



PAULA YANEZ | INTERIOR DESIGNER

PORTFOLIO 2024

ABOUT



PAULA YANEZ

A born and raised Miami native, growing up in the magic city I was fortunate enough to be surrounded by culture, art, and design. This portfolio is dedicated to demonstrate my growth as a designer and showcase the different typologies that I was able to explore in the world of design.

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Commercial | Retail Design



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LOKAL | MIAMI

Residential | Floating Sustainable Housing Apartment

2024 | Master Thesis Design

Florida International University School of Interior Architecture

DESIGN CONCEPT

LOKAL MIAMI, located in Edgewater Bay, addresses **climate gentrification by offering floating, sustainable apartments for Miami residents**. This thesis proposes a sustainable solution to South Florida's housing market, which is impacted by rising sea levels and gentrification. During my research, I pursued a LEED Green Associate certification to ensure a sustainable approach when designing an innovative solution for how future residences can adapt to changing environments and prevent the displacement of communities.

MIAMI'S NEW HOUSING SOLUTION

LOKAL

MIAMI



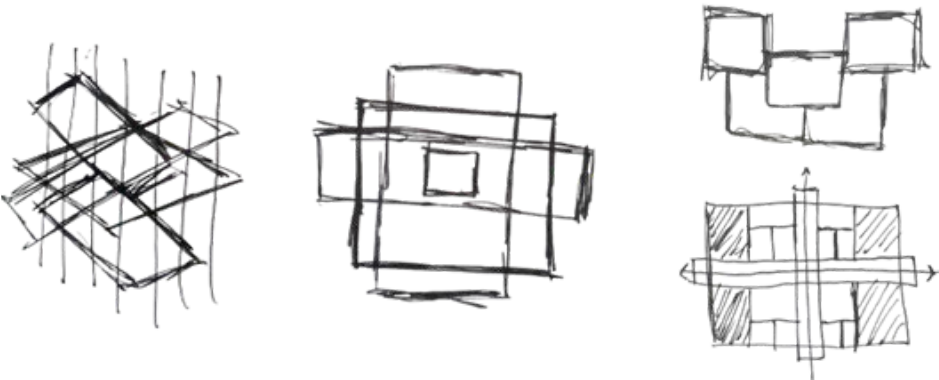
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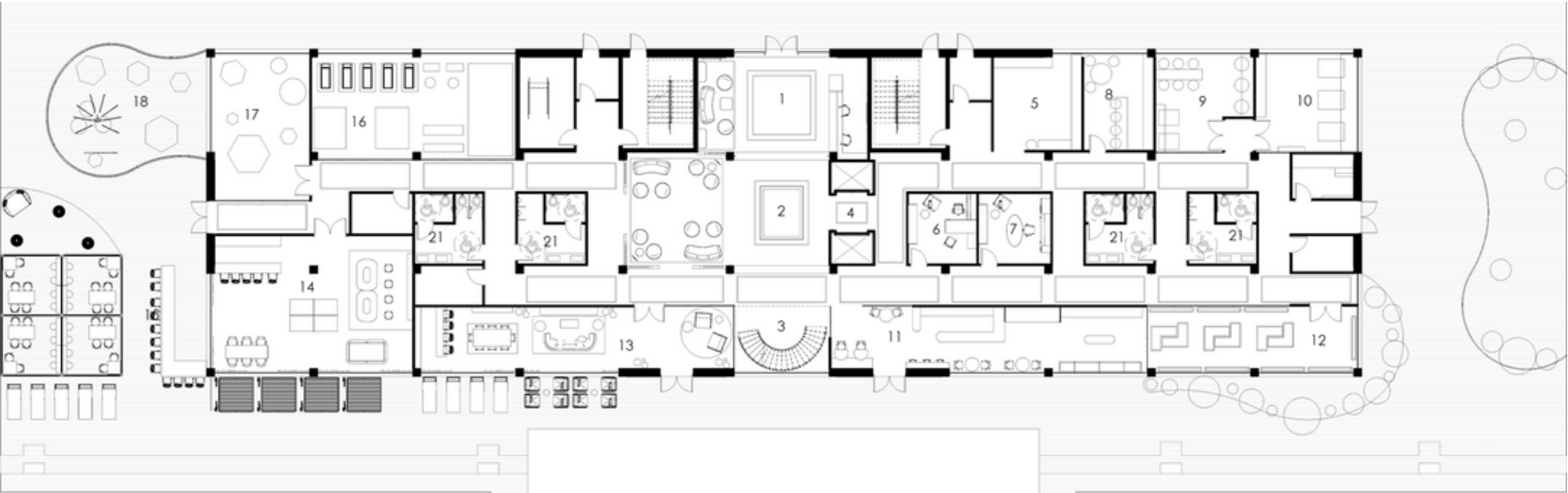
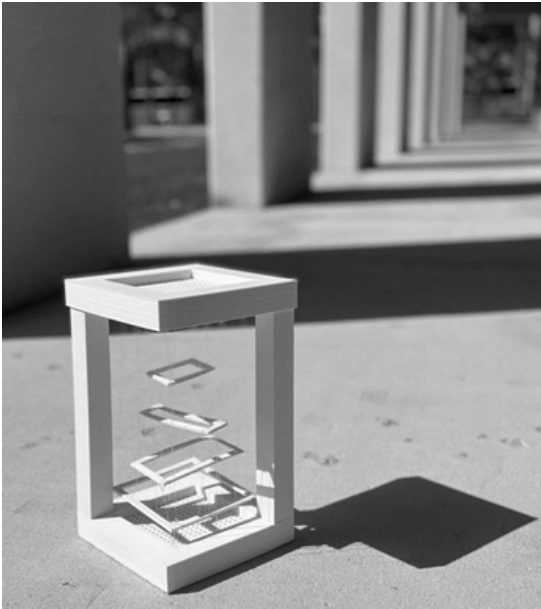
During the brainstorming phase, the goal was to abstract key elements from the concept model and use these abstractions to shape dynamic **circulation** throughout the structure. The result is an environment that embodies stability, authenticity, and deep engagement with its occupants.

Designer Note: The model has floating elements that represent the floating structure while also representing the users that come from different walks of life all gathering in this new unique space.

CIRCULATION SKETCH



MODEL SKETCH



LEVEL 1 FLOOR PLAN | AMENITIES

- AMENITIES LEGEND
- | | |
|----------------------|--------------------------------|
| 1. RECEPTION | 13. COMMUNITY LOUNGE |
| 2. LOBBY | 14. ENTERTAINMENT ROOM |
| 3. STAIRS | 15. OUTDOOR LOUNGE AND KITCHEN |
| 4. ELEVATORS | 16. GYM |
| 5. MAILROOM | 17. KID'S PLAYROOM |
| 6. LEASING OFFICE | 18. PLAYGROUND |
| 7. MANAGER OFFICE | 19. POOL |
| 8. BREAK ROOM | 20. DOG PARK |
| 9. HAIR SALON | 21. ADA RESTROOMS |
| 10. BARBERSHOP | 22. COMMUNITY WORKPLACE |
| 11. BODEGA | |
| 12. COMMUNITY GARDEN | |



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| ARMCHAIR



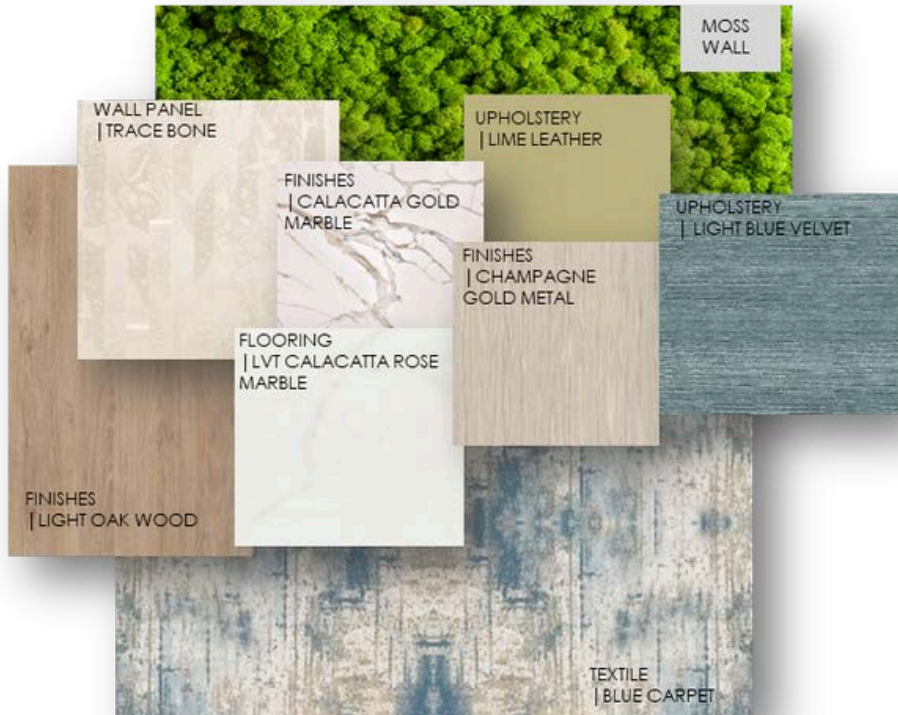
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| SIDEBORD



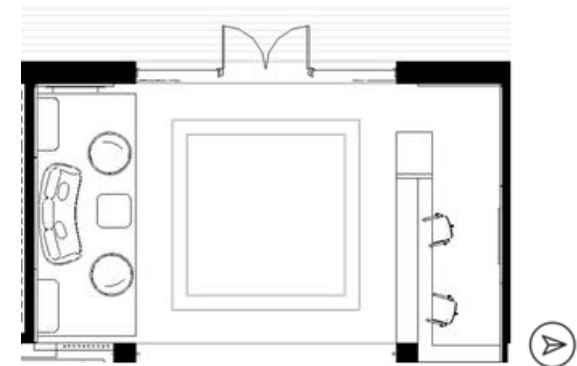
SANTA & COLE
| DISCO LED WALL LIGHT



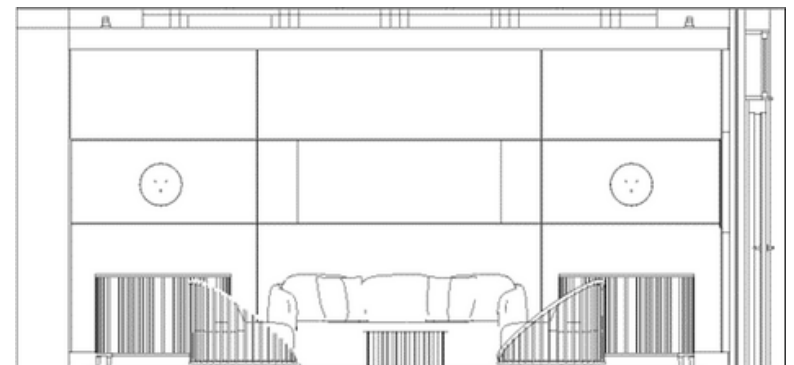
RECESSED LIGHTING



MATERIALS



ENLARGED PLAN OF RECEPTION



SECTION | RECEPTION SEATING



SECTION | RECEPTION LOBBY



MATERIALS

Designer Note: Inspired by Japanese architecture, the design balances simplicity, functionality, and harmony with nature by emphasizing natural materials, spatial design, and connection to the environment.

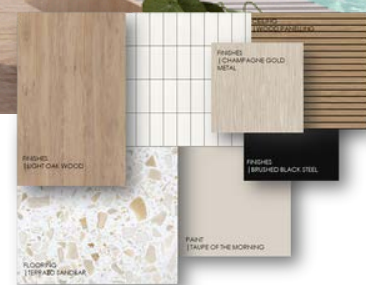
LOBBY





AMENITIES

Since the structure is floating, it was crucial to include essential amenities to ensure a comfortable living space. One of the key highlights is the BODEGA, a community convenience store where residents can purchase essentials or grab a coffee without leaving the floating structure.



GAME ROOM

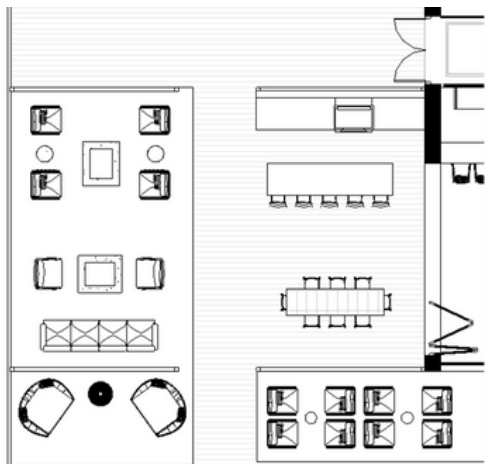


MAILROOM



AMENITIES | Outdoor Kitchen and Lounge

Beyond offering basic amenities, it was essential to create spaces that foster a **connection between the users and their environment**. The outdoor kitchen and lounge not only provide functional areas but also offer an **immersive experience**, allowing residents to engage with their surroundings and appreciate the unique ambiance of the floating structure. These spaces **encourage social interaction** and outdoor living, deepening the connection between the community and the natural environment.



ENLARGED PLAN OF OUTDOOR LOUNGE AND KITCHEN



MATERIALS



YAAZ UZ
| TEAK AND SUNBRELLA
GARDEN ARMCHAIR



KETTAL BOMA
| 4-SEATER FABRIC GARDEN SOFA



SALVATORI
| SPAN RECTANGULAR MARBLE TABLE



SECTION | OUTDOOR LOUNGE AND KITCHEN



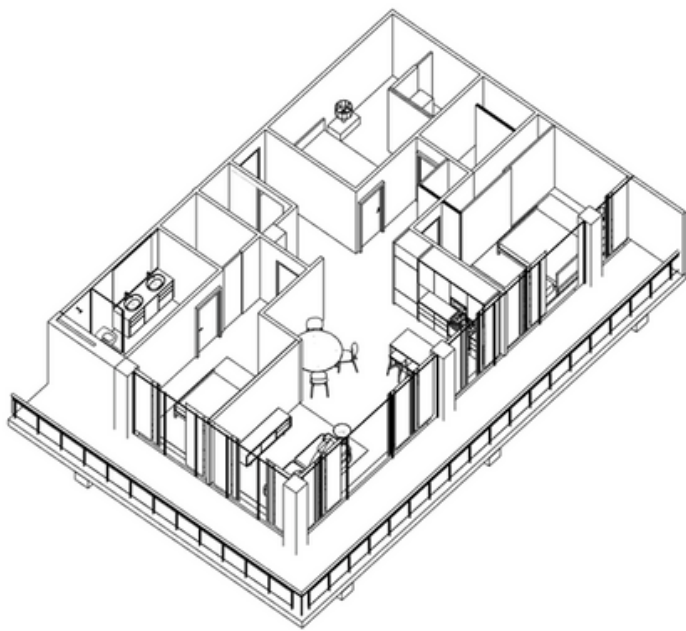
OUTDOOR COMMUNITY KITCHEN



OUTDOOR LOUNGE



OUTDOOR COMMUNITY KITCHEN



AXONOMETRIC OF MODEL APARTMENTS
3 BEDS/2 BATHS



SECTION | KITCHEN DINING AREA

Residences | User Experience

The design approach for the residential apartments features a neutral material palette, acting like a blank canvas that allows residents to personalize their space. The public areas follow an open floor plan to promote flexibility and social interaction, while the private areas are intentionally designed to be more secluded, offering privacy and retreat.



MATERIALS



APARTMENT



BEAT FLAT PENDANT



MATTIAZZI
| MC24 SETA



BEDROOM



MATERIALS | BEDROOM



MATERIALS | BATH



BATHROOM



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MOUNT SINAI EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT

Commercial | Healthcare Design

2023 | Grad 5 Design

Collaborative Project | Designers: Paula Yanez, Britney Alvarez, Shadeva Taylor

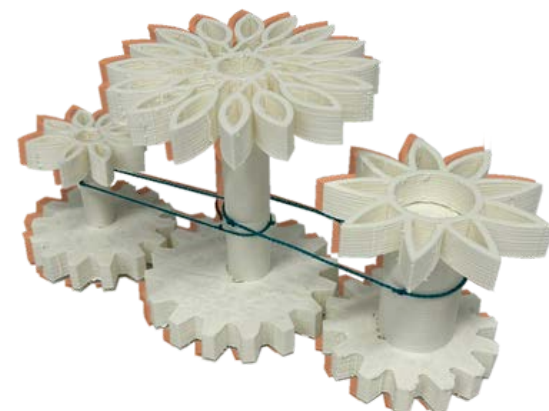
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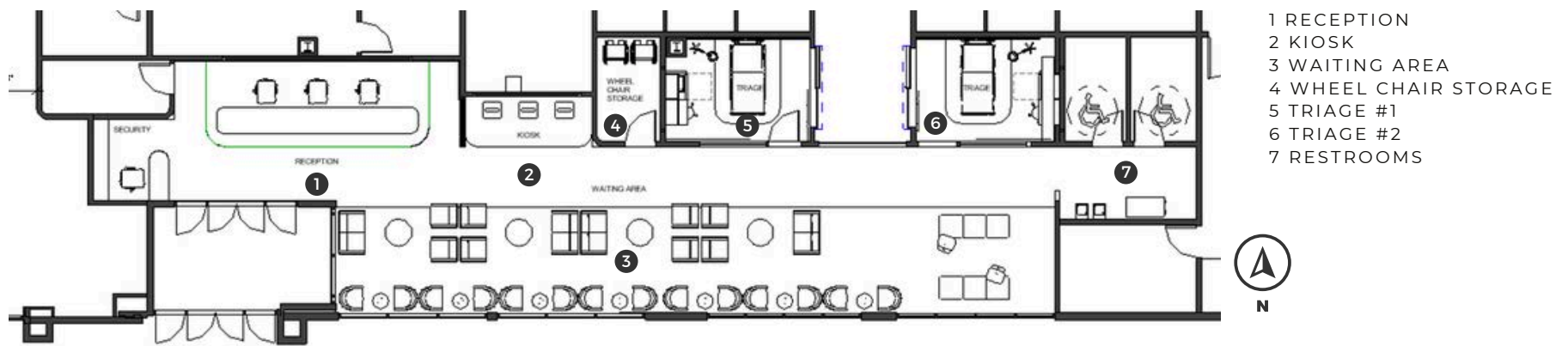
CONCEPT SKETCH

DESIGN CONCEPT

Mount Sinai Freestanding Emergency Center is designed to encourage seamless **interactions** between staff and patients. The layout and enclosure systems are thoughtfully planned to support fluid interactions within these **interconnected** environments, while also providing spaces for individual moments. Efficient navigation within the center is crucial, as it reduces nurses' reaction times and ensures clear **wayfinding** for visitors. The selected materials should promote **wellness** and **reassurance**, while also being durable enough to withstand the demands of a busy emergency center.

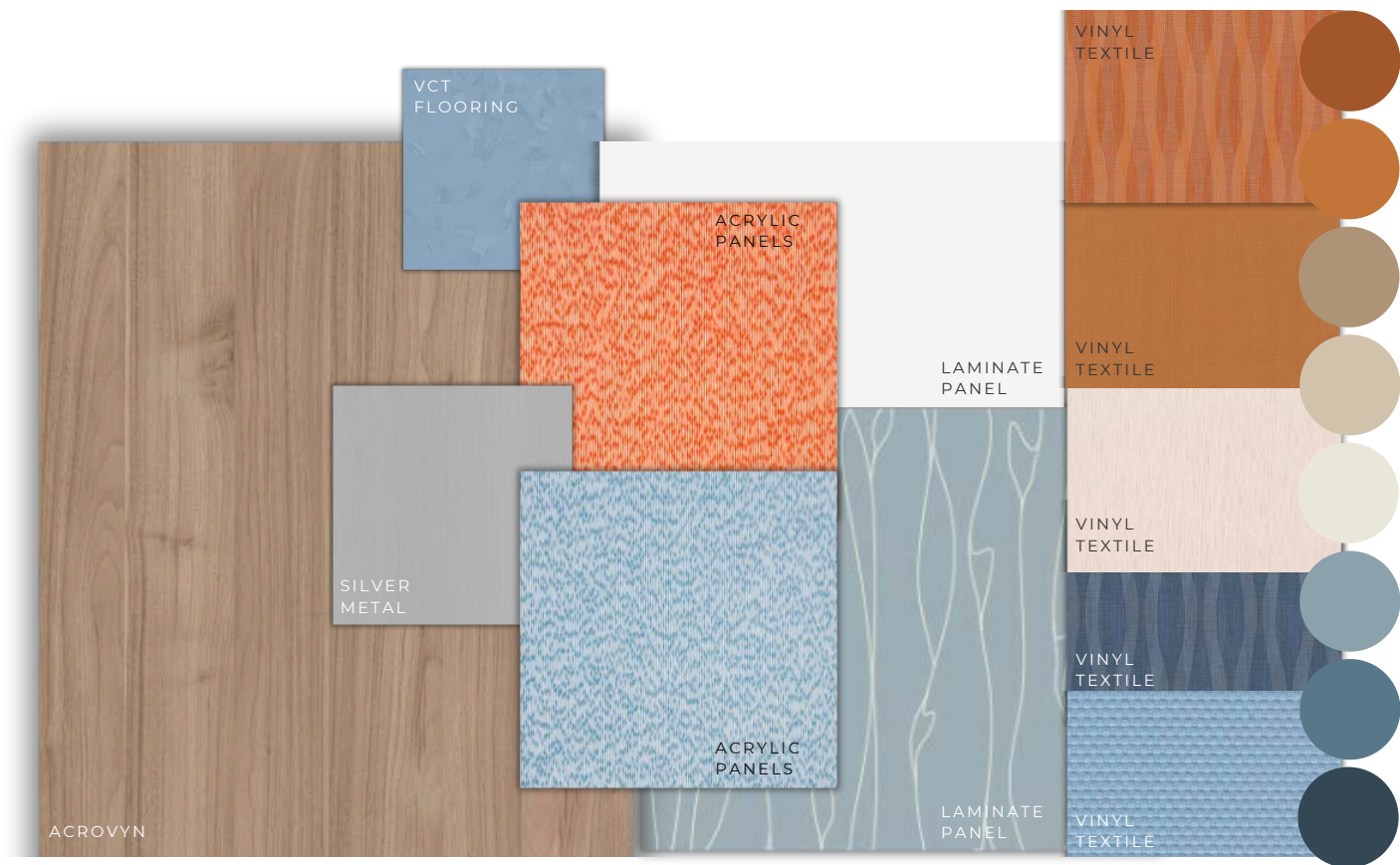


3D CONCEPT MODEL



MATERIALITY

The complementary colors blue and orange work together to create a **harmonious** yet **dynamic** atmosphere in healthcare design. Blues enhance tranquility and serenity in the private spaces of the emergency department, fostering a **calming** environment for patients. In contrast, the use of muted and vibrant oranges in public areas encourages patients and **invigorates** staff, promoting energy and positive **interactions** within the space.





ENLARGED EMERGENCY RECEPTION AND TRIAGE SECTION



KEY PLAN



KIOSK AREA

KEY PIECES



Y60.G2
Lounge Chair
OFS Healthcare Collection



BELMONT
Office Chair
AJ Products



Y60.G2
Lounge
OFS Healthcare Collection



ROLLING STOOL
Medical Furniture
Southwest Medical Group



WAITING AREA



Virtual Kiosk



ELLISSE COLLECTION
Ceiling Pendant
Nemo Lighting



WAITING AREA



MR16 Recessed lighting
Ceiling Trim
Eureka Lighting



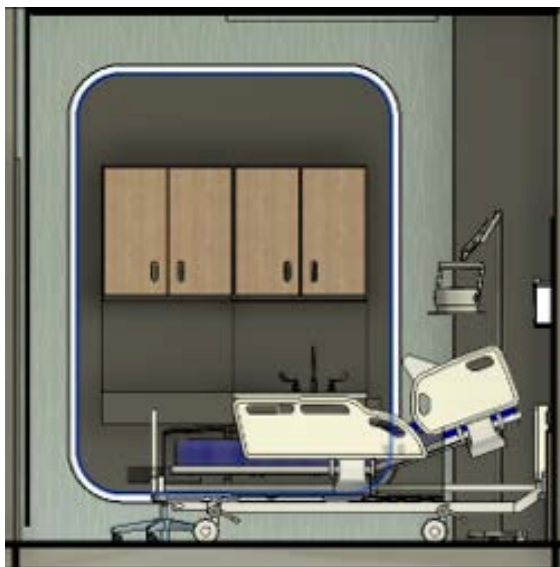
CSZ Cruze
Lighting
Cooper Lighting



TRIAGE

TRIAGE EXPERIENCE

The emergency triage process is a critical component in the **effective** management of patient care within an emergency department. This modern approach to triage prioritizes patient **safety** and **comfort** while ensuring staff members have all the necessary tools to provide **efficient** and high-quality care.



TRIAGE SECTION



TRIAGE



DINING/KITCHENETTE

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PRINCESS CRUISE STATEROOM SUITE

Commercial | Cruise Ship Design

2023 | Grad 4 Design

Study Abroad Graduate Degree

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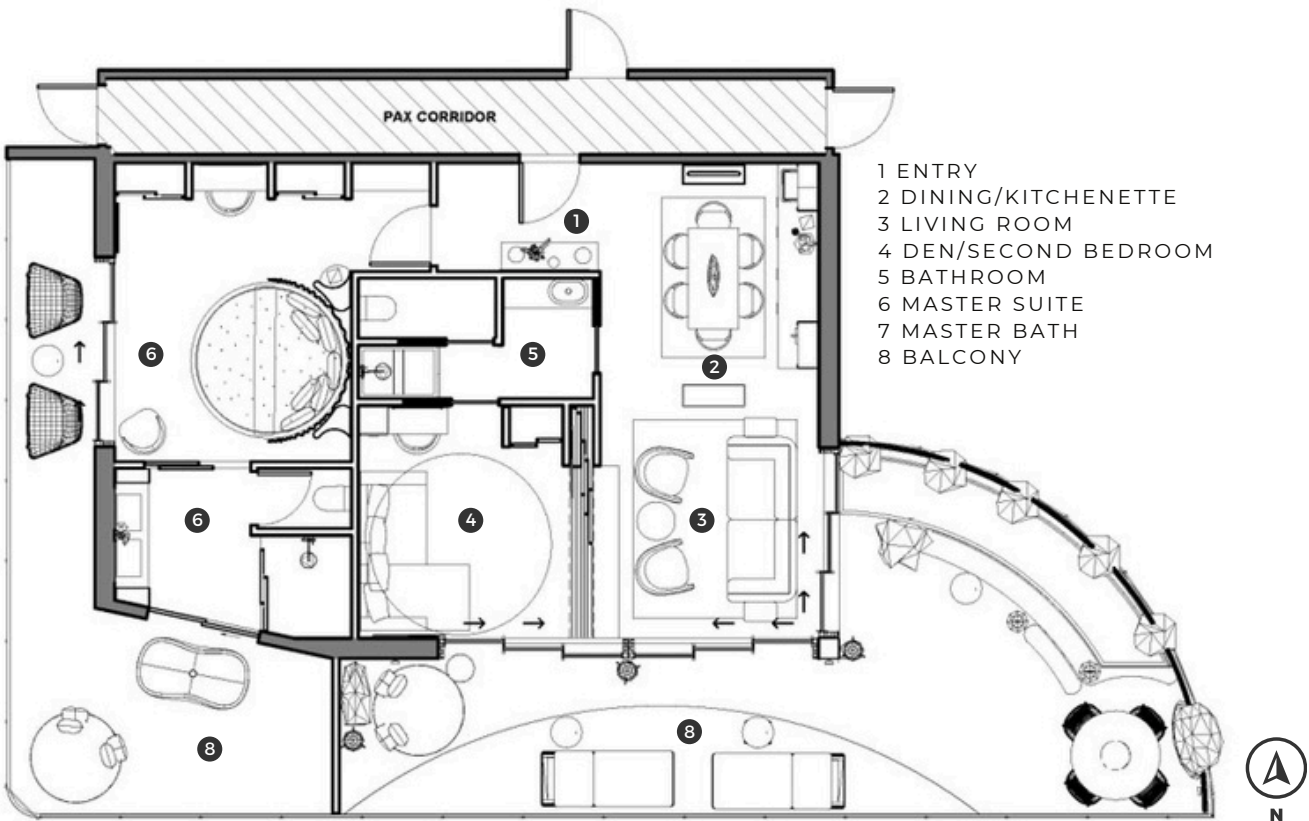
DESIGN CONCEPT

The intent of this design is to embody the essence of what Princess Cruises offers to its guest. The goal is to have an **immersive** experience by inviting natural light in every space and **engaging** their guest with a view of their destination. With the use of natural materials and a neutral color palette, the guest can enjoy a **rejuvenating** relaxing experience while on their voyage.



HONEY MOON SUITE

Experience the ultimate in **relaxation** with the Honeymoon Suite, offering a **unique** and **luxurious** retreat for couples at sea. This deluxe suite features a private balcony complete with its own pool, perfect for **intimate** moments and breathtaking views. Inside, you'll find a cozy den that can double as a spare bedroom for additional guests. This private oasis is designed to be so **comfortable** and all-inclusive that you may never want to leave.



HONEYMOON SUITE FLOOR PLAN



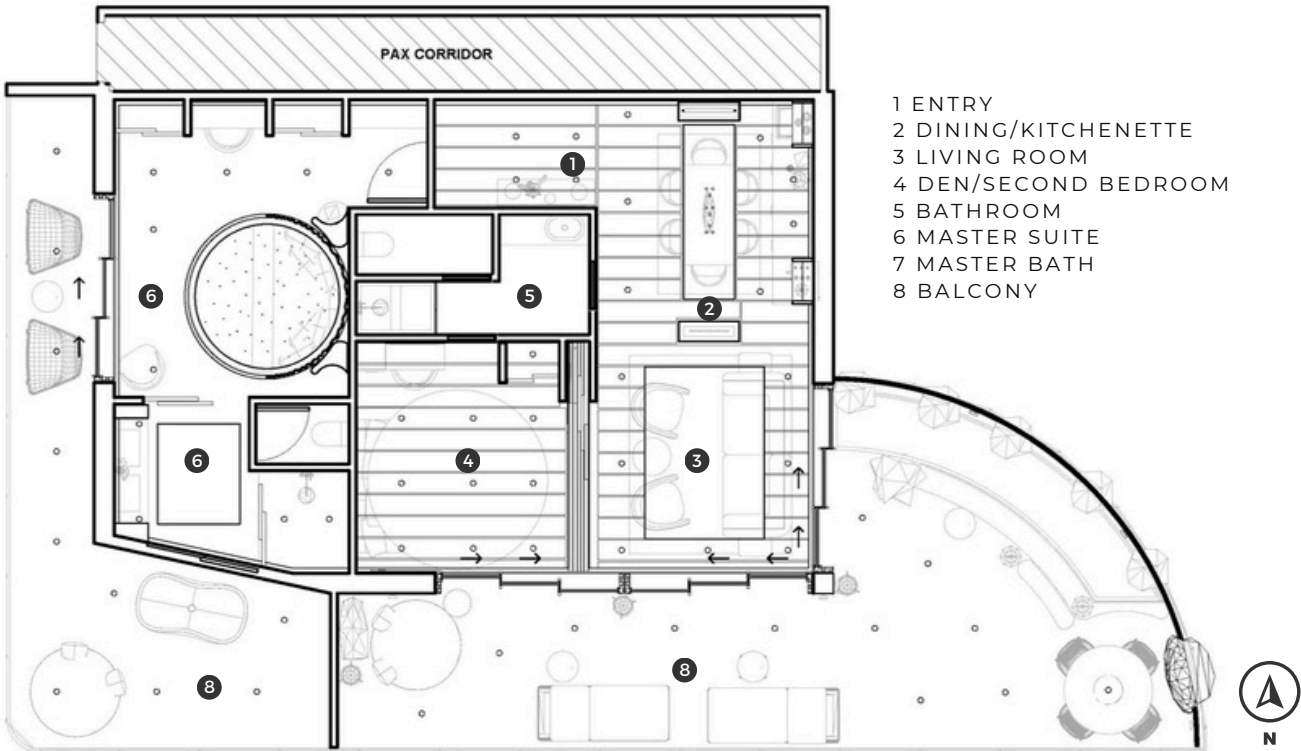
KEY PIECES



BENTE Sofa
Christine Kroncke Interior Design



BOEMIA
Swivel Arm Chair
Casa Magna



REFLECTIVE CEILING PLAN



MESH
Aluminum Side Table
Kettal



LES ENSEMBLIERS
Sun Lounger
Humble Nature



MODY DICK
Easy Chair
Morelato



PLATE
Wall Surface
Eureka Lighting



DROP SILENE CLASSIC
Ceiling Suspended
Eureka Lighting



MR16 Recessed lighting
Ceiling Trim
Eureka Lighting





The Honeymoon Suite features a custom-made bedframe designed to enhance **privacy** and **romance** for the happy couple enjoying this one-of-a-kind experience. The suite's color palette is neutral with carefully chosen accent colors to create a **serene** and intimate atmosphere. Every element of the design is intended to evoke relaxation and romance, making it the perfect retreat for couples.





BEACH CLUB

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SANLORENZO X VERSACE

Commercial | Yacht Design

2022 | Grad 3 Design

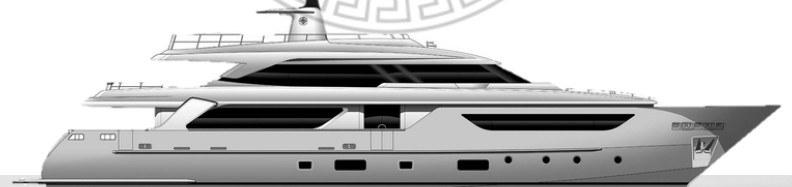
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DESIGN CONCEPT

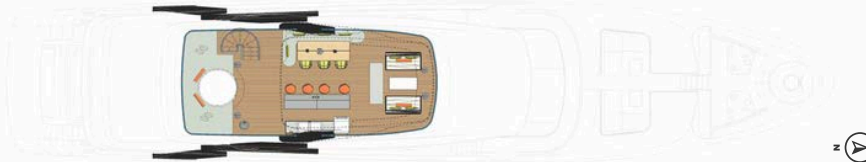
SANLORENZO is renowned globally as a leading producer of custom yachts and superyachts, embodying a perfect fusion of craftsmanship and advanced technology. This new collaboration with Sanlorenzo will inspire the Versace brand to leverage its iconic identity and expertise, crafting a truly unique and unparalleled experience.

SANLORENZO
MEDUSA
SD126





TOP VIEW



FLYBRIDGE PLAN



UPPER DECK PLAN



MAIN DECK PLAN

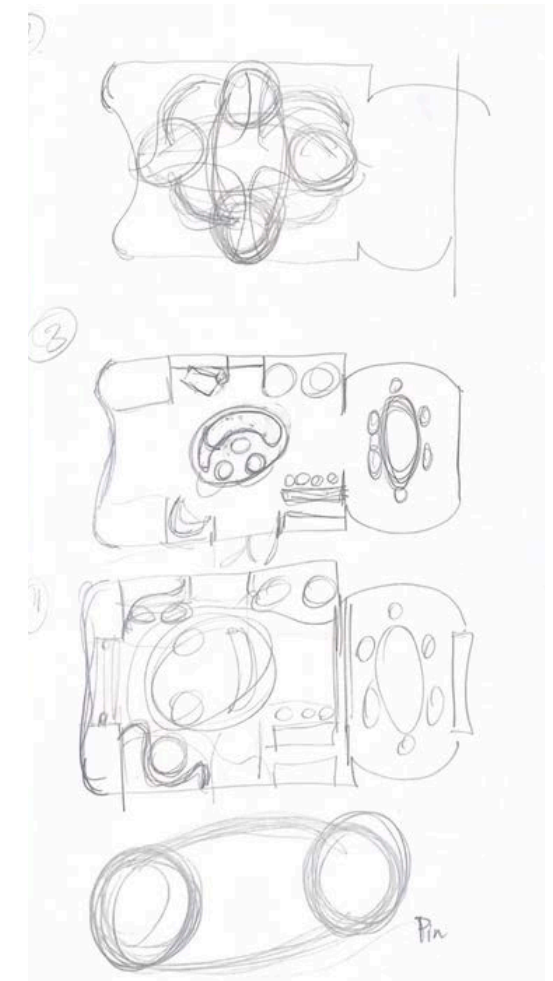
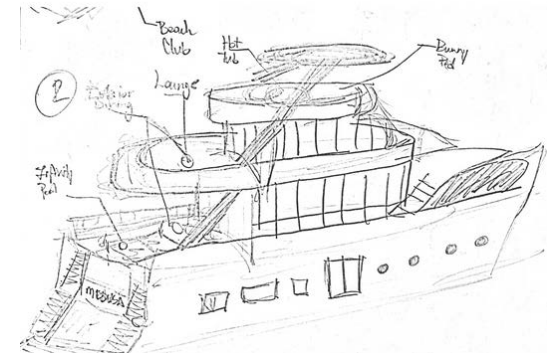
SPACE PLANNING

Inspired by the iconic Versace pin, I designed the **layout** and circulation of the yacht to mirror the elegant **curves** found in the pin's design. This deliberate choice reflects how the graceful **contours** of the pin seamlessly echo the **sleek, aerodynamic** shape of the yacht itself.

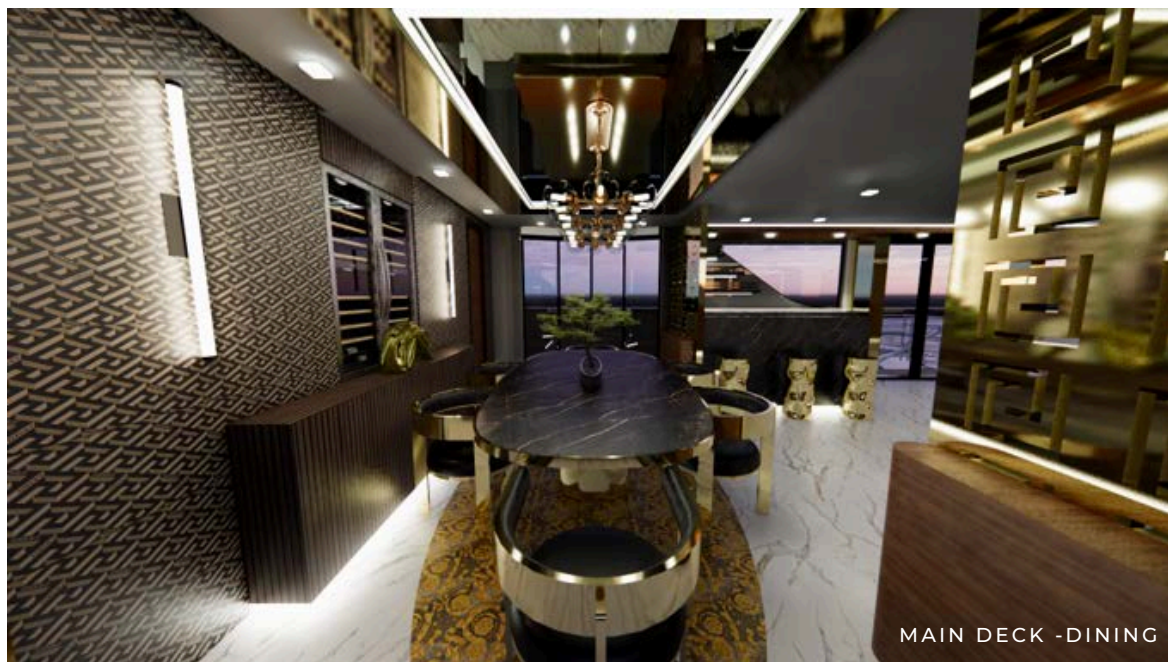
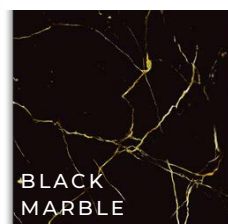
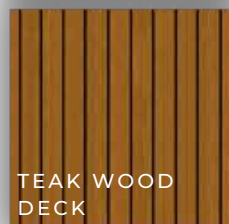
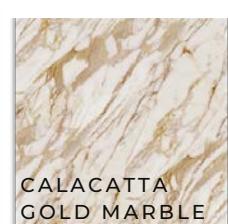
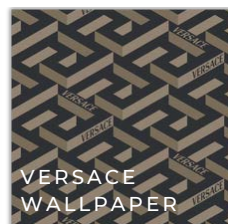


AFT DECK VIEW

SANLORENZO MEDUSA SD126



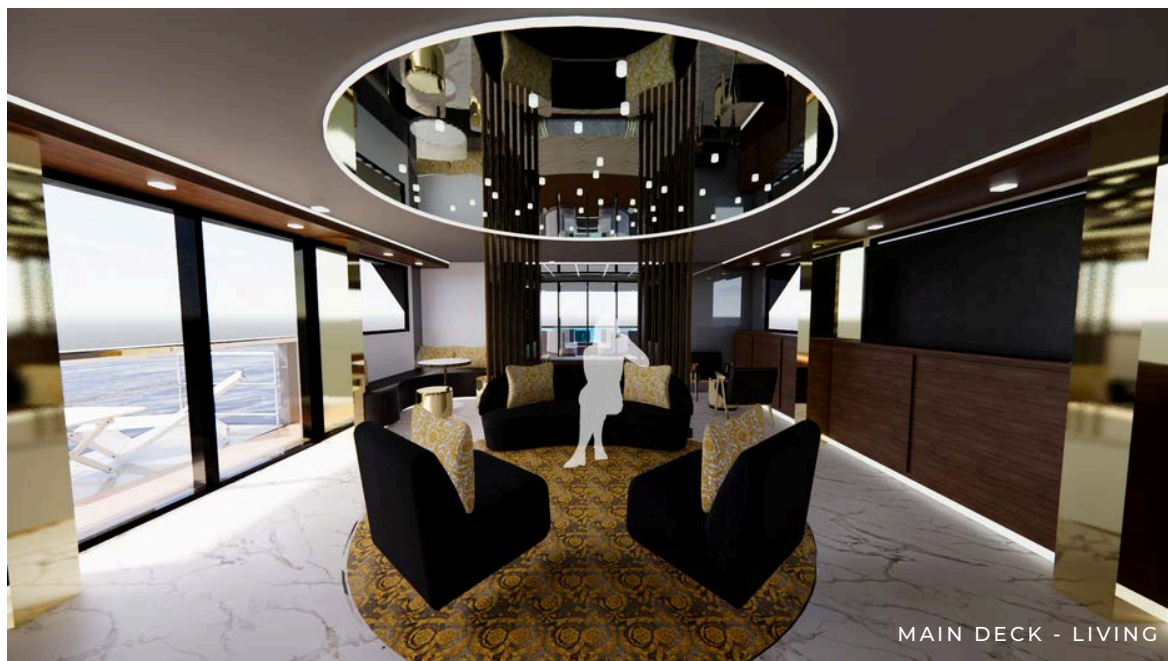
DESIGN CONCEPT SKETCH



MAIN DECK SECTION

MAIN DECK

For the main deck, the classic brand colors of Versace were chosen to pay homage to what paved the way for the Versace brand. Just like SANLORENZO storytelling, Versace has a story of their own.





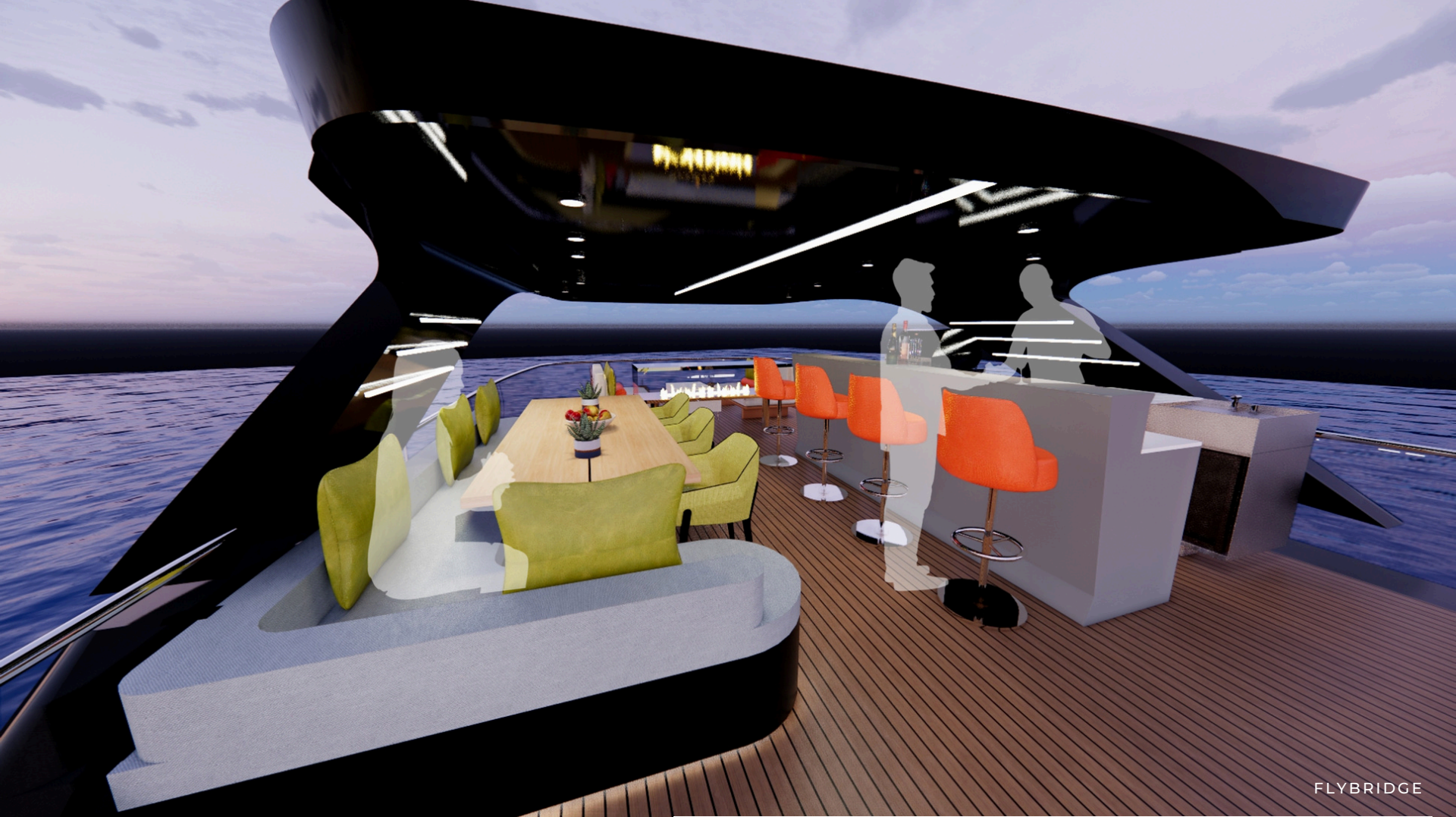
UPPER DECK - MAN CAVE

UPPERDECK

For the upper deck, the space is all about a **daring** experience. The story continues with Versace starting to push the boundaries of what it is to be a modern-day yacht owner.

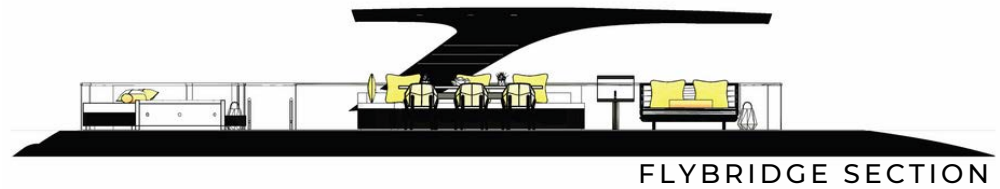


UPPER DECK EXTERIOR



FLYBRIDGE

The flybridge expresses the desire to **relax and have an exciting experience**. With the chartreuse color continuing, orange is introduced as it is often described as an energetic color. It may call to mind feelings of enthusiasm and excitement.





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ASPHALT

Commercial | Retail Design
2024

Freelance | Design Consultant
Queens, New York

BRAND CONCEPT

I undertook a freelance project as a design consultant for a client embarking on a renovation of their established retail store. The client's brand, "ASPHALT," is renowned for catering exclusively to New York City's hypebeast population. Specializing in curating the latest styles and trends from top-tier brands, the store serves as a vibrant hub where urban fashion enthusiasts can discover and embrace the cutting-edge in streetwear culture.



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Boutique Store

• 585B Veterans Rd W Staten Island, NY 10309.

• 5100 Kings Plaza Mall, Brooklyn.

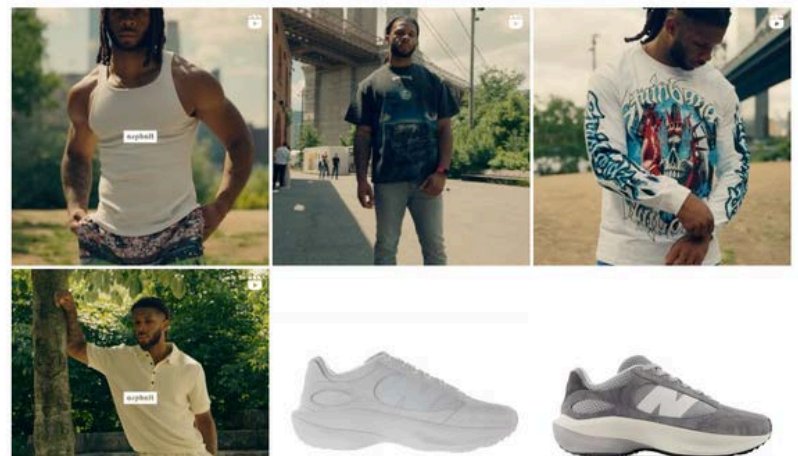
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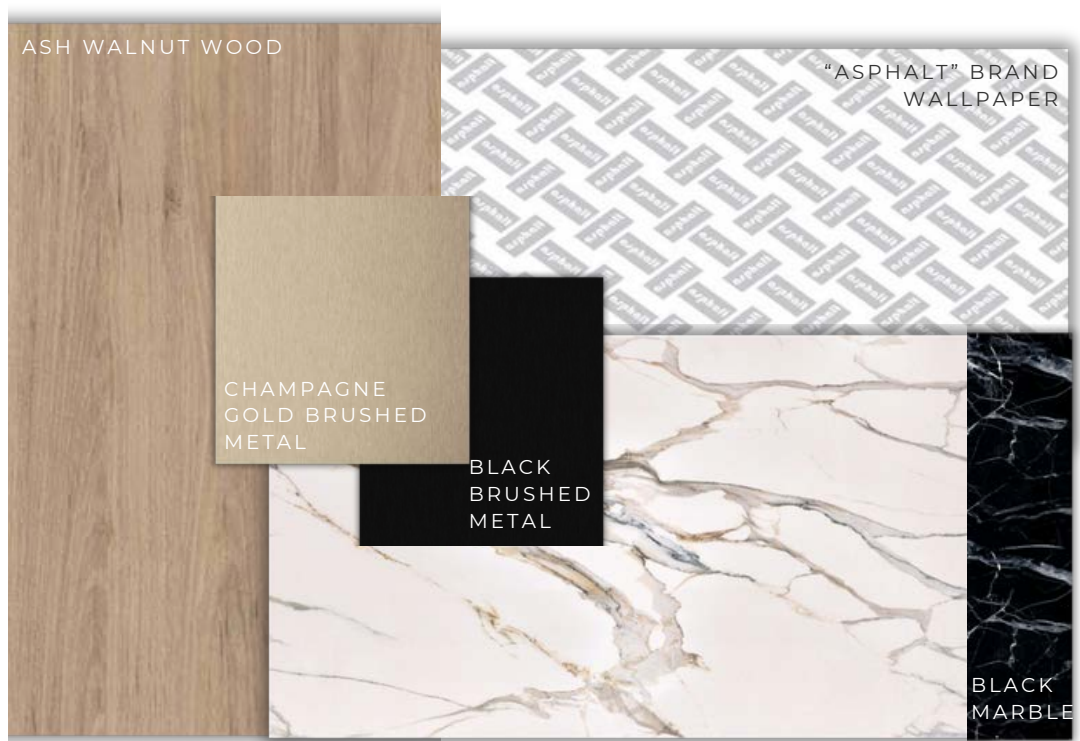
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BRAND CONTENT PAGE

DESIGN CONCEPT

The client's vision was to create a retail environment with a **neutral** palette that exuded a sense of luxury. They aimed for a **spacious** layout where each product could be prominently displayed without appearing cluttered. A key requirement was to enclose the register area, ensuring **privacy** for staff while maintaining **clean lines** and unobstructed views of all product displays. This approach was integral to achieving a **sophisticated** and **customer-friendly** atmosphere within the store.





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