

# concierge

THE INSIDE TRACK



## LANDSCAPING

### Something Fishy

CUSTOM AQUARIUM BUILDERS **OKEANOS AQUASCAPING** OFFERS SCUBA-DIVING TRIPS WHERE CLIENTS CAN SELECT THEIR OWN FISH

**O**KEANOS IS THE TITAN god of the river Okeanos that Ancient Greeks and Romans believed encircled the world. He is the sea personified and famously depicted on the Trevi Fountain in Rome. An apt name for a luxury aquascaping company: Okeanos Aquascaping aims “to create brilliant designs by combining the beauty of the world’s oceans with modern day interior design, so that the beauty of aquatic life could be enjoyed and admired throughout the world.” Partners Martin Schapira and Nathan Kamelhar founded the company in New York City in 2002, starting with custom-built aquariums for individual clients. The duo have since made a splash for creating some of the most elegant and beautifully designed aquascapes in the world. This year, Schapira and Kamelhar started offering

a new service where clients can immerse themselves in the aquatic world. Guided trips to ten of the world’s most exotic diving locales, including Australia’s Great Barrier Reef, Isreal’s Red Sea and Vanuata will allow you see tropical fish and coral reefs in their natural habitat. On your snorkelling or diving trip, choose the fish and coral that your heart desires and Okeanos will then proceed to fill your tanks with exact replications of your personally handpicked ecosystems. Always mindful of the environment, the fish purveyors make sure they operate in a responsible manner. Additionally, clients are assigned a personal livestock expert to answer questions and give advice, and an emergency response team is on call 24/7. The scuba-diving trips include the cost of constructing and the filling of a bespoke aquarium and starts at a price of US\$75,000.

## THINK TANKS

Okeanos Aquascaping an array of aquariums to fit with your interior design needs:



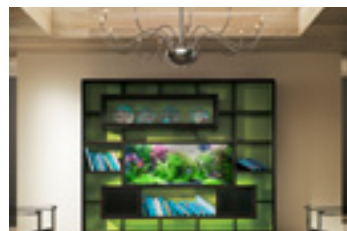
### SALT WATER AQUARIUM

Double-sided glass tanks with brightly coloured exotic fish and tropical coral is the centrepiece at this New York condo



### KOI POND

Waterwalls and koi ponds are a dramatic way to make a statement in a lobby such as this 15,000gallon pond in Princeton Park Corporate center



### FRESHWATER FISH TANK

This bespoke aquarium is stocked with freshwater fish and verdant aquatic plants doubles as a living painting