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"I would like to think that I am a woman who is comfortable and celebratory of my strengths and indulges in the qualities that make me feel beautiful."

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INTERIOR DESIGNER AND REALITY-TV STAR NINA MAGON GETS READY TO RELEASE HER VISION OF LUXURY ON MIAMI

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MAGON'S HOTS

Barcelona, Gaudi, very high heels, croissants, True Religion jeans

MAGON'S NOTS

Complainers, the color red, olives, silk chairs

Nina Magon thinks a great deal about glamour, and when she does, she dwells on two words in particular: *Bring it!* When the Houston-based interior designer—the president of Contour and star of NBC's *American Dream Builders*—decided she needed a second outpost to match her proclivities, it was glamorous Miami all the way. So she's opened a new studio on Brickell Avenue. "Miami and my style are very similar," she says. "I travel all over the world—from Italy to India—learning as much as I can, and I want to bring that knowledge here because I know this city is very international. I did a lot of research on Miami designers and from what I've seen, they take modern very literally. Miami needs me!"

Magon's TV program, in which 12 designers vie for the American Dream Builder title via a series of home renovation challenges, has exposed her to so many talented competitors that she couldn't help but be impressed—and influenced. "On the show, I've learned from all the different contestants," she says, "and now I feel I can bring in something a little bit different." That something can take a decidedly bold approach: "What about a yellow chandelier or a purple chandelier, just a wow-factor in a room, or an unusual flooring?" she muses. That decisiveness reflects what Magon calls the best career counseling she ever received: "Follow your instincts and don't be swayed. My mother gave me that advice."

Magon's penchant for luxury is as highly attuned as her confidence. When she thinks about the life she wants to offer her clients, she quickly points to the languorous early scene in Baz Luhrmann's *The Great Gatsby* in which Daisy Buchanan and her friend Jordan Baker are lazily draped on divans. "I wish people really lived like that," she says, "so glamorous, with gorgeous clothes, living on such a large scale." Sounds like Miami and Magon are already a match made in heaven. 1395 Brickell Ave., Suite 800, Miami, 305.647.6339, contourinteriordesign.com