

A Journey by Design

EXHIBITING AN INNATE SENSE OF TIMELESSNESS, ARCHITECT DINYAR WADIA TRANSFORMS LESSONS OF THE PAST INTO MODERN-DAY LUXURY

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Steeped in culture and experience, architect Dinyar Wadia excels at creating tailor-made homes for his clientele. Starting his journey in his native city of Bombay (Mumbai), India, and coming from a family of builders, he acquired a keen appreciation for buildings and their relationship to landscaping. “Mumbai perhaps has the best examples of Gothic and Classical architecture found anywhere in the world,” the architect says.

Coming to America, Wadia was drawn to the beauty and charm of the traditional and historic buildings of New England that possess the scale and elegant detailing reminiscent of his native India. The architect opened the doors to his New Canaan, Conn., practice in 1975 with a passion to shine in all traditional styles of architecture; embrace the native landscape; and always put the needs and desires of the client at the forefront.

Fast forward to 2020 as Wadia stretches the terrain of his designs and sets his sails for Palm Beach, Fla., adding Spanish Colonial and Mediterranean-style projects to his vast repertoire. 561.282.9449; wadiaassociates.com

FD: What is your design philosophy?

WADIA: Our design philosophy is to interpret the client’s needs and express their design exactly, down to the minute detail. My dedicated team and I work with many styles, periods and sizes, ensuring the desires of our clients are met. Our objective is to move the project forward smoothly so that the client enjoys the process and moves into a beautiful home on time and on budget.

FD: From a range of geographical locations to a variety of long-term projects, your designs are amazing. From where do you draw your inspiration?

WADIA: I draw my inspiration from many places: foremost, my clients followed by a love for good design and construction that blends perfectly with the community. Regardless of the locale or architectural composition, each Wadia Associates home is characterized by an innate sense of timelessness, settling calmly and easily into its surroundings.

FD: What prompted the opening of your Florida location in Palm Beach?

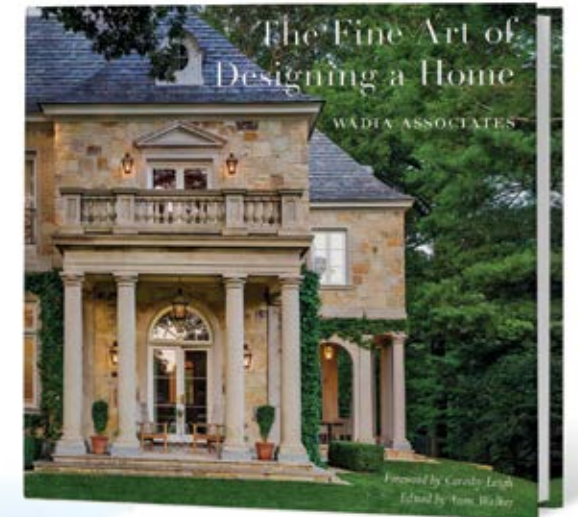
WADIA: We have many clients that have asked us to design their Florida homes. As to why Palm Beach? Strategically, I have found the Palm Beach community to be a tremendous patron of the arts with the ability to provide a pathway to designing warm, timeless homes.

FD: How much do the gardens and landscaping play a role in the overall design?

WADIA: One of the most critical aspects of designing any home is blending into the site, which is greatly assisted by a sensitive selection of plant material. A landscape architect is worth his weight in gold as no house is really complete without a good landscape plan that needs to be developed early on in the design process.

FD: Thumbing through your book, *The Fine Art of Designing a Home*, what do you see when you look at all of these projects you have designed over the years?

WADIA: I see that each home has its own story to tell. I also see many happy clients who have, to a certain extent, adopted me into their families. It gives me great pride to know I’ve created homes that provide so much happiness for the people that live in them.



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