



CASE STUDY

Il Cortile

Location: Palm Beach, Florida | New Construction



A Palm Beach Paradise

For a Mediterranean-style house on the water in Palm Beach the Ludowici green glazed tile roof is a defining architectural feature. Architect Richard Sammons of the renowned firm Fairfax and Sammons took great care to specify well-crafted, robust and authentic materials so that this home would grow more beautiful over time.

The house, known as 'Il Cortile', has a plan which centers around a courtyard. The exterior is a stucco finish with dimensional limestone details including stone portico and quoins, wrought iron window grates, painted mahogany wood windows, doors, and shutters, limed cypress rafter tails and Ludowici green gloss roof tiles with flat pans and barrel caps.

The entry to the house begins through entry piers into a motor court laid with Roman brick pavers in a herringbone pattern. Upon passage through the stone portico and cypress wood entry doors one enters an open-air vestibule with an axial view through the entry loggia, the central courtyard, the pool loggia, the pool deck and onward toward a view of a lake to the east.

Richard Sammons explains, "the intent was to design and construct a house appropriate in scale and character and to ensure that all aspects of the house were authentic. Nothing is more authentic or rich in character than the Ludowici clay tile roof."

A jury of design experts agree. Il Cortile won the 2019 Stanford White Award for best new residential design over 5,000 square feet, bestowed by the Institute of Classical Architecture & Art in New York.

Fairfax and Sammons is an internationally recognized firm of classical architects specializing in residential architectural design and urban design. Anne Fairfax explains, "place is important to us. The climate, history, the building materials, the precedents of building culture...all compose the building blocks which inform the design process. We are inspired by the classical tradition."

ABOUT FAIRFAX AND SAMMONS

Fairfax & Sammons is an internationally recognized firm of classical architects specializing in residential architectural design and urban design. Committed to the tradition of architecture, they firmly believe that classicism in the domestic realm, be it expressed informally or formally, offers creative solutions both timeless and beautiful.

Richard Sammons has a rich background in traditional period design and is an internationally recognized expert in the field of architectural proportion, having taught at The Prince of Wales' Institute of Architecture in London, Pratt Institute in New York and The University of Notre Dame in Rome.

ARCHITECT:

Fairfax and Sammons

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ROOFING

CONTRACTOR(S):

Carpenter's Roofing & Sheet Metal

www.carpentersroofing.com

PRODUCT(S):

Italia Barrel Tile

COLOR(S):

Brookville Green

Winner of the 2019 Stanford White Award for best new residential design over 5,000 square feet by the ICAA New York Chapter.

Winner of the 2017 Shuler Award from the Palm Beach Preservation Foundation.





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- **Richard Sammons**, *Principal Architect, Fairfax and Sammons*




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