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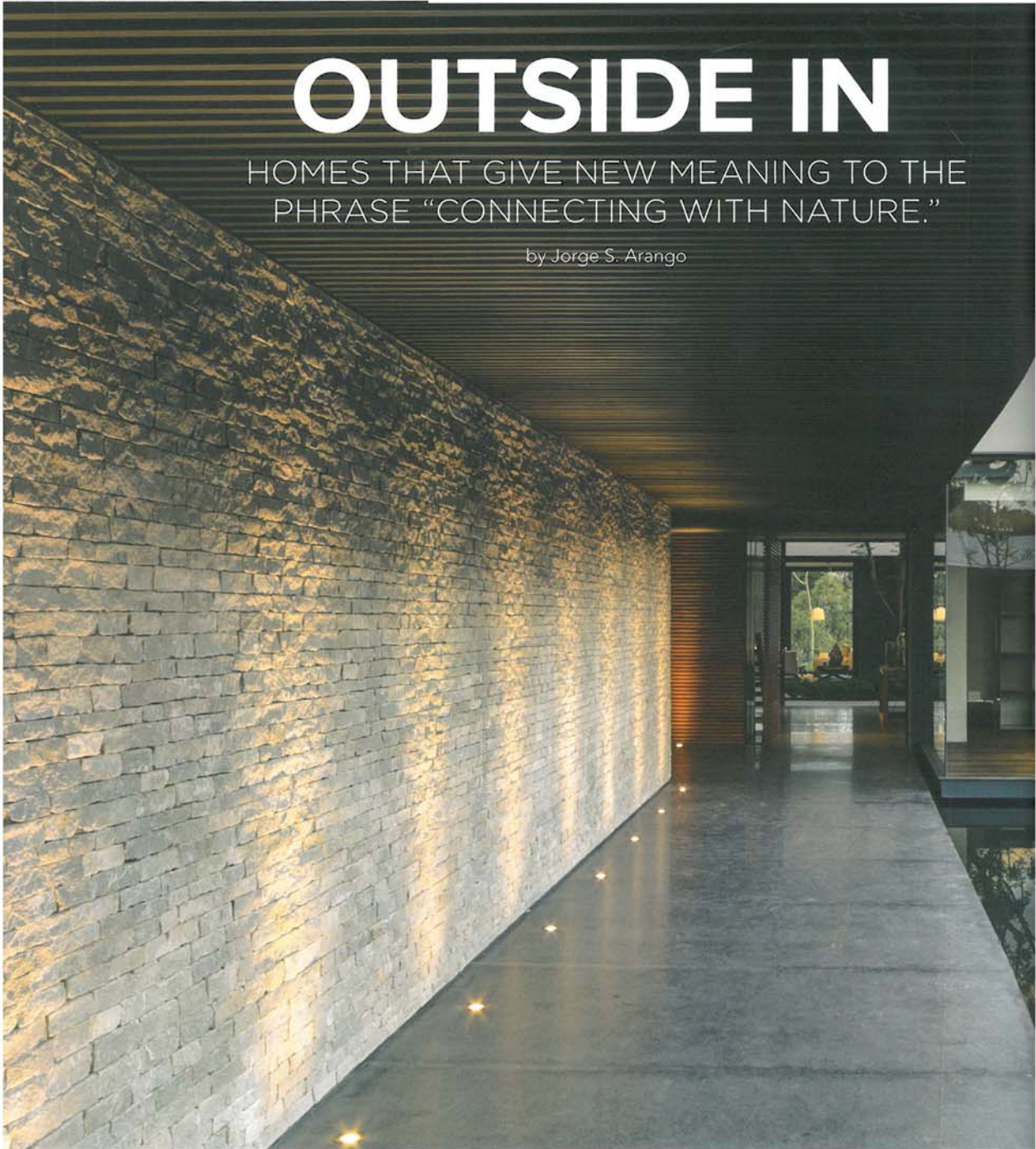
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OUTSIDE IN

HOMES THAT GIVE NEW MEANING TO THE
PHRASE "CONNECTING WITH NATURE."

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8. MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA
Architecture: Rene Gonzalez Architects, renergonzalezarchitect.com **Interiors:** Felix Cohen and client
Square Feet: 20,000 **Bedrooms:** 10
Baths: 10 full /4 half

When Rene Gonzalez first visited this Indian Creek property, he recalls, "The initial impression was of long shadows cast across the ground by a stand of royal palm trees. That formed the basis of the concept design and influenced the use of the louver system, which translates and reinterprets traditional Latin American persianas." *The transition from in to out is so fluid, in fact, that one can often lose all sense where one begins and the other ends.* "A series of indoor and outdoor rooms integrating stone, louvers, pools, and gardens heighten the relationship between water, land, light, and sky," explains Gonzalez. "Courtyards nestled within the interior spaces bring in light and visually connect different rooms with views to the bay. Water elements throughout the house provide an additional sense of lightness and tranquility and tie together various spaces through sight, touch, and sound." >