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A large, modern white house with a covered patio and a swimming pool. The house features tall white columns supporting a dark roof. The patio area includes a built-in grill and a dining table. A swimming pool with a mosaic tile border and a small waterfall is in the foreground. The sky is blue with scattered clouds.

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Vania Machado,

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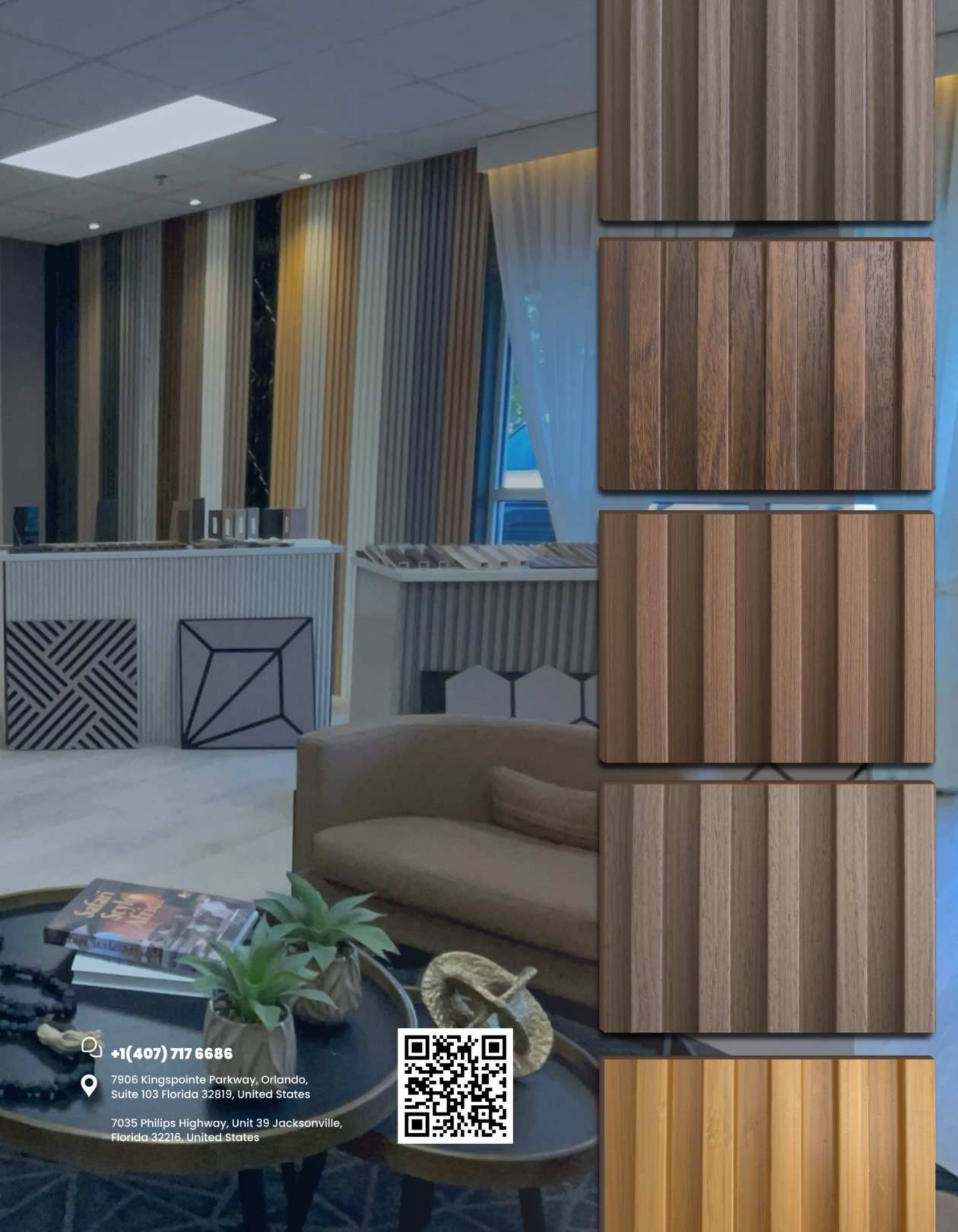


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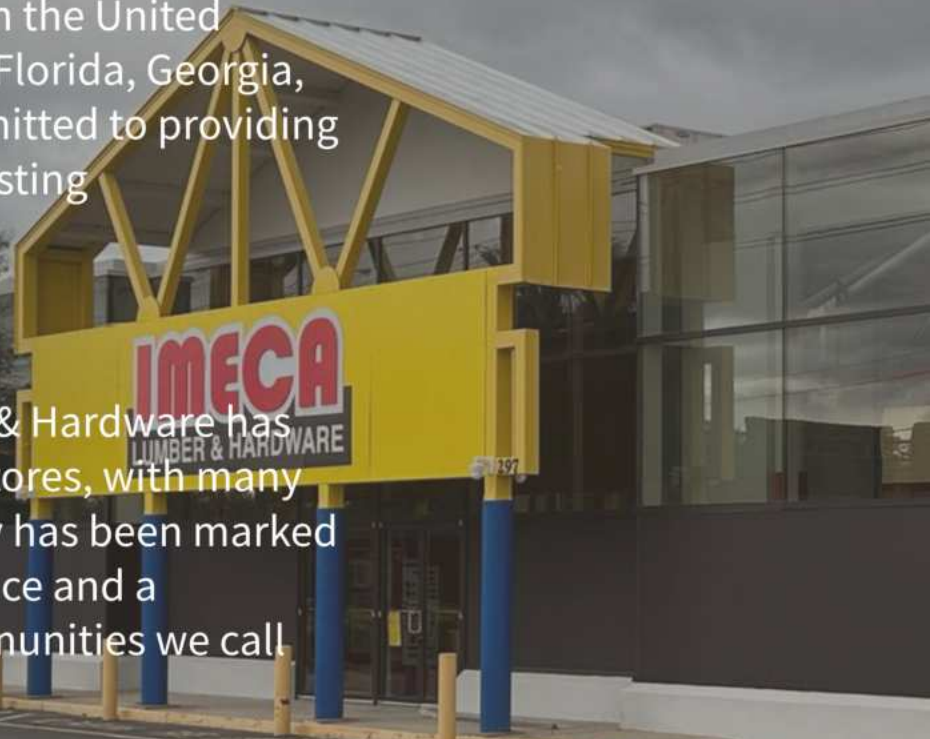
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The concept behind this wonderful living room
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There is already a sense of concretion, in this project we used striking lighting and noble materials!

The woodwork is a highlight, in addition to the decorative details that add charm. The furniture has contemporary features that prioritize comfort and enhance the feeling of coziness.





Cassia Monteiro
- Interior Design -



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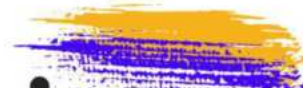
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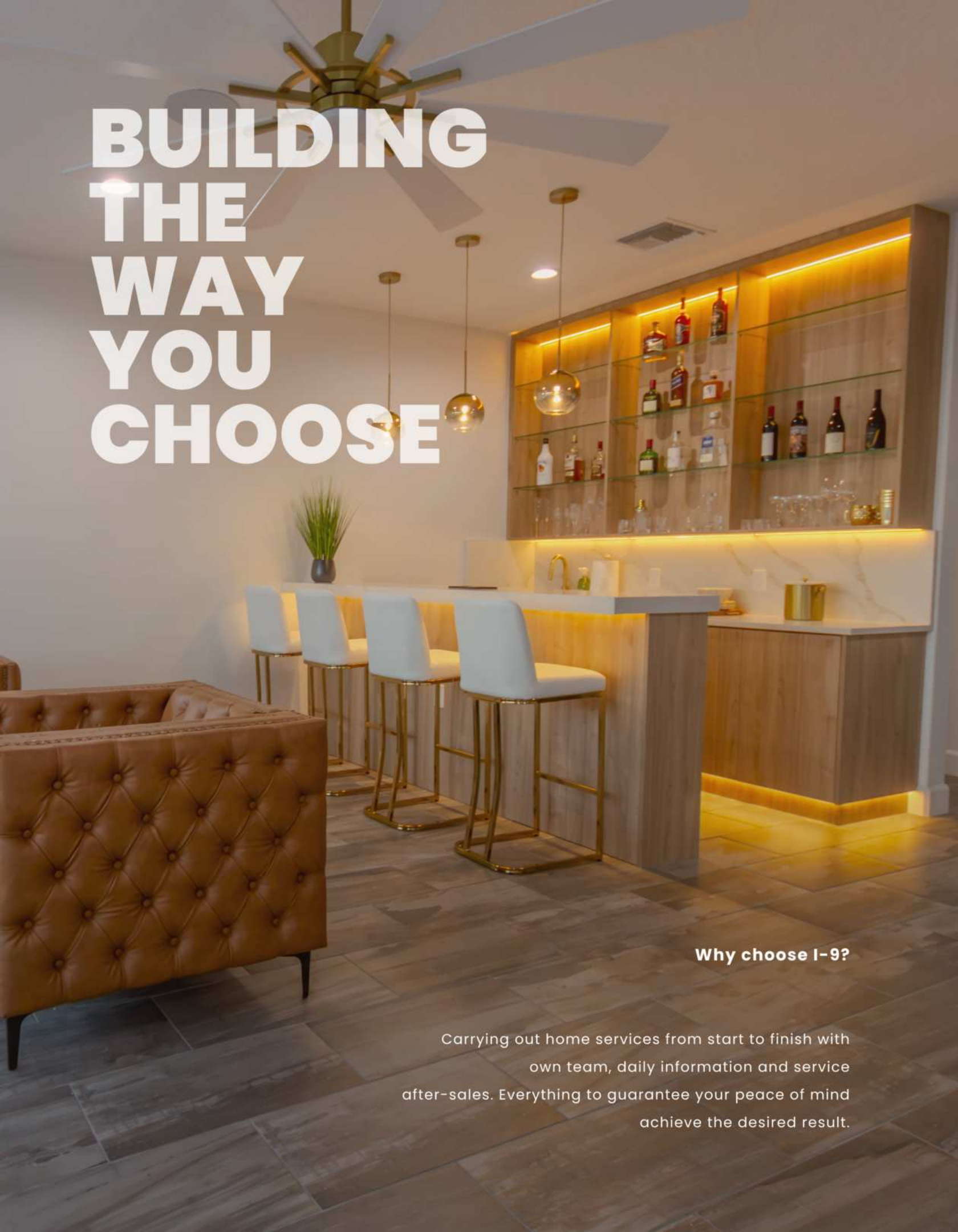
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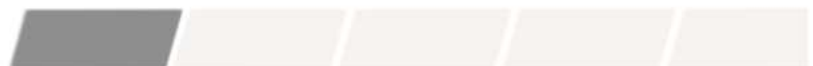
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From Transportation to Construction: A NEW BUSINESS

Journey to Success

Moving to another country is already a huge challenge in itself. Moving to another country and to another area of professional activity may seem like an even greater risk. But for Valter Garcia Jr., a Brazilian businessman with degrees in Law and Logistics and over 20 years of success in the transportation and logistics sector, this change was an opportunity for growth. Seven years ago, when he moved to Florida, in the United States, he decided to restart his professional career in a completely different field: building and remodeling homes, as well as selling decorative materials.

Together with his partner, Carlos Schell, Valter found a promising market in the construction sector and, together, they began selling high-end materials, such as PVC Marble, Slatted Panel and coatings for indoor and outdoor areas. Today, the two entrepreneurs are living examples that determination, market vision and resilience are the true secrets to success — regardless of the sector or country in which one operates.

The Courage to Start Over

Upon arriving in the US, Valter realized that the construction industry was booming and offered great opportunities for entrepreneurs willing to innovate and adapt. Without being tied to the experience he had accumulated in Brazil, he immersed himself in the new market, studied trends, met suppliers and invested in the marketing of differentiated products to meet the design and functionality demands of the American market.

With dedication and strategy, he built a new path of success, proving that the fear of change cannot be greater than the desire to grow. His story shows that starting a business in the United States does not just mean staying in the same area, but rather being open to new possibilities and challenges.

Inspiration for Other Entrepreneurs

Valter Garcia Jr.'s journey is an inspiration for Brazilian entrepreneurs who dream of expanding their horizons and conquering new markets. He shows that, with hard work, research and adaptation, it is possible not only to live in the United States, but also to reinvent yourself professionally and prosper.

If you are thinking about starting a business outside of Brazil or even changing your field, remember: success does not depend solely on the sector in which you work, but on your ability to learn, innovate and never give up. Valtter's story is proof that the world belongs to those who have the courage to change.



Valter Garcia Jr.



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NEWS

Flying dragons and omnidirectional elevators: Inside Epic Universe, one of the largest, most expensive theme parks ever made



As if the words from “Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix” have jumped off the page into reality, fluorescent green fog shrouds people walking through a wizarding world Floo Network transit tunnel, to be greeted on the other side by an atrium with soaring ceilings depicting moving storm clouds. It might be the first time Muggles (non-wizards) have been inside the Ministry of Magic.





That is just one jaw-dropping moment for guests to experience when Universal Orlando Resort officially opens its third and newest theme park, Epic Universe, on May 22. It is the first major theme park to open in central Florida in 26 years.

At 750 acres, including both guest areas and backstage space for employees, it is believed to be the largest theme park in the world and estimated to have cost up to \$7.7 billion to build, according to Dennis Spiegel, owner and founder of consulting firm International Theme Park Services. Universal hasn't commented on the park's cost.

"I've seen them all," Spiegel said of theme parks around the world. And Epic Universe, he said, is "the best."

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ORLANDO NEWS

State Road 516: The Electric Highway Transforming Orlando

Florida is about to witness a revolution in mobility with the construction of *State Road 516 (SR-516)*, an innovative highway connecting **Lake and Orange counties. This pioneering project, led by the **Central Florida Expressway Authority (CFX)*, will allow electric vehicles to recharge their batteries while driving using **wireless charging technology*. In addition to modernizing transportation, SR-516 will bring significant benefits to the economy, community, and environment.

Benefits of SR-516

The project offers numerous advantages, making it a landmark in Florida's highway infrastructure:

- *Dynamic charging*: Electric vehicles can charge their batteries while moving, reducing the need for stops.
- *Improved mobility*: The highway will help ease traffic congestion between Lake and Orange counties, enhancing travel efficiency.
- *Sustainability*: The project includes an **80-meter wildlife corridor*, ensuring safe animal crossings and minimizing environmental impact.
- *Economic growth*: With modern infrastructure, SR-516 will attract investments and boost the local economy.

Statistics and Construction Timeline

SR-516 will span *7 km*, with the first segment featuring **wireless charging* covering *1.6 km*. The project will be completed in **three phases, with full completion expected by **2027. The total investment amounts to approximately *\$546 million**.

Future Investments and Partnerships

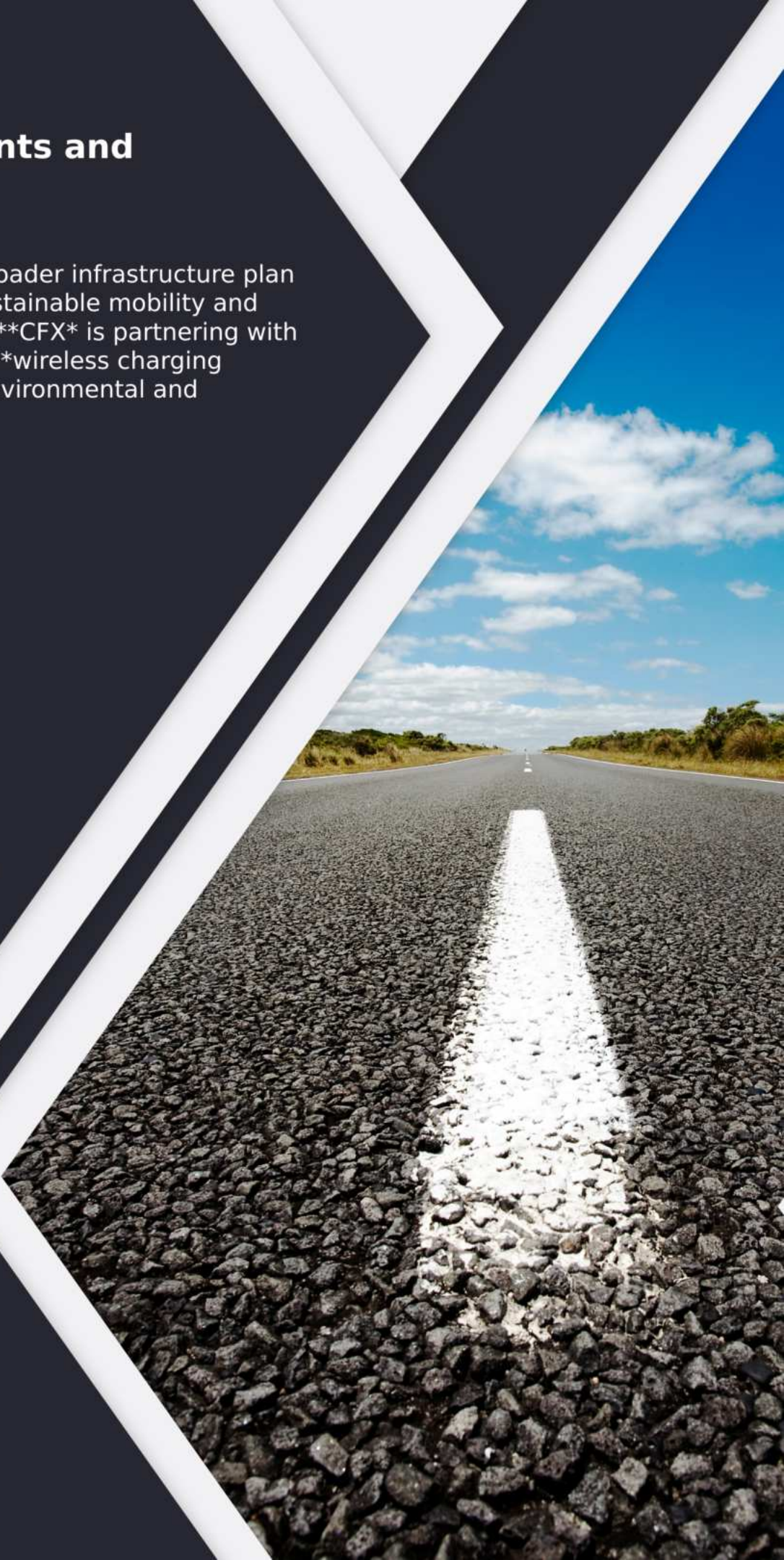
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Also present was Igor's wife, Giovana Camargo, presented her book - (Mão na Massa). The book is about SIMPLE RECIPES WRITTEN IN A FUN AND INTERACTIVE WAY BY ONE OF THE BIGGEST STARS IN THE FOOD SECTOR OUTSIDE OF BRAZIL. A journey through her homeland and some corners of America.

Igor, CEO of Spirits Cabinetry, spoke about the importance of the company and its relevance to the local community, and also spoke about growth plans where it aims to reach other states with its products. Spirit Cabinetry also presented its flooring products, which aim to further enrich the architecture and kitchen sector.


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