

CATHERINE BROWN BIO



I'm a furniture importer and designer from Montreal, via New York City, resident of St. Maarten since 1990. My job is to help people design and furnish their island homes. Mainly, I like to think of myself as an artist with business sense. Besides the obvious - making sure everything matches - my goal is to honor nature with beautiful interiors. I like to complement our exquisite seascapes without obscuring them in overdone décor and obstructive windows and railings. Whether it's a blade of grass or a bird's eye view, nature is my inspiration and fabrics my palette.

In 2002 I started Well Being by Design, a furniture importation and interior decoration company for secondary homes in the Laurentian mountains of Quebec. I moved to St. Maarten permanently in 2005, and on the merits of a simple web page, Jean Legoubey, a man with the Midas touch, owner of Lipstick and The Cliff – and Robert Gluck, sales virtuoso behind The Cliff's success, referred me to Cliff condo owners.

I took the opportunity to pick up representation of my favorite American brands, enabling me to offer furnishings below retail and not charge for interior decoration services. For me to obtain authorized distribution of such famous names would only be possible on a small island; that's the magic of St. Maarten! Since then I've furnished condos and villas in the islands.

Each time I touch down on the island, open horizons, bright blue sea and rolling hills envelop me in a sense of bien-être ... I just don't feel like going anywhere anymore! I don't want to sound shallow, like the tranquil aqua coast of Great Bay, but my fondest memory of St. Maarten is the view I see every day from the top of the Vistas. But my thoughts also run deep, like the sapphire blue sea surrounding Pointe Blanche. I've devoted my life to unraveling spiritual mysteries, beginning with a study of many faiths and distilling them to the simplest joy: an awareness that we are forever.