A photograph of a modern residence at night. The building features a large window with horizontal wooden blinds, through which interior lights are visible. The courtyard in the foreground has a wooden deck, a row of white lounge chairs, and a planter bed with gravel and greenery. The sky is dark blue.

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BELOW: We developed the Ballantrae Court residence as a seasonal home in a South Florida golf community, responding to both the client's desire for a modern design while embracing the context of Florida living and the community's aesthetic requirements. The metal roof cladding along with natural stone walls and wood ceilings and decks reflect the vernacular building traditions of the area. Extensive window walls afford seamless integration and visual connection to the outdoors, with the back of the house defined by pavilions that extend into the landscape and look out to the golf course beyond.

FACING PAGE: At the main entry, the louvers, water garden, and river rocks create a sense of tranquility.  
*Photographs by Robin Hill*



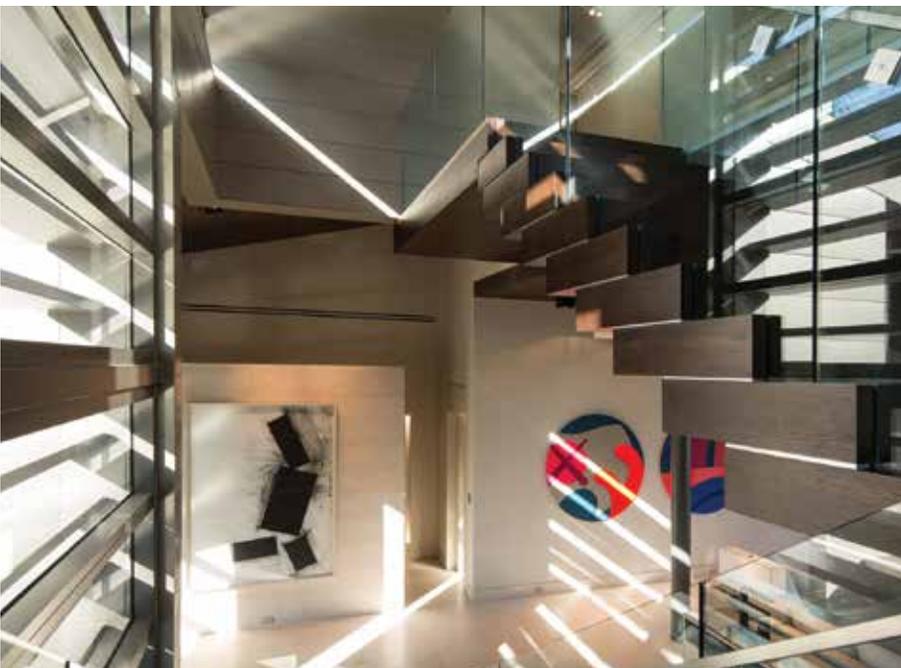
# KZ Architecture



Jaya Kader, founding principal of KZ Architecture, has always been passionate about beauty and how it is expressed in nature, but it wasn't until she took an architectural history class in college that she knew how to manifest her core interests of art, humanities, nature, and culture—and the rest is, well, history. She has worked on numerous projects including public libraries, schools, municipal centers, houses of worship, residences, and resorts. As a Costa Rica native, her travels have afforded the opportunity to experience world-class architecture and understand the higher calling of her craft.

Many have described KZ Architecture projects as tropical modern, but rather than being confined to a particular style, she simply believes her work to be humanistic and in tune with nature, mindfulness, and spirituality. Her best advice is always to start with a blank slate and let go of any preconceived notions of what a building should be. Jaya has also been an advocate for sustainable design since the inception of her firm in 2003—one of her projects was the first LEED certified residence in Miami. Her firm exemplifies how to use the power of design to extend sustainability across environmental, social and economic concerns.

Above everything, though, Jaya considers the most important technique of her work to be good listening. Understanding her clients' needs is the key to creating projects that merit the purpose they are meant to serve—and, indeed, the process of helping others manifest their dreams through creativity and design is what she enjoys most.



BELOW: Spacious, distinct exterior living spaces in the rear courtyard, including terraces, porches, and balconies, continuously connect the inside to the outside and extend the interaction between the landscape and the architecture.

FACING PAGE TOP: These louvers in the front of the home provide privacy from the street and modulate the southeastern morning sunlight.

FACING PAGE MIDDLE: A large central space integrates the living, den, kitchen, and dining area, all with extension to the outdoor covered spaces. Materials and finishes weave in and out of the house, with metal and stone clad walls as well as tongue and groove ceilings that consistently define the interior and exterior spaces.

FACING PAGE BOTTOM: The main entry to house invites natural sunlight into the space, creating a play of light and shadow, with the sculptural wood and stainless steel staircase.

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