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This private Dubai residence represents the vision of Alessia Genova, the young Italian architect newly appointed Managing Partner of Tihany Design (the first one in 42 years of the studio's history).

In designing the project she worked closely with celebrated local architect Khalid Al Najjar, developing interiors that both reflected and extended the philosophy of the exterior architecture.

The three-story villa is contemporary and refined with a handcrafted, bespoke quality. Each room features a balanced use of natural materials, hand chosen art and a curated selection of furniture and accessories.

The open courtyards of the residence repeat key materials used inside, creating a sense of harmony with the outdoors.

DUBAI by the POOL



Tihany Design is known for creating bespoke interiors at some of the most iconic and luxury properties around the world, including The Beverly Hills Hotel, Four Seasons DIFC in Dubai, Belmond Hotel Cipriani in Venice, The Breakers Palm Beach, and many signature restaurants for celebrity chefs including Thomas Keller and Daniel Boulud.

They designed the latest Mandarin Oriental hotel of Saudi Arabia that will be ready late 2021! It has also become involved within the cruise industry, working extensively with Carnival brands including Seabourn and Cunard.

Founded in 1978 the firm is led by its founder Adam Tihany along with his first-ever partner, Alessia Genova. She began her career at Tihany Design in 2007, and after rising to a senior designer position, held a pivotal leadership role for over ten years, culminating with her appointment as Studio Director in 2017. In early 2020 Alessia Genova was named Managing Partner, signifying a new chapter in the firm's history.

The Dubai project reflects the vision of Alessia Genova. At the ground level, the sleek infinity pool and central courtyard make up the heart of the property, with the interior façade of the villa surrounding on three sides.

The courtyard's neutral travertine floors continue into the living room. A horizontally segmented wood wall inspired by the dimensions of the villa's three floors, provides the division between the kitchen and dining room.

In the kitchen, a brown marble island doubles as an art object against the feature red-mirrored wall. The ground level also includes a private gym, office and massage room.

Throughout the interiors, strategically placed bold colors and special materials like oxidized Corten add elements of architectural sophistication, while hidden storage spaces and displayed art pieces play to the linear flow of the architecture.

Upstairs, the master bedroom overlooks the courtyard and pool below. A custom red gum accent wall plays against the wood floors and quartz colored area rug. His and her walk-in closets flank the elongated master bath, featuring a custom engraved limestone wall.

Also on this level are the terrace, family room and four additional bedrooms located across the gallery corridor.

At the lower level, the eight-seat home theater is reminiscent of a luxury space shuttle. Its polished, curving walls provide the ultimate surround sound experience. The theater chairs, designed by Adam Tihany and produced by Poltrona Frau, are known as 'The Stanley' after the designer's favorite director Stanley Kubrick.

Outside of the theater is the villa's Majlis, clad in black absolute marble and accented by soft, muted furnishings.

By comparison, the sculptural courtyard furniture stands against a neutral travertine, creating a yin and yang between the two spaces. The curving outdoor staircase allows for access back to the ground floor. The villa's 5-car garage and staff quarters are also located on this level.



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These pages: all living spaces at the villa in Dubai are focused on the pool. Furniture by B&B Italia, Casamilano, Cassina, Christian Liaigre, I4 Mariani, Minotti, Paola Lenti, Poliform, Poltrona Frau, Porro, Colber and **De Castelli**. Lighting by Artemide Inc, Diesel with Foscari and Flos. Fabrics by C&C Milano, Casamance, Jim Thompson and Rubelli. Carpets by Loloey and accessories by Hermes, Bernardaud, L&B London, Homer Design and Armagaan.

