



梦想水族馆

The Life Aquatic

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从 Okeanos Aquascaping 公司订做的水族馆，
能够把亚马逊支流中的任何东西，纳入您住所里的礁石宫殿中。
Bespoke aquariums from Okeanos Aquascaping add anything from
an Amazonian tributary to an Antipodean reef into your own personal habitat.



大厅的角落令人惊喜
This lobby has a surprise around the corner.

对于一些人而言，室内设计的挑战似乎有极限可言。令人眼花缭乱的家具，还有那些能够驾驭任何主题的墙面涂料，能够由您创造出期待中的室内空间效果。不过在家居装饰方面，能够保持用新鲜的途径来打动客户，推陈出新已经越来越难。而Okeanos Aquascaping公司不用任何强势或喧闹的方式，就为大众呈现出绚烂的海洋景观，并将一方清澈水池绝佳的融入到室内装饰中。

Martin Schapira从十岁开始，就在计划着自己的海洋水族馆，之后他将这股毕生热情投入到他的Okeanos公司。公司名源自古代罗马和希腊人环游地球之后得来的“世界大洋”之意，这间公司为能够令客户们最近距离贴近海洋大自然而深感自豪。亲自去往埃及和加勒比研究收集海洋和淡水生态系统的第一手资料，Martin目前所设计的水景已经可以精确地模仿自然中的实例。“我们比较了全球各地不同礁石上的坑洞，使用了生物石、白沙以及手工挑选的珊瑚虫。水族馆的诀窍在于它不应该看上去像是人造的，而应该看上去就是从野外直接搬进来一样。”

那些因为忙碌而无暇去马尔代夫浮潜旅行的纽约精英们，应该感谢Okeanos公司，让他们能够在自己的



电视被安排到较低位置，为您的水族馆留出空间
This television can be mechanically lowered to leave
your aquascape unobstructed.



SOHO 隔间里享受如此逼真的自然景观，而且这个微型海洋生态系统还能够根据自己的个人喜好加以调整。同时，Okeanos 公司还能够为酒店和公寓大堂提供类似的中心装饰物，以此吸引贵宾们的关注。从私人浴室到就餐大厅，设计精美的水景总是您所期待的特色装饰。经 Martin Schapira 证实，水景装饰永远不会令人感到厌倦，相反的，它给了您一次拥有“一件不断变换着的鲜活艺术品”的机会，并且它每天都会发生改变、生长和移动。

鉴于建立一个大型水族馆需要一定的空间，Okeanos 公司也提供了一系列方案，让您根据现有的空间来设计产品。即使是很小的箱体也需要复杂的筛选系统，而 Okeanos 公司的水景装饰可以灵活的运用空间来掩盖其他的繁杂设备部分。当客户面对着这些花费从一万五千美金到几百万美金的全新水族馆时，Okeanos 公司的特殊客户定制服务，意味着更少的出错几率。最近的一个新泽西项目花费了七万五千美金打造了一

个精选珊瑚虫的海洋生态，用这样一个费用再造的生态系统最终取得了成功。因为造价高昂，因为设计师的错误而造成任何损失都是难以容忍的，这也意味着 Okeanos 公司的精英设计师们掌握着将作品由纸面转化为现实的核心决定权。由于他们的绝大多数高级客户们都不是海景痴迷客，Okeanos 公司为自己设计的 90% 水族馆提供专业养护服务，这也让客户们毫无后顾之忧。

虽然目前的主要客户群在北美，Okeanos 公司近期还是将业务扩大到大洋彼岸，开始在以色列和意大利有所作为。Martin Schapira 本人表示：“我一直想要来中国旅行，我喜欢那里的文化，简直等不及想要多了解它一点。”想要将自己的毕生热情带到新的地方，Martin 和他的同事们非常开心能够漂洋过海去设计新的水景装饰，收集当地的一线专业技能来处理保养和服务事项。如果绘画和雕塑令人感觉肃静无味，这一款独特真实的鲜活艺术品，Okeanos 公司做得出类拔萃。



这间公寓选用水族馆鲜活了门厅。
This apartment complex chose to enliven its hallway.

For some, the challenge of interior design seems to have peaked. With a confusing range of furnishing choices and wallcoverings available to suit any theme from Mongolian yurt to Parisian boudoir, with enough cash you can create any interior space you wish. It might come as a surprise that remain fresh ways to impress guests and make a statement with décor. Okeanos Aquascaping offers gorgeous marine and freshwater aquascapes that blend expertly into any interior to create an eye-catching conversation piece without dominating or distracting.

Martin Schapira has been planning fresh and saltwater aquaria since age ten, and has turned a lifelong passion into a profitable enterprise. His company Okeanos, named after the 'world ocean'

believed by the ancient Romans and Greeks to encircle the earth, takes pride in getting its clients' aquaria as close as possible to nature. Traveling to Egypt and the Caribbean to research marine and freshwater ecosystems first-hand, Martin now designs aquascapes to accurately emulate their natural counterparts. "We emulate caves found in reefs around the world using live rock, white sand and handpicked coral. The real trick to aquascaping is that it should not look like it was done by human hand - it should look like it all just fell into place as it is found in the wild."

Busy New York executives with little time for regular snorkeling trips to the Maldives can now, thanks to Okeanos, enjoy similar vistas in their Soho penthouses, with the added bonus of be-

ing able to modify and tweak this miniature ecosystem in accordance with their own personal taste. Similarly, Okeanos can add a centerpiece to hotel and serviced apartment lobbies on the lookout for an eye-catching feature to greet guests. From private bathrooms to restaurant dining halls, a well-designed aquascape is often all the feature you need. Martin Schapira attests that there's no chance of an aquascape getting boring - on the contrary, it is a chance to own "an ever-changing piece of living art. Every day there will be change, growth and movement."

While you certainly need space to establish a large aquarium, Okeanos offer a range of innovative options allowing your aquascape to naturally integrate with the existing dimensions and limitations of



水族馆为参观者带来绝佳致意
The perfect greeting for visitors.



这款天蓝色的水族馆被加上了高雅的颜色设计
An azure aquarium adds a flourish to an elegant cream color scheme.

space. Even reasonably small tanks require complex filtration, but Okeanos' aquascapers are resourceful in finding places to conceal the messier side of their elegant creations without impacting their effectiveness - garages, dressers and wall units can all be adapted to house the mass of pipes and filters. For example, in a modestly-sized paneled lounge, the problem of where to put the flatscreen television after the installation of a large marine tank in front of the sofa was elegantly solved by having the television able to roll up in front of the aquarium at the touch of a button. Nothing good on? Tap the remote and you can instantly switch over to live aquatic entertainment.

Okeanos' customization to client specification means there's little margin for error, especially when clients can expect to invest anything from \$15,000 to the low millions in a new aquarium. Often designs are ripped up in the pre-planning stage because the designers aren't happy with the way things are going. A recent New Jersey project featured \$75,000 worth of hand-picked corals and marine life - with that kind of outlay for something finely balanced as a marine ecosystem, it is simply inexcusable to allow designer errors to slip through the net, meaning Okeanos' master designers remain at the centre of decision making from paper to penthouse. As most of their high-profile clients are not aquascaping hobbyists, Okeanos also expertly maintain and service 90% of the aquaria they design to allay any client worries about upkeep.

While the bulk of their current clients remain in North America, Okeanos have recently expanded operations overseas, designing aquascapes in Israel and Italy. Martin Schapira himself confesses that "I always wanted to travel to China. I love the culture and can't wait to learn more about it." Committed to bringing his lifelong passion to new places, Martin and his partners at Okeanos are more than happy to travel overseas to personally oversee the installation and design of new aquascapes, sourcing first-rate local expertise to handle maintenance and servicing. If paintings and sculpture seem too static - for a truly unique piece of customized living art, look no further than Okeanos. ★

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