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< On the penthouse terrace, another Australian design talent is at work. Brisbane-born Daniel Richards of landscape architects Plant Specialists (based in Long Island City) designed the outdoor space with the company's director Philip Roche and intern Aubree Pack. Along the balcony there are 11 recycled resin tubs that stand waist-high, filled with white hydrangeas in full bloom, bookended by conifers in custom-made containers. In dark jeans and Converse sneakers, Richards points to the grey pavers underfoot softened by river rocks around the edges. The square pavers are specified by building management and Richards points out that the resin tubs are half-filled with polystyrene to keep within the deck's load limits.

As for outdoor furniture, there's a white wire seat, a retro two-tier table and a metal bar table with two bar stools – all vintage pieces by designer Vladimir Kagan. Coincidentally, as part of the Kips Bay Decorator Show House, there's an annual design icon retrospective that is this year featuring Kagan. In the upper reaches of Manhattan House there's a room filled with groovy orange couches, spacey club chairs and the German-born designer's sketches.

Interestingly, the Aussies at Manhattan House work together. Plant Specialists provided BKH's luxe sitting room with potted orchids. Plus, the two firms designed the inside and out of film director Baz Luhrmann and Catherine Martin's new Sydney home. >



ABOVE: INTERIOR DESIGNER LARRY LASLO'S KIPS BAY LIVING ROOM. LEFT: SARA BENGUR'S MIAMI-STYLED 'ORANGE ROOM' FEATURED A KITCHEN AND DINING ROOM AREA LEADING OUT ONTO A TERRACE. BELOW: ALSO EMPLOYING ORANGE TO STRIKING EFFECT WAS GEOFFREY BRADFIELD'S SITTING ROOM - DESIGNED AROUND AN 'ART DEALER'S BACHELOR PAD' THEME.



*TO LET THE LIGHT IN, THE TEAM SET UP FOLDED MIRROR SCREENS NEXT TO WINDOWS AND PAINTED IN HIGH GLOSS*