures that reflect the clients for whom they are designed.

TOP:
In collaboration with MADY & Associates, Inc., Eolo designed the Four Points by Sheraton at Miami International Airport, where the two-story hotel lobby features a vintage industrial style charged with Miami flavor.

BOTTOM:
Clean, modern lines are highlighted through an emphasis and play on natural lighting in this Palmetto Bay family room, part of a 3,500-square-foot full renovation.



Designed for an art collector, this Brickell condominium was fully renovated into a modern and gallery-esque bachelor pad.

“A good design balances form, function and context. A great design transpires emotion, allowing the client to take ownership of the project and enjoy it.”

—Sandra Diaz-Velasco



This kitchen remodel, part of a 3,400-square-foot renovation in Deering Bay, reflects the owner's love for cooking and entertaining. The design provides an abundance of working space and top-of-the-line appliances.



With an approximate total area of 17,000 square feet, this estate residence received a full interior renovation featuring an eclectic mix of classical and modern design.