

# BRINGING THE A Look Into Stone Harbor's Newest Estate OUTSIDE IN:

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Designing, building, and outfitting a multi-million dollar oceanfront beach home requires a team approach, a truth which Allison Morgan knows well. As Principal Interior Designer of Outside Interiors, her work at 8808 1st Ave in Stone Harbor, N.J. was “a good melding of everybody’s talents, because the house works from the exterior as well as the interior.”

Making gorgeous estates work from the exterior and interior are Morgan’s specialty, and her latest project in Stone Harbor stands as the newest testament to her talents. Working in collaboration with Asher Slaunwhite Architects and Winfield Developers, Outside Interiors impeccably outfitted and decorated the 4,311 square foot home. As owner of Outside Interiors, a full-service design studio based out of Cape May, NJ, Allison shares that she “was originally approached by the developer of the property and they brought me on board to make this a really special property.”

The 5-bedroom, 4.2-bathroom oceanfront estate sits on an “extraordinarily deep lot for a beach front that gives unobstructed views” from each of its three stories. Because of the home’s location, Allison focused on interiors that felt “cool, calm, and peaceful” and “would not detract from the ocean.” The architects accomplished this feeling with an abundant use of glass throughout the house. “The primary focus is the view,” Morgan explains, and so they created “a back wall of all glass panels to really draw attention out that way.” Blue and gray hues were used throughout the space to “accentuate what nature provides us” and as Allison puts it, “let the surroundings speak for itself.”

With an inventive nod to the popular shiplap used in recent years, Winfield Developers executed a custom applied wood entryway that immediately introduces guests to a light, airy, and modern space. The floating staircase features all glass railings and continues to draw the eye to the nearby undulating waves. An open floor plan living room with cathedral ceilings features custom built-ins, millwork by Hargest Custom Cabinetry, and leads directly to the spa-like pool and yard area through glass sliding doors. There is a laundry room and powder room directly off of the family room, making it easily accessible and serviceable for the pool area. The powder room features a “freestanding custom pedestal with an integrated stone sink,” a continuation of the bespoke and custom details throughout the home.







DELUXE





There are four guest bedrooms on the first floor, with three full bathrooms designed in floor-to-ceiling tile that emulates clean, spa-like environs. Each of the four bedrooms on the first floor have built-in closets, designed by Allison Morgan, and cove lighting, linear vertical planking, and neutral tones contribute to an “old nautical look.”

The primary suite is on the second floor, and contains luxurious touches like the built-in king-size bed, custom upholstered panels in the large walk-in closet, and its own bathroom featuring all real stone. With an additional third floor—a rare find in Stone Harbor—homeowners and guests can enjoy the roof deck with sunset drinks and an unbeatable view. A gas fireplace, outdoor TV, dining area, and separate seating area make the third floor deck an ideal outdoor entertainment option.







# SERENE





With any oceanfront estate, it is the backyard and pool area that can set a distinctive home apart, and 8808 1st Ave. is no exception. The 1,300 square foot backyard has been carefully designed to impart a spa-like atmosphere, with outdoor showers and a sizable cabana with fridge drawers, an ice maker, and a dishwasher to meld the best of outdoor/indoor living. The marble patio also houses the home's 16x44 foot in-ground pool and spa, just steps from the indoor living room.

The entire project from start to finish took just under a year, and Stone Harbor's premier oceanfront estate is currently for sale and move-in ready. While Allison Morgan enjoyed working on—and is familiar with—large-scale projects like this one, she is equally as excited to take on “smaller jobs as well[...]it doesn't necessarily have to be a new build,” she shares.





After a decade working for a design firm, Allison launched her own full-service design studio in June of 2020. Her portfolio includes estates all along the New Jersey coastline, as well as Pennsylvania's prestigious Main Line. For Morgan, "the fun part of our job, to me, is being able to look at a job through my client's eyes and getting their homes and interiors to where they want it." Morgan's ability to see through the eyes of her clients means that she "gets to put on different caps" as some clients are very traditional, while others are more contemporary. Whether working on new construction like she did at 8808 1st Ave. in Stone Harbor, large scale renovations, or smaller interior design projects, Allison Morgan of Outside Interiors will bring your design dreams home.

To view more of Allison's work, visit @outsideinteriors on Instagram or outsideinteriors.com for further information. For more information on 8808 1st Ave. in Stone Harbor, visit <https://giuffrerealestate.com/properties/8808-1st-1>.

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