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The INSIDER

DWAYNE BERGMANN



It's been a busy year for designer Dwayne Bergmann. Not only has he opened a location of his eponymous Fort Myers firm in Naples, but he's also launched his own cabinetry line utilizing patterns more often applied to furniture, like his fluted and scalloped profiles. "I want to shift the way we design kitchens, looking at them as pieces of art," he says. *Luxe* chatted with Bergmann about his influences and where he's headed next. dwaynebergmann.com

Tell us about your new showroom.

The space on Third Street South is more of an artisan studio, displaying a representation of my different collections, including my cabinetry. The pandemic pushed back our opening schedule, but we're planning a soft launch this fall.

Where do you draw your inspiration? I'm visually inspired by my surroundings, so throughout my travels I like to identify elements and design schematics that can be reinterpreted to work in our environment here in Florida. Blending more metropolitan aesthetics with coastal and Old Florida styles can really give you a unique design.

What's intriguing you in design right now? The minimalist lifestyle. Creating a highly functional living environment that is still aesthetically pleasing requires very organized and well thought-out design.

What's up next for you? I'm working on a luxury headboard line inspired by red carpet fashion. I've already executed a few for clients, including an interpretation of Björk's swan dress.

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COMPASS HOTEL ANNA MARIA SOUND

Welcoming vacationers since July 15, the new Compass by Margaritaville hotel has settled fittingly into the serene landscape of Anna Maria Sound. Delivering a slice of the trademark relaxation lifestyle Margaritaville resorts have long supplied, this property overlooks a marina and offers a pool, a daily cocktail hour and its own seaside-inspired restaurant. Each of the 123 rooms features a water view, Margaritaville bedding and oversize bathrooms with rainfall showerheads, while complimentary daily breakfast, a lounge stocked with books and board games, and a snack-laden Welcome Cabana promote a laid-back itinerary—Jimmy Buffett-approved. compasshotel.com/annamariasound

