

MODERN LUXURY

Interiors

SOUTH FLORIDA

BEST OF DESIGN MIAMI/

A SHOW
SHIMMERING
WITH VINTAGE
& INSTANT ICONS



DRIVE & DESIGN

SURVEYING
MIAMI IN THE
2018 LEXUS LS



MITCHELL GOLD'S TWIN COALS
HOMES BY DEBORAH WECELSMAN & 210
ASIAN DESIGN IN SHANGHAI,
HONG KONG & PHUKET

Jason Halpern continues the philanthropic tradition of his late father, Joel A. Halpern, who endowed the Trauma Center at Westchester Medical Center in New York.

SOUTH BEACH

AQUA MAN

Developer Jason Halpern pegs his donations to clean water to sales at Three Hundred Collins.

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As principal of JMH Development, third-generation real estate executive **Jason Halpern** made his mark on the East Coast from top to bottom. Halpern's Miami Beach projects include the luxury condo development Three Hundred Collins (300collins.com) and the Aloft South Beach (now the Gates Hotel). While in Brooklyn, he spearheaded the conversion of 184 Kent, an early 20th-century warehouse designed by Cass Gilbert, famed architect of New York's Woolworth Building. But Halpern is just as committed to leaving a philanthropic imprint. He recently partnered with charity: water (charitywater.org), a nonprofit that brings clean, safe drinking water to more than 7 million people in need around the world. Since 2006, charity: water has created 22,936 water projects globally. His inspiration was to marry the organization with Three Hundred Collins—Halpern has committed \$20,000 for each of the project's 19 residences sold. Three Hundred Collins is currently 85 percent sold and slated for a 2018 completion.

How did you become involved with charity: water? I became involved through a friendship with the CEO, Scott Harrison. In speaking with him about the cause and seeing how passionate he is, I wanted to learn how I could do more. After attending a charity: water event, I was further inspired by their mission, and together we came up with the idea of donating on behalf of residents at Three Hundred Collins.

What are your criteria for partnering with a charity? I am inspired by those who are passionate about their cause and doing innovative things to help others. Charity: water is an organization filled with creative, energetic people whose passion is infectious.

What do you think is most important for people to know about charity: water? That 100 percent of donations go to funding water projects in developing countries.