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BLACK, STARR & FROST'S
\$4.5 MILLION NECKLACE

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CHANGER GEAR

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BLING KING Black, Starr & Frost chairman and CEO Alfredo Molina at his Newport Beach salon

LUST-HAVE

PIÈCE DE RÉSISTANCE

By Shaleek Blackburn

It's the creme de la creme of magnificence, a labor of luxury that took 1,500 hours to create—and it was designed by Black, Starr & Frost chairman and CEO **Alfredo Molina** (blackstarrfrost.com). Indeed, The Empress necklace is a statement-making stunner, with 28 Burmese sapphires that weigh 108 carats, 34 oval diamonds and 404 round diamonds, all hand-set in pure platinum. And it's worth every penny of its \$4.5 million price tag. Here, Molina shares why it reigns supreme.



ROYAL BLUE
The Empress necklace, \$4.5 million, at Black, Starr & Frost

What inspired this creation? When I create a design, I envision icons like Elizabeth Taylor, Grace Kelly and Princess Diana. **And the craftsmanship?** It starts with gemstones that are near impossible to source. We search the world for the finest stones. The Black, Starr & Frost design studio has experienced master jewelers with multiple centuries of experience who collaborated to create it. **It must have taken a long time to procure all of those sapphires.** The Empress necklace contains a collection that would take decades to match. Finding the gems is akin to solving a puzzle. It takes a lifetime for a miner in Burma to unearth a single gem that would qualify to occupy a place in The Empress necklace. **Did that affect the price?** The value is based on the tremendous rarity of its gemstones and the time required to execute its completion. **The lady who wears it will certainly be lucky. Who will don it?** Many queens—royalty to celebrity. The next owner will become part of an impressive class of collectors and, ultimately, the brand's history.