To the original structure, the design team both took and gave back. "We added a cabana room, and an outdoor gazebo and pool. The cabana room, which flows conveniently onto the pool area and outdoor kitchen/gazebo, has family and fun written all over it. 'The couple has a school-age child - with many cousins," Marrero says. With its Paul Bunyan-size sofa from B&B Italia that seems meant for jumping, the bold punch of primary reds also suggests a place for some "man-cave" time. The elongated oval of the ceiling's millwork gives the illusion of a soaring dome with LED lighting that once again proves its magic.

Outside, the balcony overlooks the 56-foot-long pool complete with its spa and soaking bar. Just beyond is the shimmering lake and swaying imported palms that gently ring the water. And judging by the pure joy of living found in this redesigned home, soft nights of music and dance, entertainment and laughter will continue to bind the Americas for many years to come.

RIGHT: In one of several conversation spaces, guests relax on Paola Lenti sofas and unique woven fabric chairs by Kettal — that for all the world resemble natural wicker. Hudson Furniture's superb teak trunk acts as a stylish cocktail table.



