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St. Regis Longboat Key | Longboat Key, Florida

BILCO's Terrazzo Doors Add Appeal To New Florida Mixed-Use Resort

St. Regis Longboat Key, developed on an 18-acre beachfront property in Sarasota, Fla., represents a remarkable blend of luxury and architectural innovation. Spearheaded by Pinar Harris and her team at 10 SB (formerly SB Architects), this \$800 million project aims to integrate the Gulf of Mexico landscape into its design. Opened in August, this five-star hotel and residential development signifies the largest development on Longboat Key in more than five decades.

St. Regis Longboat Key features 168 guestrooms and 69 residences across three six-story buildings. Each residence spans between 1,553 to 5,895 square feet, while the resort offers a combination of high-end amenities, including four full-service restaurants, a saltwater lagoon with live fish and sea life, a spa, a bar overlooking the Gulf of Mexico and business meeting facilities. The design's primary goal was to foster a seamless connection between guests and the natural beauty of the Gulf.

One of the standout elements of the St. Regis is its extensive use of water features, including a saltwater lagoon and more than 60 additional water installations. This focus on aquatic elements required a meticulous design approach, leading to the inclusion of private infinity-edge plunge pools in select condominiums.

BILCO's terrazzo doors are central to the functionality of the St. Regis residences. These doors provide access to essential mechanical equipment for the private infinity-edge plunge pools integrated into 26 of the most exclusive homes. The doors are constructed with corrosion-resistant materials, ensuring durability in the coastal environment.

The terrazzo doors are unique in their ability to accept a variety of architectural materials. The pan-type cover will accept ceramic tile, hardwood or even granite. The ability to cover the doors with flooring conceals equipment and enhances aesthetics. The doors are engineered with lift assistance for easy, one-hand operation and automatic hold-open arms lock the cover in the open position to ensure safe egress. Heavy-duty construction and a positive latching mechanism help prevent unauthorized access. They are available in single leaf and double leaf sizes.

"We went with the BILCO hatch because it has an inlay option where you can have a paver or tile placed on top of it," said Harris. "We can make that hatch disappear as much as you can within the deck. We wanted to have the functionality that we could access



these spaces that are below the floor, but at the same time, we didn't want them to be eye sores. As an architect, I know they are there, but it's not something people will be looking at."

St. Regis Longboat Key replaces a well-known tourist destination, The Colony Beach Resort, which opened in 1952 and later became a famous tennis academy run by Nick Bollettieri, who coached stars such as Andre Agassi, Maria Sharapova the Williams sisters, Venus and Serena. The Colony closed in 2010 amid financial difficulties, and the resort was demolished in 2018.

St. Regis Longboat Key redefines luxury living and BILCO's terrazzo doors play a pivotal role in this design, offering practical solutions with aesthetic considerations.

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