

SHOWCASE

GRACIOUS GATHERINGS AT THE WATLINGTON



It's well known that location is everything. And for its Watlington estate, London Bay Homes chose a pretty ideal one. Situated along Fifth Street South in Old Naples, this custom home is just minutes from the Gulf of Mexico and the array of shops and restaurants on Fifth Avenue and Third Street South. A table at an award-winning fine-dining location like Sea Salt or an afternoon of boating on pristine waters is just moments away.

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But after you step inside the Watlington, you might find it difficult to leave this coastal contemporary home, thanks to the captivating interior design created by Jennifer Stevens, senior design director of Romanza Interior Design. It's truly a best-of-both-worlds scenario: a perfectly situated home designed and customized for luxurious living. It's no surprise then that the Watlington was recently awarded "Product Design of the Year" at the 2018 CBLA Sand Dollar Awards.



Its 4,182 square feet of living space was designed around an open-concept floor plan with entertaining in mind. Consider the expansive great room, filled with comfortable seating to encourage conversation and a large TV in a floating media cabinet for watching the big game with family and friends.

Opposite page top: The Watlington features a captivating interior design by Jennifer Stevens of Romanza Interior Design
Opposite page bottom: The Watlington offers four bedrooms, a study and a second-floor bonus room within 4,182 square feet of living space



Above: In the dining room, ombre draperies in shades of blue flank the windows and offer a dramatic contrast to the bright white, Venetian plaster walls

Opposite page: London Bay Homes' Watlington model kitchen received Grand Aurora honors for Best Kitchen Merchandising of a Home priced over \$800,000

“This home has generously sized spaces for gatherings of any kind,” said Stevens. “And they’re especially appealing during the evening, when the glimmering metallic and reflective surfaces and backlit beams illuminate the soaring ceilings.”

Exquisite food and drink are important when bringing people together, and there are lots of ways to prepare and enjoy a gourmet meal at the Watlington. Its stunning kitchen boasts a contemporary combination of grayed rift oak and high-gloss white cabinetry, accented by a textured, large-format Porcelanosa tile backsplash and Pompeii extra white and statuario quartz countertops. A large island with a cantilevered countertop allows guests to watch the action in the kitchen as the dual-fuel range, steam oven, Sub-Zero refrigerator, microwave drawer and refrigerated drawers get put to work.

As the party moves into the dining room, everyone gathers around a rustic oak and antique nickel table with seating for eight. Ombre draperies in shades of blue flank the windows and offer a dramatic contrast to the bright white, Venetian plaster walls.

“It’s a great floor plan for entertaining,” said Stevens. “I envision dinner parties being hosted in the dining room amid the glow of its blue-flame glacier crystal linear fireplace.”

More casual affairs can take advantage of Florida’s temperate weather by utilizing the home’s outdoor living spaces. The great room flows out to a covered living area and open-air pool and patio spaces. Christian Andrea of Architectural Land Design maximized the homesite by carving out areas for dining and sitting pool- or fireside.

White fusion bluette stone countertops and refrigerated drawers provide storage and prep space in the outdoor kitchen. A tongue-and-groove ceiling painted gray with a nickel edge shades the outdoor dining area and lounge seating arranged by an outdoor fireplace with cypress-paneled wall. Brushed shellstone flooring flows from the outdoor living area onto the pool deck.

Grayed green mosaic iridescent tile accents the spa and pool, which features a shallow beach area for in-water lounging.





The Watlington's master bathroom features a freestanding oval tub, Calacatta porcelain tile floors, rich gray cabinetry and pure white quartz countertops

“The sunken spa is really dramatic with its stone-clad walls, water features and sheltering trellis,” said Stevens. A second fire feature includes sectional seating on a raised platform deck.

Overnight guests can call it a day in one of three suites on the second floor, each with a full bath for maximum privacy for both visitors and homeowners. The master bedroom offers a true evening escape, with the home’s coastal location providing the inspiration for the master bedroom’s ash wood flooring, soft watery green

The Watlington is outdoor living at its finest, and features numerous areas carved out for dining and sitting pool- or fireside

Stevens incorporated custom touches throughout the home, including a backlit, floating drywall ceiling detail in the kitchen, wire-brushed ash flooring in the main living areas and wood tones mixed with polished nickel, glass, capiz, graphite, aged silver, metallic pewter, chrome and shimmering crystals throughout the interior. The model embraces the high standards of London Bay’s brand promise of “Private Label Living,” which ensures quality, attention to detail, an enjoyable building process and homes that are a unique expression of their residents’ distinctive tastes.



hues, silver-on-gray area rug and shell white four-poster bed. “It’s designed as a retreat with a calm feel,” said Stevens.

Relaxation is also the goal in the master bathroom, with its freestanding oval tub, Calacatta porcelain tile floors and shower walls, rich gray cabinetry and pure white quartz countertops. A four-tiered étagère with an alabaster finish and antique silver finished backs provides extra storage for linens. “It’s very restful,” the designer said.

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The estate’s island ambiance carries over into the master bedroom

The Watlington is part of London Bay’s prestigious Naples Collection offering of floor plans available to homeowners desiring a custom estate on their preferred homesite. London Bay Homes has been named America’s Best Builder by Builder magazine and has earned more than 300 industry awards. And the Watlington is one of its latest examples of the kind of phenomenal end result that can come from a commitment to quality, customization and personalization.