STEPPING LIGHTLY

green idea house

Owners: Robert & Monica Fortunato
Location: Hermosa Beach, CA
Photographer: Chipper Hatter

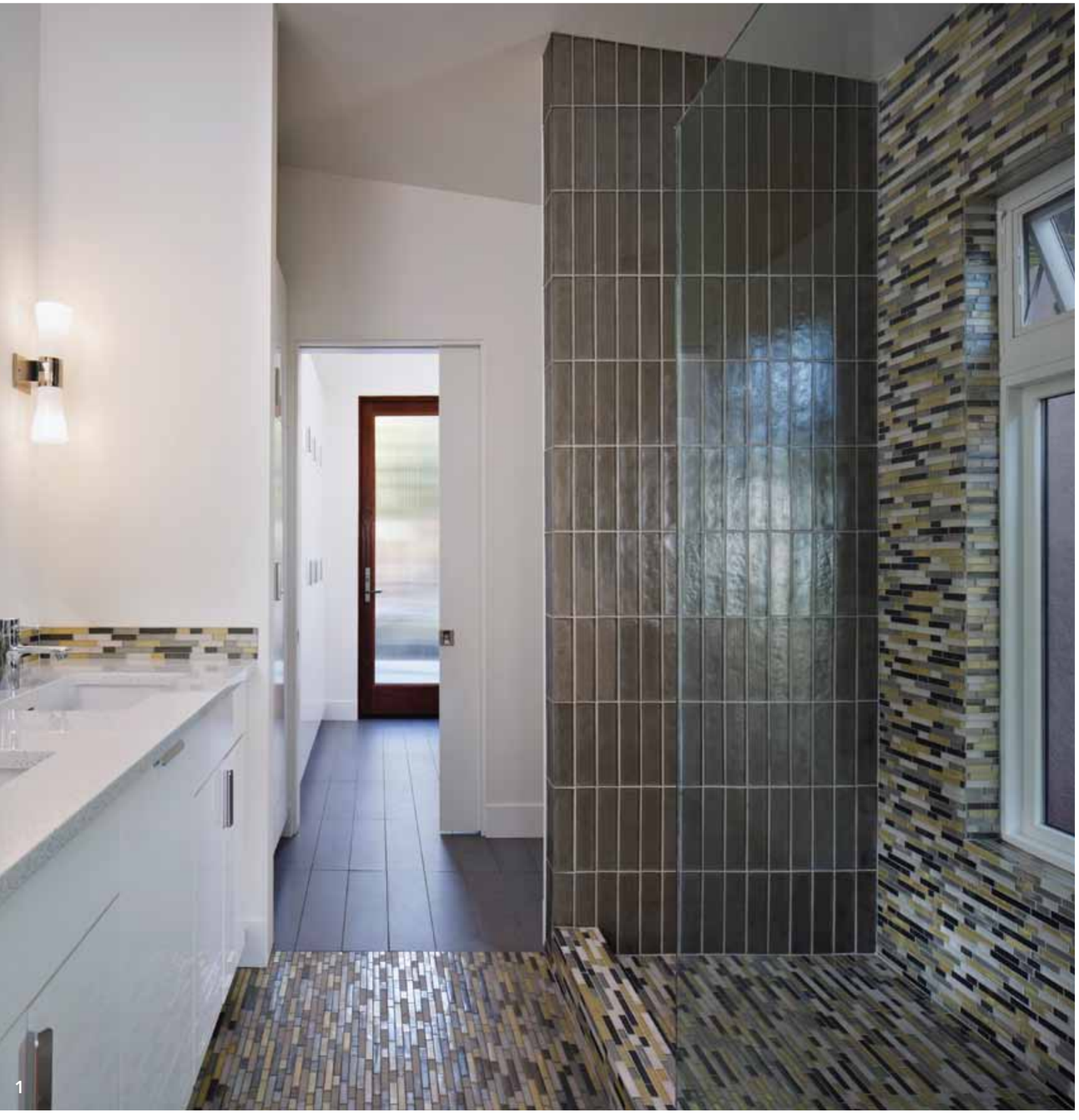
Determined to leave a better world for their son, as well as demonstrate that environmentally responsible living is achievable, Robert and Monica Fortunato embarked on their mission to affordably retrofit their house into a net zero energy, zero carbon case study.

"We are passionate about making a difference in our global and local communities, and setting an example for our eight-year-old son, Carter. Being avid travelers, we have visited over 40 countries together," explains Robert. "Exposure to diverse cultures and ways of viewing the world plays an important role in our approach to both work and life."

With all the materials in the world at their fingertips, the Fortunatos chose Oceanside Glasstile collections for our shared values of sustainable processes and dedication to environmental health. Their home, the Green Idea House, showcases Oceanside Glasstile's Muse, Harmonia, and Elevations lines. The glass tile creates a proud partnership between timeless design and long-term responsibility.

"The process of completely renovating and adding an office to the home we have owned for 15 years (in the community we love) provided an opportunity to make a difference and set an example of sustainability, energy use and healthy living. When other communities around the corner or around the world develop, this project can be an example for responsible change."

The Green Idea House is at the same time a study in sustainability and an object of opulence.



1 | This bathroom commands your attention with bold colors and textures. The Muse Cadence pattern flows from floor to ceiling in a custom blend of Canary Iridescent, Oxygen Matte, Platinum Iridescent and Shadow Iridescent, framed by 2 ½" x 10" Elevations collection field tile in Platinum Iridescent. **2 |** The Green Idea House kitchen is both eco-friendly and elegant in Muse Vibrato glass tile in our popular Promise blend. **3 |** As long-time Hermosa Beach residents, the Fortunatos wanted their master bath to evoke a light, beachy feel. Mission accomplished in Muse collection's Clear Iridescent 7/8" x 1 3/8" straight-set mosaic, accented by Harmonia collection 7/8" x 1 3/8" straight-set mosaic in Delight blend and Elevations' Absolute liner in Pacific Iridescent.

STRIKING A CHORD

cipriano landscape & design

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Cipriano Landscape Design has won numerous awards for their innovative and inspiring designs, and it's easy to see why. Their designs are grandiose, no matter the size, with precise attention paid to every tile they place and every stone they cut

"We are always looking for new and exciting tile lines. We always want to be on the cutting edge of design, and finding unique tile products always keeps us one step ahead. Consistency in the products is also very important to us," says Chris Cipriano.

"We appreciate uniformity and require high manufacturing standards. We also look for a company that stands behind the product they put out. We believe in business partnership, so we want a relationship with a vendor whom we can trust should issues arise."

"We enjoy working with Oceanside Glasstile because of the quality of the products they put out, the dedicated support staff of the company, and the creativity of the design team. We can't say enough about how phenomenal it is working with OGT because they understand our passion for the project and match us every step of the way. Oceanside Glasstile is always willing to help us in any way they can, and the result of the finished product is wonderful."

Cipriano utilizes Oceanside Glasstile to add texture and shine to many of his projects, from intricate mosaic designs to vast flowing fields of glass.

"There are three main factors when it comes to choosing materials: function, style and budget. We want to offer customers a wide variety of material choices that will fit the style of the project and within their budget. The trick is to balance all three and not have to sacrifice the integrity of the design."

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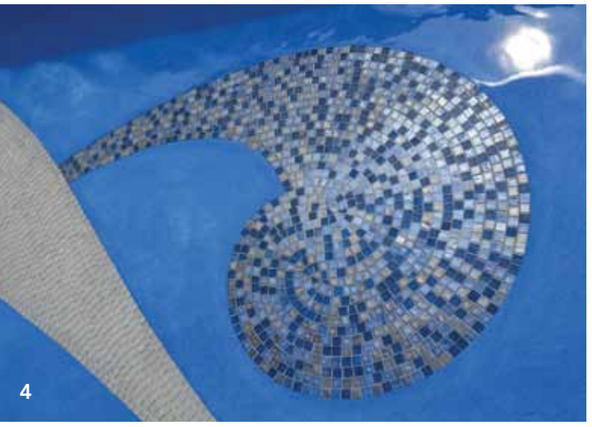
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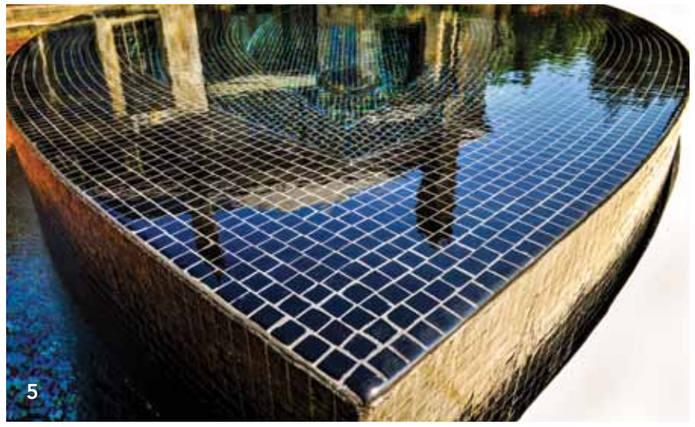
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1 | The stakes are high when designing a pool to complement this incredible setting but Cipriano Landscape and Design hit the mark with this classical design. The inset Tessera mosaic design evokes a Grecian retreat worthy of the gods. **2 |** This pool design, called Tahari, perfectly emulates the flowing nature of water with intertwining elements in Tessera's sparkling Cane Iridescent, Pewter Iridescent and Moroccan Desert blend. **3 |** Tahari's mosaic design gives an otherwise linear lap pool some nice curves. **4 |** Rich blue hues play nicely with Moroccan Desert blend in custom cut 1" x 1" mosaics. **5 |** This hot tub brings the heat with a bold geometric design emulating the violin's chin-rest decked out in Black Non-Iridescent mosaic. **6 & 7 |** This stunning Violin Pool is truly a sight to behold. It effortlessly blends art and science with a meticulous gradient that required dozens of hands to place each colorful mosaic. **8 |** Thousands of LED lights outline the pool and provide chic lap lanes, highlighting the brilliant hues in this highly customized Tessera gradient and adding ambiance to the cozy inset benches.

RAISING THE BAR

heat bar & kitchen

Owner: Sam Khorish
Location: San Diego, CA
Photographer: Chipper Hatter

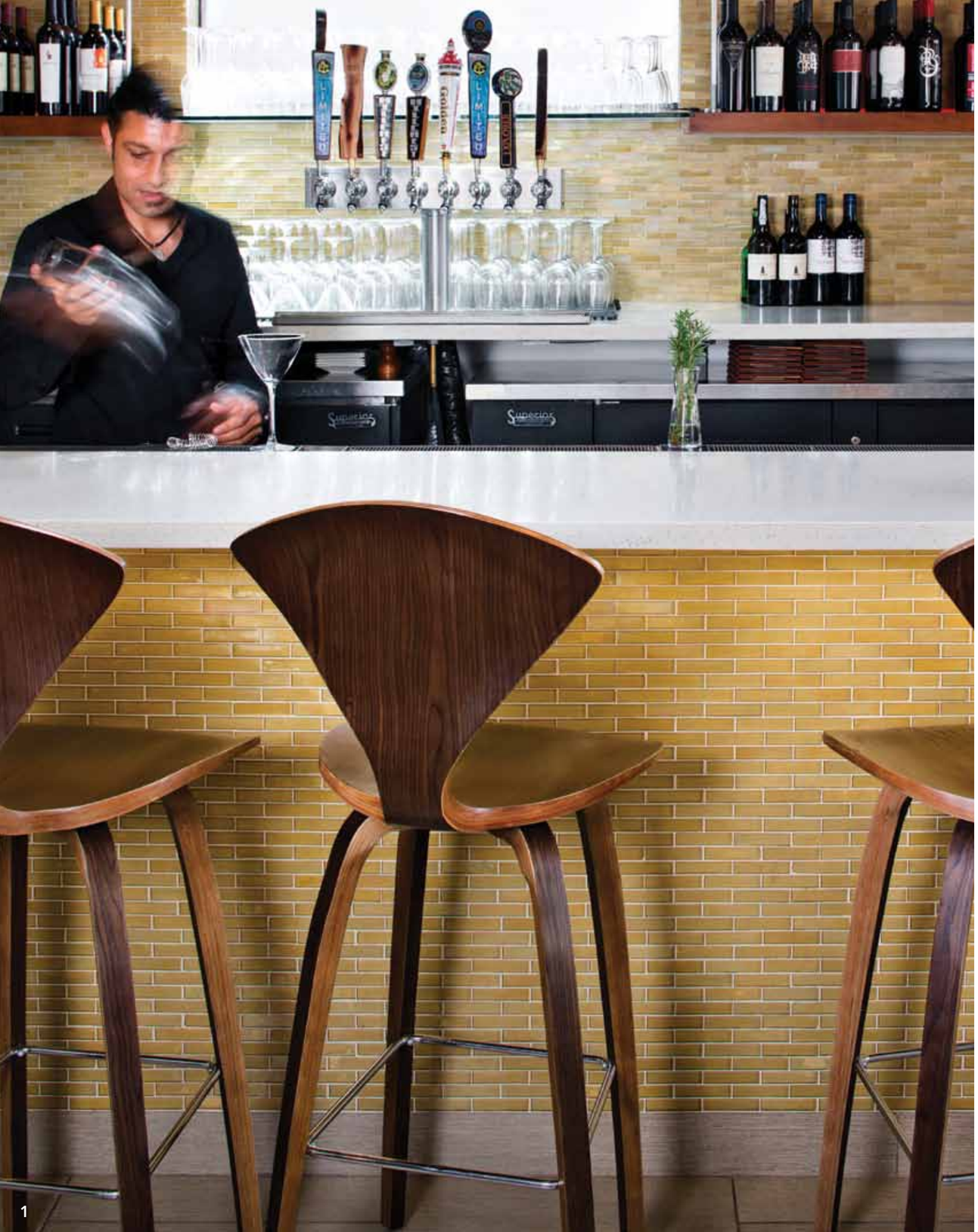
Heat Bar & Kitchen owner, Sam Khorish, envisioned his restaurant as the embodiment of passion. "For the atmosphere, we wanted something very warm, cozy, passionate. We wanted to bring all the elements of passion — hot, fire, warmth – and we wanted something very contemporary but with unique touches."

Tiled entirely in the Blue collection 3/4" x 3 3/8" brick pattern tile in our rich golden Canyon hue, Heat's stunning bar is the centerpiece of his creation. The bar sparkles with pops of iridescent tile throughout the glossy field.

Heat brings to life its owner's vision of passion, energy and environmental consciousness. "We wanted a very fun place that does not exist anywhere else, and we wanted to lead the industry by example. We wanted to work with sustainable products and keep the environment in mind."

The Blue collection is the epitome of eco — responsibility, made of 55%-82% post-consumer recycled content and manufactured using 30% less energy.

"When I reached out to Oceanside Glasstile, they were in the process of developing a new product line called Blue and I immediately felt very comfortable. I thought that this was going to be the right product for our space and for what we wanted to achieve. The product is absolutely amazing; it's full of color, full of warmth, and it's just great."



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1 & 2 | The Heat bar radiates warmth and sophistication in Blue collection 3/4" x 3 3/8" brick pattern tile in Canyon color. **3 |** Heat's bathroom is mesmerizing in Devotion collection Zest pattern and a chic custom blend of Water Mirror, Smoke Mirror, Silver Leaf & Transparent Smoke.

DESIGN DIVA

lori gentile interior design

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Lori Gentile's designs run the gamut from understated elegance to over-the-top opulence. Each space she designs makes a bold statement worthy of acclaim, and she chooses only the best elements for her masterpieces.

"The most important quality when I am choosing a design material is that it's something timeless, whatever the style," says Lori. "If it's opulent, flashy, organic, or even a simple shape, I want to make sure it's something my clients will never tire of. It has to be love at first sight."

When asked how she chooses her materials, she replied, "That's where the real talent lies. If it's too predictable you've missed the mark. Finding just the right materials and balance is the key to the feeling or style you're going for. I am pretty crazy about Oceanside Glasstile. From their patterns, scale and colors I can create a look that is incredible."

Lori is concerned not only with providing the best designs but doing what's best for the environment as well. "I love that Oceanside Glasstile provides sustainable materials that are absolutely beautiful too. We come away with a finished product that everyone involved can be really proud of," says Lori.

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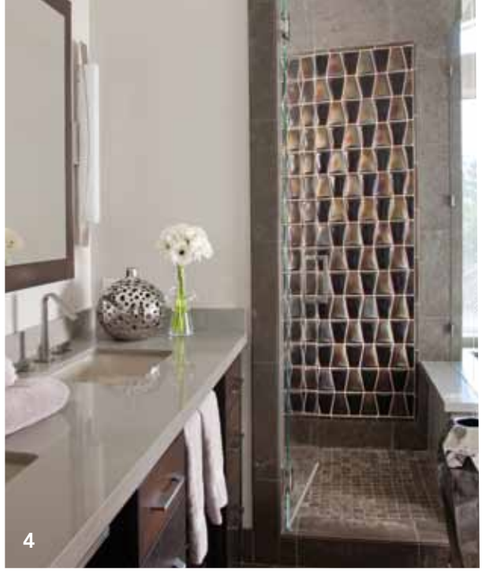
1& 2 | Lori's use of rich colors and bold textures give her designs a luxurious feel. She describes this bar as Hollywood glamour meets modern interior. The geometric Tessera collection Meridian pattern shimmers in Sapphire Iridescent and Truffle Iridescent.
3 | This awe-inspiring fireplace provides a stunning focal point and an air of sophistication in floor-to-ceiling Tessera collection Moroccan Desert blend.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4 & 5 | This shower combines high style with rich organic elements. The accent wall pops in our Casa California Keystone tile in a custom blend of Bronze Iridescent and Truffle Non-Iridescent.
6 | Elevations collection Mini Extrados and Pendulum dimensional field tile strut their stuff in this modern poolscape but Muse collection is not to be outdone, off-setting the light stonework in a striking custom blend.
7 | As the central wall in this dining room, this Tessera collection Meridian pattern's warm, inviting colors add life to any gathering.

CONSUMATE CRAFTSMAN & MOSAIC MAVEN

alpentile design & installation

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Alpentile is the premier design and installation team committed to creating glass tile masterpieces. Alpentile never ceases to amaze with poolscapes that blur the boundaries of heaven and earth and interior designs that define luxury. Luke is a master craftsman with a passion for glass tile; Amy complements his technical skills with her artistic eye and creative verve. Together they are a formidable team with tremendous talents, manifesting gorgeous tile projects.

Luke and Amy Denny glean their inspiration from all over the world and bring the best elements to each design. "We get excited about design when we travel. We're exposed to new ideas when we get out of our normal environment. It's fun to come home and work these new ideas into our design process."

With the best materials in the world to select from, Alpentile specifies Oceanside Glasstile to bring their visionary designs to life. Their energy and passion for Oceanside Glasstile is unparalleled as champions of absolute quality. "When we work in pools we are very careful only to choose products that will withstand the harsh environment – that's one reason we love OGT for pools – we have confidence in the product performance and don't have to compromise our design aesthetic."

The ingenuity of Alpentile's designs begins with the materials they use. "For me, the product needs to be authentic. I like porcelain that looks like porcelain, stone that is stone, and glass that looks like glass – Handmade tile is most beautiful when you can see the imperfections of the process."

Alpentile's Tessera bathroom is a breath of fresh air in silky blue. The Kaleidoscope pattern shower wall draws you into its Moonstone Non-Iridescent depths while the shower pan shimmers in Moonstone Matte, Moonstone Non-Iridescent and Pearl 1/2" x 1/2" Facets. Meanwhile, the vanity is bathed in cool straight-set Tessera collection 1" x 1" Moonstone Non-Iridescent tile, providing a stabilizing effect to the mesmerizing shower wall. Their artful blend of sharp, modern lines, dazzling geometrics, and elegant hues and finishes demonstrates their keen eye for design and lively yet functional style.