

# CDC Builders, Inc.

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**DISTINGUISHED BY ENDURING QUALITY** and artistry in South Florida’s most rarefied neighborhoods and communities, CDC Builders has boldly set a higher bar for custom luxury residential construction from Ocean Reef to Palm Beach. Founded in 1992 in the wake of Hurricane Andrew, when, as President Jose Ortega recalls, “the devastation generated an urgent need to rebuild,” the firm was shaped by a moment in time that forged its ethos of service and reliability under incredibly high stakes. Today, a core group of long-term employees and a predominantly referral-based clientele anchor a practice that is celebrated for craftsmanship, clarity and trust. “Building your family home is a personal endeavor,” Ortega shares. “So we make it our business to ensure that each client’s experience is as smooth as possible and that their vision is achieved on time and on budget.” That vision is translated through deep pre-construction alignment with both homeowners and their design teams and executed with an attention to detail that has defined multiple landmark projects across Miami Beach, Coral Gables, Key Biscayne and Golden Beach. And what is the final result? “At CDC Builders,” Ortega states, “we handle each commission with exceptional craft and care, and value our relationships as highly as our work.”



“Our projects are defined by client, place, design and the finest details.”

## Ask the Expert

**What is your firm best known for?** Quality craftsmanship, attention to detail, an abiding sense of trust, building relationships and delivering results. **Which emerging trends are shaping your work?** In high-end residential construction, emerging trends are focused on the integration of luxury with wellness, sustainability and seamless technology. Our clients are excited about homes that not only provide a refined aesthetic but also promote a healthier, more comfortable and eco-conscious lifestyle.

**Talk about challenges and how you are overcoming them.** Custom elements drive cost and complexity, skilled labor is tight and expectations are high. We navigate these issues through clear communication and strategic planning. **What do you consider to be your greatest success so far?** Building as a unified team with our employees and subcontractors and delivering visions that have earned us long-term client relationships. **How do you include the client in your process?** We start with an initial meeting to confirm that our energy aligns, then work closely with the client and design team from pre-construction planning to move-in day and beyond.

**What’s next for the firm?** We like where we are and what we do. We see no reason to change a model that has worked beautifully for more than three decades.

**TOP** Defined by warm wood paneling and a sculptural free-floating metal staircase, this open living and dining area invites and inspires. **BOTTOM** A serene primary bathroom showcases a custom solid Roman Italian travertine soaking tub and views of the private garden just beyond an expansive wall of glass. **OPPOSITE TOP** Created in collaboration with Preschel Bassan Studio and Tamara Feldman Design, CDC Builders recently delivered this stunning custom home on Sunset Island in Miami Beach. **LEFT** This sophisticated powder room features a sculptural curved accent wall in Ivory Onyx, the same luminous stone carries seamlessly across the floors and walls. **RIGHT** This lush natural living environment features a state-of-the-art outdoor kitchen and a sumptuous pool with a lap lane, spa and cold plunge. **PHOTOGRAPHY** Top, Bottom, Opposite top, Opposite left + Opposite right by KRIS TAMBURELLO

