



## Nautilus I: A Sophisticated

## Home Entertainment Palace

**K**oogler Homes has pulled out all of the stops with the Nautilus I, a stylish rendition of the custom home building company's successful Signature series.

Certainly, the estate home was built with the same care as all of general contractor Don Koogler's homes.

An attractive landscape surrounds a cobblestone drive leading to the classic entryway, which includes double mahogany doors and the welcoming gesture of a glass globe light fixture shaped as a pineapple. Architectural features such as the barrel tile roof, columns and a variety of arched windows lend a European finesse that

is echoed throughout every room in the home.

Initial interior views suggest a lifestyle expected by those of means. The home, set on an expansive deep-water canal in Cape Coral, is minutes from the Caloosahatchee River and the Gulf of Mexico. Every room takes in the soothing waterfront. The soaring entry-

way flows into a grand salon that features a waterside view, a custom-designed cast stone fireplace that extends two stories, and surrounding walls with recessed arched niches framed with cast stone moulding.

A study adjacent to the front entrance is conveniently located. Rich woods in the form of custom ▶

cabinetry, a pecky-cypress ceiling reinforced with wood beams and a floor made of restored Italian hardwood are complemented by leather club chairs and plantation shutters. While the dignified setting is ideally situated for guests that might be stopping in for a brief business meeting, the rest of the home invites family and friends to stay for a while.

A tour of the interior reveals an unusually integrated design that is apparent from the first step over the threshold. Honey-toned woods, wrought-iron appointments and tumbled marble tile work complement a warm palette of cream, camel and gold. Artistic painting techniques have been used to bring warmth to a spacious setting and to create a majestic ambiance. Fully wired for integrated lighting, sound, security and video, the home has been designed for state-of-the-art fun.

A two-story mural of stone walls, columns, fountains and tropical foliage is seen just after walking through the foyer. The Old World backdrop, which can be enjoyed while walking upstairs or sitting in the grand salon, ends just behind a wine cellar and service bar at the foot of the stairway. The bar, which serves several rooms, is another showpiece with custom cabinetry, wine storage, a granite countertop, seating and a checkerboard floor pattern tiled in marble.

Attention to detail is a signature of Koogler design and ceilings are no exception. The dining room's recessed ceiling is adorned with a series of gold-toned fleur-de-lis, an emblem that is repeated in window medallions for the formal setting and in subtle applications throughout the home. Several interior ceilings and one on the pool veranda are accented with pecky cypress; others are painted to emulate leather. Each evening, the warm glow of concealed lighting in coffered and tray ceilings sets the stage for drama. Thanks to a sophisticated lighting system with in-wall touch panels and pre-arranged scenarios, in any given room three or four sources of light are controlled with the push of a button.

The home's kitchen is a focal point with maple cabinetry embellished with carved moulding and pewter hardware, black granite countertops and an artistic tumbled marble ▶

*PREVIOUS PAGE – The front façade of the home has depth and textural interest with classical crown mouldings and windows.*

*OPPOSITE – Bright, light colors and a water view lend a warm and inviting welcome in the exquisite grand salon.*





backsplash. The gourmet kitchen features multiple preparation areas, a desk for cookbook storage and recipe preparation, and oodles of storage features including tambour pull-downs to hide small appliances, pull-out drawers, and a walk-in pantry with floor-to-ceiling shelves. Cabinet door fronts conceal major appliances such as the Fisher & Paykel dishwashing drawers and a GE Monogram refrigerator.

The floor design is open and includes a breakfast dining area and a family entertainment center with comfortable seating and a plasma TV set in custom cabinetry. The breakfast dining area is an elegant setting

enhanced by an Italianate dish chandelier. A powder room just next to the entertainment area is accented with velvet curtains and a harlequin wall treatment. This area of the residence is also the command center for a Crestron home automation system that controls features such as music throughout the interior and outside as well.

Zero-pocketing glass doors open the family entertainment area to the pool pavilion, a large veranda with a pool and spa, multiple lounging areas, a fireplace and a fully equipped outdoor kitchen. With covered space, this outdoor setting is perfect for al fresco dining year-round.

The Nautilus I model's second floor design is memorable. Anchored by an attractive game room with unusual cross-cut walnut flooring, woven seagrass wall panels, a wet bar with custom cabinetry that includes window seating, a pool table and a balcony overlooking a gorgeous view, this is an area that guests won't want to leave. Roman shades made of black-out fabric can be drawn during the day when it becomes necessary to

*OPPOSITE – Fantasia: When the greatest luxury is being home, an Old World backdrop sets the stage for a wonderful experience.*

*ABOVE – Sculptural elements: A central island, custom range hood and walls of honey-toned cabinetry anchor this attractive chef's kitchen.*



*ABOVE – A masculine retreat, the rich woodwork in this study includes a pecky cypress ceiling and restored Italian hardwood floors.*

*BELOW – An oasis of fun, the second-floor entertainment center features three TVs, an attractive bar and a balcony view. With adjacent bedroom suites and an exercise room, who could ask for more?*

*OPPOSITE – A sumptuous array of stone tile work paired with walls of finely crafted wood cabinetry establish an intimate atmosphere in this elegant master bathroom.*

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view three different sporting events on three TVs mounted around the room. The second floor's amenities include an exercise room and two bedrooms with full baths. One of these bedrooms enjoys access to the balcony and is, in fact, large enough to be a master.

The actual master bedroom suite is a private sanctuary in a wing of the home dedicated to pure luxury. The master bedroom overlooks and has an entrance onto the pool pavilion. An alcove with seating has an intimate view of a garden, the ideal spot for a quiet moment at the beginning or end of the day. Silk draperies, a silk duvet cover and an assortment of pillows finished with tassels and trim enrich a color palette of gold and cocoa. Functional as well as attractive, night tables are a

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reproduction antique chest and a petite desk, both in dark mahogany. The tray ceiling features a faux leather treatment. His and her walk-in closets are spacious. Plush carpeting in these rooms is divine.

The master bathroom's amenities include his and her vanities with marble tops, beautiful walnut cabinetry, beveled glass mirrors, an extra-long tub with tile surround, a large walk-in shower and a private water closet. Artistic tile arrangements pull the many areas of the room together into an attractive and cohesive presentation.

In this custom estate home, each room makes a statement with unique furnishings, custom-designed window treatments and faux finishes. Even the laundry features crown moulding and granite countertops. ▶

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Perhaps even more enticing, the laundry's GE Profile appliances have been raised several inches, a universal design feature that aims to alleviate back strain.

With 5,988 square feet, 4,137 under air, the Nautilus I includes a three-car garage and casual elegance in every room. Offered at \$2.6 million, the home is a carefully orchestrated masterpiece on a beautiful waterfront setting. ♦

*ABOVE – Not far from the Caloosahatchee River, this gracious estate enjoys waterfront views.*

*BELOW – A natural extension of the home, the covered pool pavilion is ideal for al fresco dining year-round.*

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