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PALAZZOS RETHOUGHT

On Fisher Island, Mediterranean gets a refresh.

By Don Nichol

With the development of **Palazzo del Sol**, a 47-unit, 10-story oceanside condominium on Government Cut, scheduled for completion in early 2016, it's not business as usual on Fisher Island. The isle's first new project in seven years is giving this posh address, known for its Mediterranean-inspired style, a fresh look. "We've taken the same

Mediterranean style required on Fisher Island and stretched it to the limit to make it as contemporary as we can," says Dora Puig, Palazzo del Sol's director of sales and marketing.

"We're turning Fisher Island up a whole notch," agrees Alison Antrobus, who, along with Ruby Ramirez, her partner in the Miami-based design firm Antrobus + Ramirez, is designing all the common areas. Other members of the creative team assembled by developer Heinrich von Hanau, chief executive

officer of Fisher Island Holdings, include architect Kobi Karp, interior architect Augusto Busnelli, landscape designer **Enzo Enea** and interior designer Pepe Calderin, who's handling the residential units.

The developer describes the project's design as "updated Mediterranean," meaning traditional Mediterranean touches are mixed with contemporary design elements to create a look that is more modern and clean than is typical with classical Italian palazzos. In the common areas, for example, Antrobus uses terrazzo floors as a nod to palazzos but does not overdress the walls—she either keeps them simple or uses large bronze screens that are laser-cut with a pattern inspired by sea fans.

"The look creates our contemporary take on the layering of patterns in palazzos, which was often achieved with design elements such as moldings,

tapestries and carved details," she says. "We use none of those."

Antrobus has plenty to design. Most buildings on the island feature courtyard concepts with no lobbies, but Palazzo del Sol has two, which will be staffed with doormen and concierges. Other amenities include a residents' movie theater, a wine tasting room, an aperitivo bar and a fur storage room.

The residences, priced from \$5 million to \$35 million, range from three to seven bedrooms and from 3,700 to 9,700 square feet. They boast 10- to 15-foot ceilings, oversize balconies and modern touches such as Boffi kitchens and baths, and Lualdi doors. The three penthouses even have private rooftop decks with pools, another island first, Puig says.

It's Fisher Island like you've never seen it before. *1 Fisher Island Drive, Fisher Island, 305.535.6071, palazzodelsol.com*