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# TALKING SHOP

AUTHENTIC PROVENCE + AP MID CENTURY MODERN

Susan and Wolfgang Hofherr are bringing European flair to Georgia Avenue in West Palm Beach with their new Authentic Provence and AP Mid Century Modern showrooms. Collectively boasting 45,000 square feet, the two shops coexist within the compound as one of the largest interior design resources in the country for premier European antiques, garden glories and spectacular period pieces. Here, Susan reveals how the new space presents the ideal backdrop to tell the stories of their arrayed pieces. [authenticprovence.com](http://authenticprovence.com)

**What prompted your move from Antique Row to Georgia Avenue?** A large industrial property became available that was perfect to showcase the extensive collection of imports that we've curated over three decades. It also had areas to create beautiful outdoor spaces and expansive courtyards. We felt we could finally show our clientele who we really are here. We're not simply selling beautiful objects but turning Authentic Provence into a lifestyle.

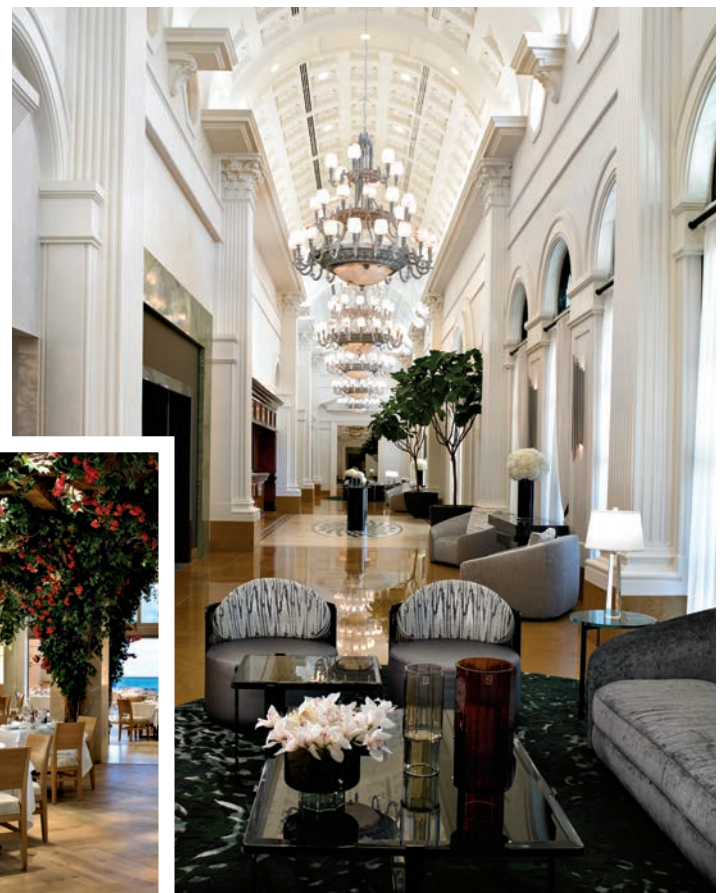
**With two distinct showrooms, what can clients discover?** Authentic Provence offers the finest garden ornaments, antique planters and hand-carved limestone fountains. Patrons can peruse dining tables in Belgian bluestone or white marble with oak bases, chairs, decorative glass objects and unique accessories from the 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> centuries. AP Mid Century Modern has a well-curated collection of original furniture, lighting and paintings. We work closely with artisans and stone sculptors from France, Italy, Belgium and the UK.

**How do the spaces set the scene for the unique inventory?** Surrounded by 10-foot-tall olive trees and florals imported from France and Belgium, Authentic Provence transports you to the dreamy Provençal countryside. Meanwhile, AP Mid Century Modern is open and industrial. It's painted white with high ceilings and lacquered floors, lending itself to the furniture and objects presented in vignettes by designers of the highest sophistication.

## LUXURY REFRESH

ACQUALINA RESORT & RESIDENCES

Always in a state of evolution, the ultraluxe Acqualina Resort & Residences in Sunny Isles Beach unveils new refreshments to its public spaces, guest rooms and suites. The lobby of the Mediterranean-style villa has shed its darker, heavy aesthetic and now gleams various hues of white for a lighter, more contemporary feel. Marble floors and grand columns remain, however, keeping true to its signature Old World feel. "We did a great deal of research on stately European properties that have modernized while preserving their interior architecture," says Isabel Tragash, principal of STA Architectural Group. "Our findings inspired a fresh color palette bringing life to the architectural features and punctuating them with luxury Fendi Casa furniture and bespoke Nepalese rugs." Guests are treated to sumptuous bathrooms with Italian marble floors, Vena Oro marble vanities and Italian sconces. At the new adults-only pool, reimagined by Acqualina Resort & Residences CEO Deborah Yager Fleming, bask in new crimson-red loveseats, daybeds and private cabanas. If you never want to leave the resort lifestyle, the new Estates at Acqualina showcase lobbies created by the late fashion designer Karl Lagerfeld. Unexpected hallmarks include shimmering glass mosaic "carpets," marble fountains and banquettes flanked by a wall of cast-aluminum swans. [acqualinaresort.com](http://acqualinaresort.com)



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