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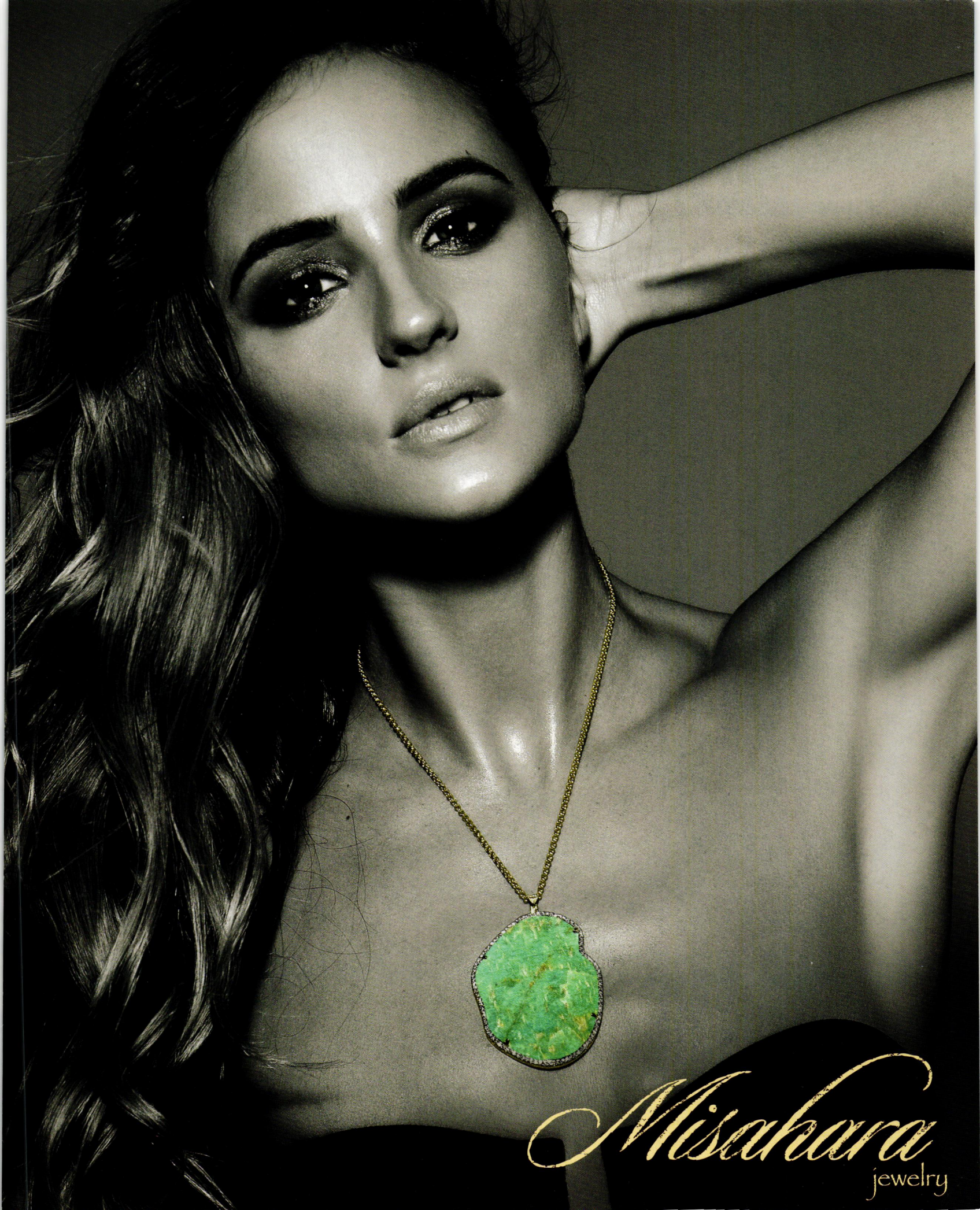
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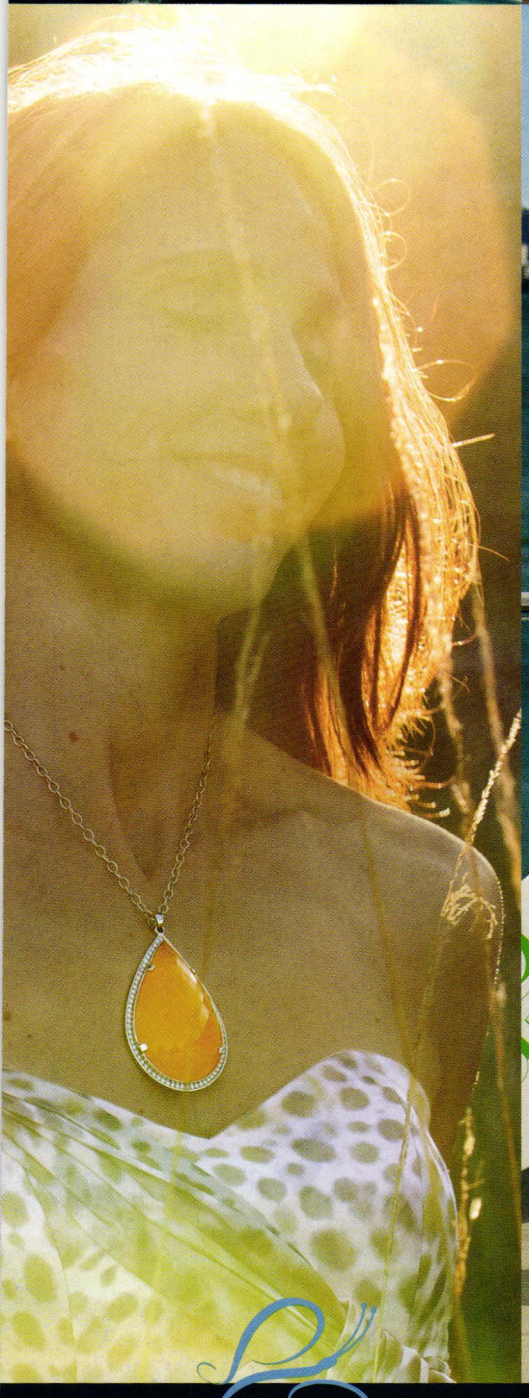

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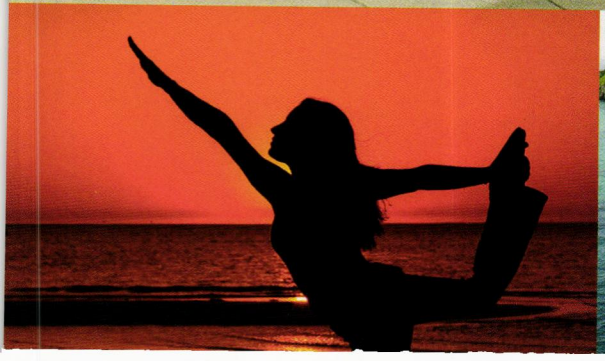

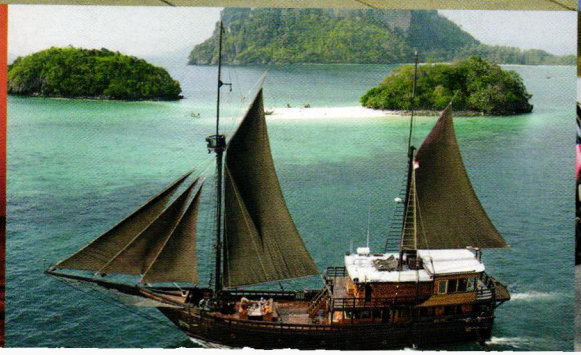

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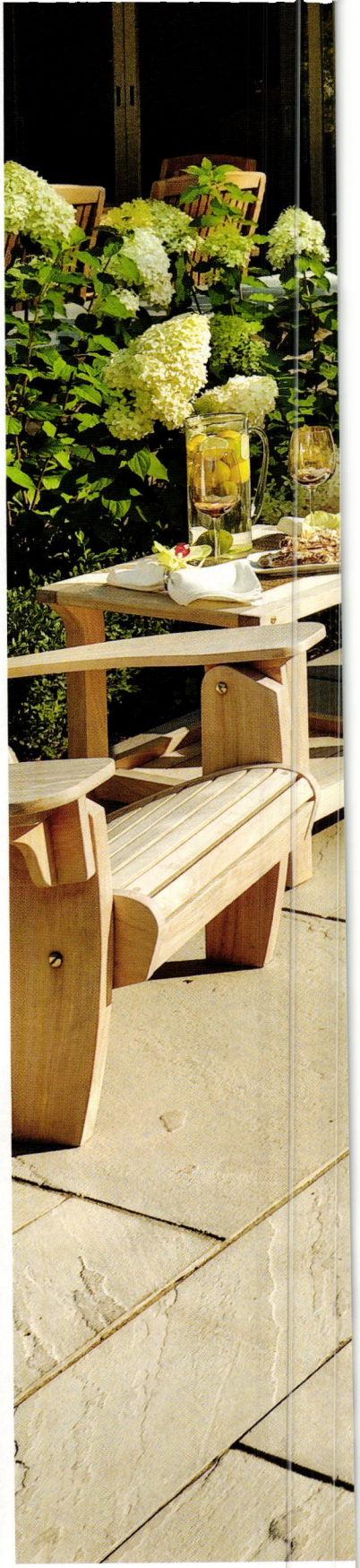

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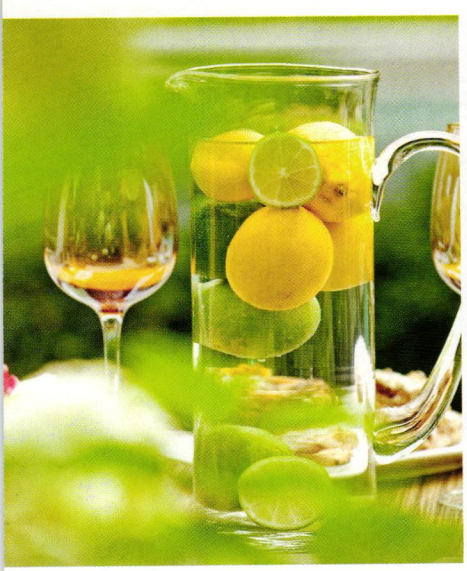

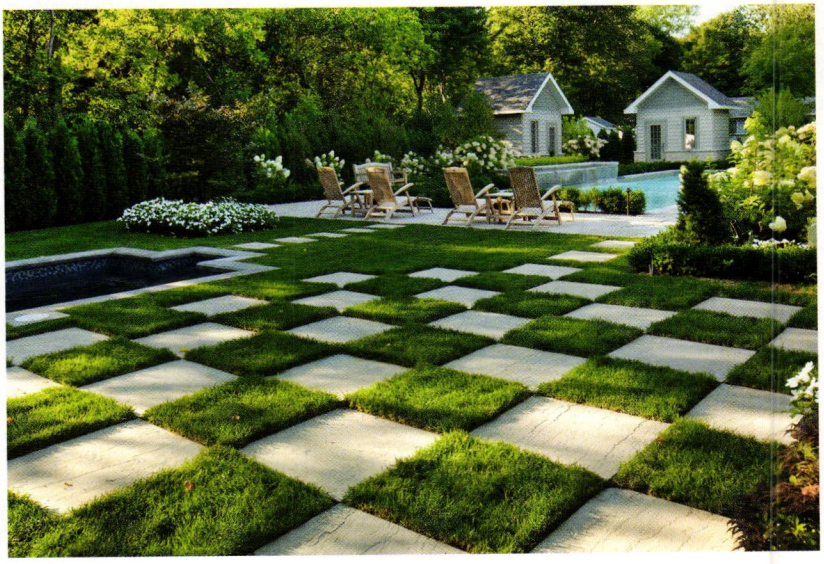

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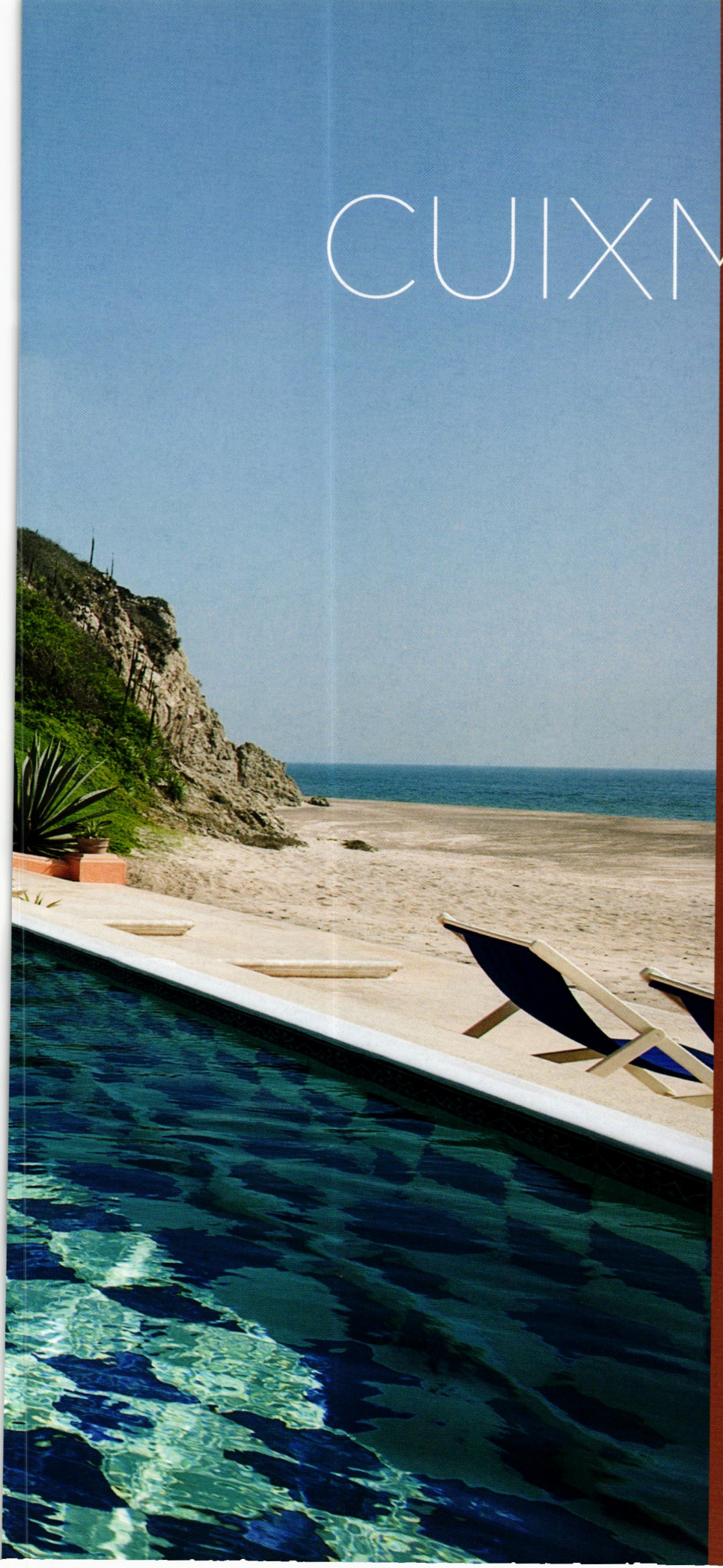

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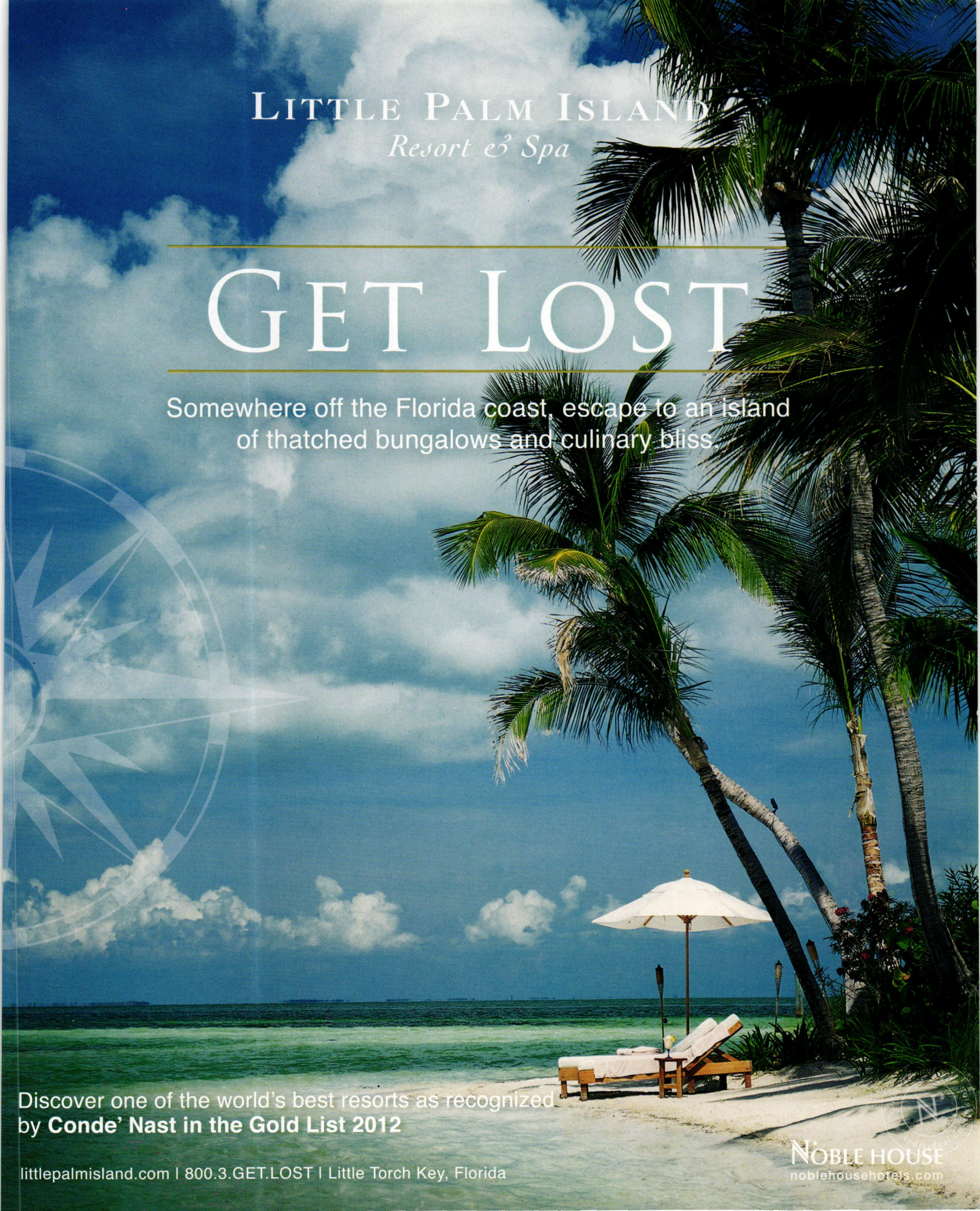
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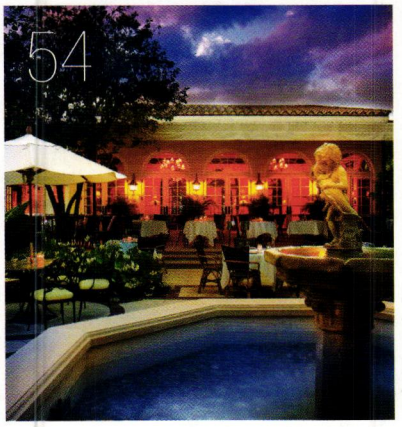

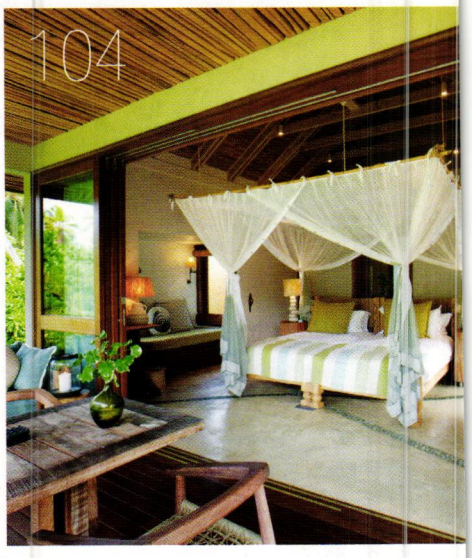

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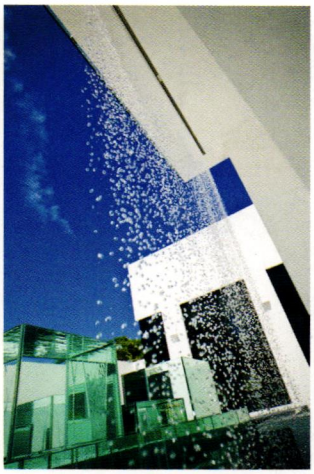

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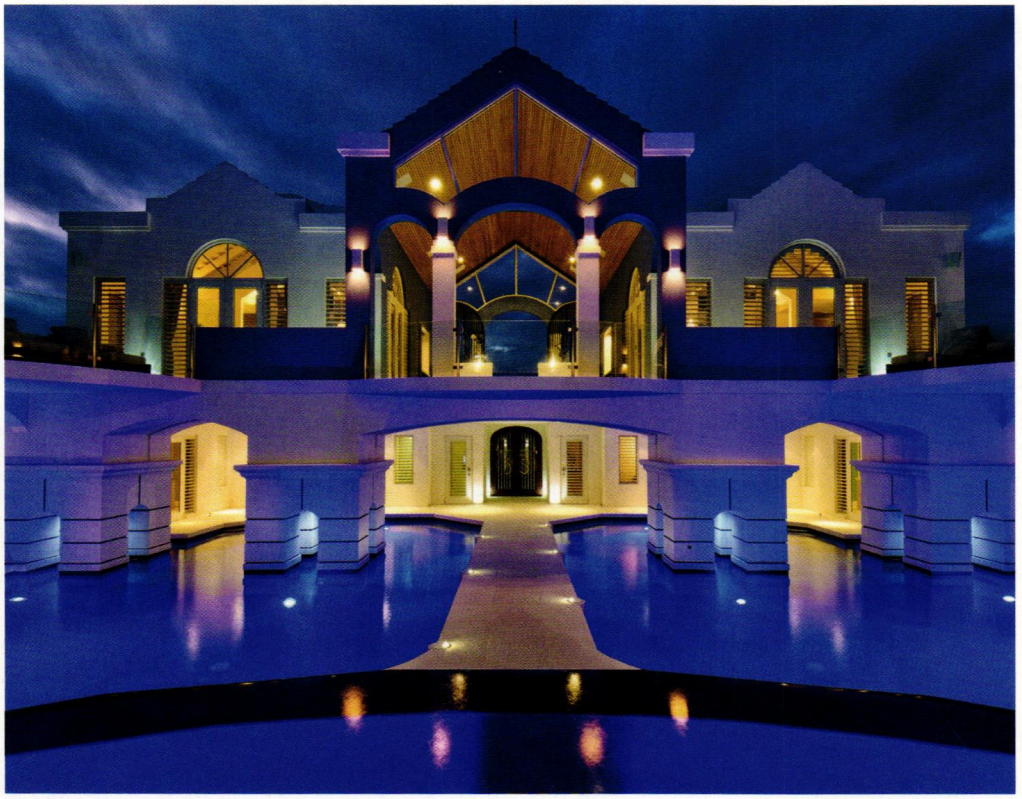

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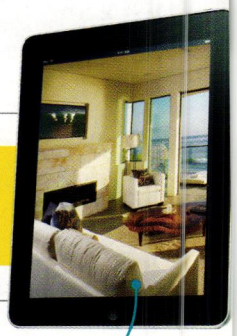

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IN CONTROL

Temperature control in your house is one of the tougher things to manage during summer months, but a few thoughtful additions and precautionary steps can go a long way. **David Eisen** talks how to control the heat indoors on page 24. Learn more at *oceanhomemag.com/climatecontrol*

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Top Chef
Left, chef Rebecca Merhej. Brunch items from mar'sel (top to bottom): the Farmers Market Omelette, blueberry ricotta pancakes, and "Green Eggs and Ham."

Chef Rebecca Merhej of mar'sel

In this issue, we introduce you to Terranea (page 52), a luxurious oceanfront resort located just outside of Los Angeles. Go online to *oceanhomemag.com/terranea* as we dig into the resort's culinary world and introduce you to **Rebecca Merhej**, the new chef de cuisine at Terranea's signature restaurant, mar'sel. Also, get the recipes from some of her California-inspired dishes.

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One of the joys of owning an oceanfront home is being able to enjoy Mother Nature's bounty–the sea, sand, and sunshine. So, it makes perfect sense in designing, building, decorating, and caring for those homes to make choices with an eye toward protecting that environment we love. In addition to positive physical effects on our environment, the benefits of making environmentally minded choices can extend into our everyday lives–they can better our health, increase our homes' efficiency, and, in some cases, be more cost-effective.

The idea of being "green" is by no means a new one, but it's still intimidating for a number of homeowners. For some time, there were stigmas attached to the concept of being "green"–specifically, many people thought that to make earth-friendly choices, be they with regard to their cars, clothes, or houses, meant that they also had to sacrifice any last trace of style. There might have been some truth to that notion in its early days, but not anymore. As you'll read in the following pages of this, our first eco-focused issue, it's now easy to be "green" and make a style statement at the same time. In fact, some of the world's savviest interior designers, architects, and home furnishings manufacturers have devoted themselves entirely to offering their services and products in this manner. Even swimming pool builders are making efforts to be more eco-conscious, as you'll read in writer Jenna Birch's story, "Natural Wonders," on page 76.

On page 68, writer Jillian Blume takes us inside Casa Torcida, a stunning waterfront property in Costa Rica that exemplifies eco-conscious building and design, thanks to its forward-thinking architects. And for "Green Spaces" on page 82, writer Karina Timmel connected with celebrity interior designer Kari Whitman to flesh out 10 key tips for making your most essential rooms environmentally friendly. Of course, it'll soon be the peak of summer, and with that in mind, David Eisen talked to some seasoned professionals about the best ways to keep your oceanfront home climate-controlled when temperatures–and humidity–start soaring, and when foot traffic between your home and the beach hits its high. See page 24 for his report. And lastly, an issue of *Ocean Home* wouldn't be complete without including a few of our favorite accessories, and the ones we sourced for this special issue are unique and beautiful, and–you guessed it–produced through environmentally friendly means. Not only will you enjoy seeing them in your home, but you'll feel good about them, too. **O|H**

We want to hear from you! Send your comments to ***editor@oceanhomemag.com*** *or visit* ***oceanhomemag.com.***

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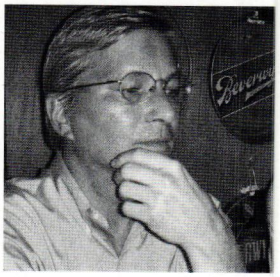

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A CHILL FOURTH

Entertaining just got cooler with these eco-friendly products, recipes, and party tips.

by **Karina Timmel**

What better way to get into the Fourth of July spirit than with entertaining tips straight from our nation's capital? **Mekdim Yemane**, director of sales and marketing at **The Melrose Hotel** in Washington, D.C. (*melrosehoteldc.com*), shows her patriotic stripes with colorful décor ideas and playful American pastimes, while Executive Chef **Nate Lindsay** of the hotel's **Jardenea** restaurant dishes on a mouth-watering salad and a frosty cocktail to refresh your guests' palates this summer. Pair these with an eco-friendly tablescape and you've got yourself a party. Now, for the fireworks.

Patriot Punch
The Blue Harvest cocktail.

Play some games

For outdoor soirées, encourage guests to mingle by scattering large floor cushions on the lawn. Keep with the patriotic theme and buy ones with festive prints, such as bold nautical stripes and playful red polka dots. Another idea: Celebrate America's favorite leisure activities by filling large containers with decorative green grass and laying sports equipment on top that guests can actually play with, like baseballs and bats, footballs, and red and blue croquet balls.

Set the scene

Start with a colorful runner and build a charming centerpiece by alternating between bowls filled with red peonies floating in water and ice bowls filled with upright red, white, and blue ice pops and pinwheels. Then, create easy place settings by writing each guest's name on paper cones and filling them with Cracker Jacks. To make your own paper holders, cut a decorative piece of card stock or other sturdy paper to measure 7.5-by-11 inches. Simply twist each into a cone shape and use double-stick tape to hold the shape together.

Punch up your drinks

For an elegant touch, fill the punch bowl with fruit-filled ice and ice rings. Try using blueberries, cranberries, raspberries, rose petals, and edible white flowers to stay with the red, white, and blue theme. Use a bundt pan to make thicker ice rings that won't melt as quickly in the hot sun. **OIH**

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RECIPES

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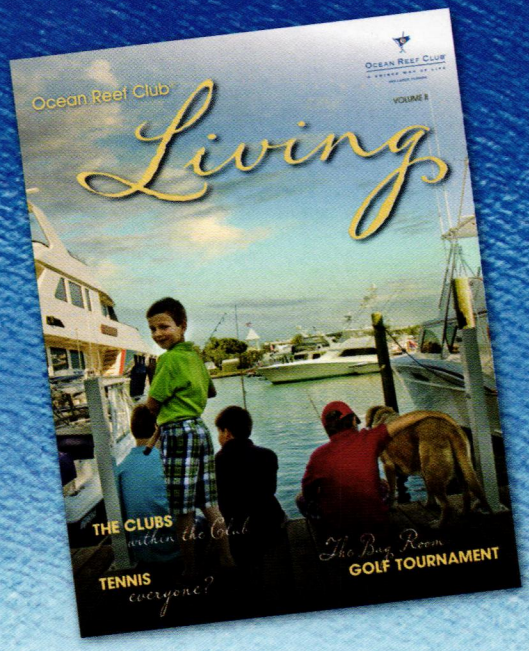
2 oz. American Harvest vodka
½ oz. Organic Blue Curacao
½ oz. white cranberry juice
1 lime
Hint of agave nectar
1 raspberry
1 American flag toothpick
Red sugar sprinkles

Squeeze half of the lime into a shaker and add vodka, Blue Curacao, and white cranberry juice. Fill the shaker halfway with ice and shake for 10 to15 seconds. Rim a chilled highball glass with red sugar. Cut a wedge out of the other half of the lime and dip it in agave nectar. Garnish the glass with the American flag toothpick, lime wedge, and raspberry.

AVOCADO AND BLUE LUMP CRAB TIAN

2 Hass avocados
½ lb. lump crabmeat, picked through
2 tbsp. mayonnaise
1 lemon, juiced
1 tbsp. fresh cilantro, chopped
½ lb. field greens
½ red pepper, diced small
½ yellow pepper, diced small
16 grape tomatoes
4 oz. A L'Olivier truffle vinaigrette
Kosher salt and black pepper

In a small mixing bowl, combine the peppers, mayo, lemon juice, cilantro, 1 oz. of truffle vinaigrette, and crab meat. Lightly toss to combine, then season with salt and pepper. Split both avocados in half and remove the pits. Carefully peel off the skin and slice into thin, lengthwise pieces and fan out. Place a spoonful of crab mix into the center of each avocado half. Add salad greens, tomatoes, peppers, and dressing. Yields 4 servings.



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Summer means a steady back and forth between inside and out. Here, tips for keeping your home climate controlled in the chaos.

by **David Eisen**

Summer is here, but with it comes the constant and steady traffic from inside the house to the outside–and back again. And that can take a toll on temperature control within your home–not to mention your floors.

"In the summer, when humidity is generally higher, it's a tough problem if you haven't planned for it," says Steve Ellis, the co-founder of Sarasota, FL-based **MyGreenBuildings** (*mygreenbuildings.com*), which prides itself on green building, particularly on waterfront land. "What you want to be able to do is have the air conditioning off in the rooms that are open to the outdoor living spaces while having other sections of the home remain cool and dry. That requires insulation strategies that will allow for this–and creating zones of cooling."

Achieving this effect can be as easy as situating the thermostat in a bedroom adjacent to the main living area that is open on both sides, then having an insulated wall between the two rooms. This option can keep the bedroom cool and dry, while the main living area becomes a kind of open-air pavilion.

Using outside elements is another way to find a comfortable setting. This is even more pronounced for waterfront properties, where wind plays a prominent role. Opening the home to take advantage of wind rolling off the water is a pleasant, cost-effective way to keep a house cool during hot days without the use of air conditioning.

"When you close up at night," Ellis says, "open up the air-conditioned bedrooms to act as a cold-air dump. Keeping the house somewhat compartmentalized is the trick to dealing with indoor/outdoor spaces in the summertime."

For David Montalba of Santa Monica-based **Montalba Architects** (*montalbaarchitects.com*), much of the design aspect is influenced by location. "It depends on the climate we're working with; for example, in California, we are much more able to push the limits of fully connected indoor/outdoor space. In colder climates, this opportunity can be planned for, but isn't always achievable with fully opened spaces," he says.

"Working with more sustainable best practices, such as cross ventilation and thermal mass, to retain the warmth of the sun into the evening can help achieve heightened connectedness."

Beat the Heat
Top, a green home in Siesta Key, FL, built by MyGreenBuildings. Above, the energy-efficient layout of a home in Los Angeles by Montalba Architects.

Those looking to build a new home or renovate a home on the water should take note and choose an architect who understands the subtleties and refinement needed to build in this environment.

"When designing and building a home on the water," Ellis says, "its best to hire someone who understands the nuances of what makes living on the water so special–and knows how to make the most of the experience." OH

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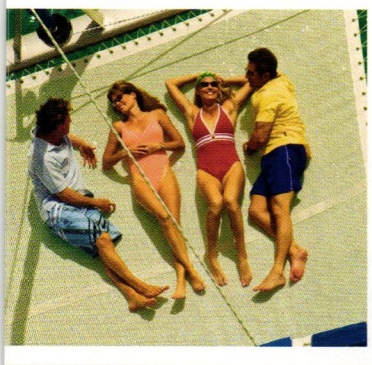

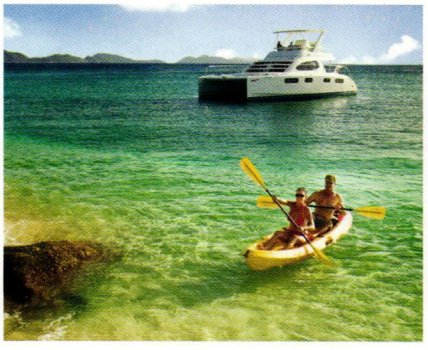

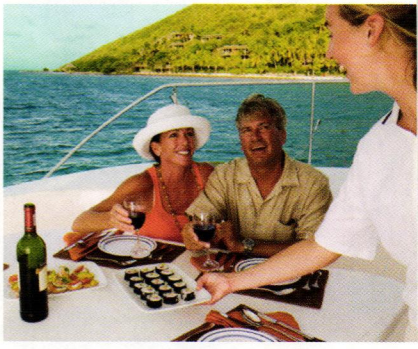

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Choosing between chlorine and saltwater pools may seem like a no-brainer to the eco-minded, but the choice is not as clear as the waters surrounding it.

by **Kiley Jacques**

In lieu of a day at the beach, private pools are terrific stand-ins. However, not all pools are created equal. Or are they? A quick comparison of traditional chlorine-treated pools and those boasting salt water exposes some surprising truths.

Developed in the 1960s in Australia, saltwater pools quickly achieved a measure of popularity. The idea caught on in the U.S. in the '80s, and by the mid '90s, they were all the rage. As a feel-good amenity, they began popping up at resorts and spas and became a selling point with homeowners.

This wildfire enthusiasm, however, partially stemmed from a few misconceptions that still exist today. Chief among them is the idea that saltwater pools are chemical-free, natural, and eco-friendly. While it is true that chemicals are not added to the water, they are, nonetheless, part of its composition–as is chlorine. Additionally, salt is often thought to have disinfecting properties, as well as the ability to improve water buoyancy; wrong again. As for the idea that salt pools feel, look, and taste better, that is only true when they are compared to poorly maintained traditional pools. But when compared to those that are properly treated, the two stand on par.

Despite their quasi-ocean lure, saltwater pools are genetically more like their chlorinated cousins. Both use chlorine to sanitize the water; the difference is that salt pools use a generator to produce natural chlorine by separating salt molecules into their component parts: chloride and sodium. This chlorine has the identical chemical structure of store-bought chlorine; it offers the same benefits and poses the same problems. Once the chlorine has sanitized (and oxidized) the water within the generator, it is converted back to salt and returned to the pool. The system, therefore, is self-perpetuating and, as such, conserves salt and balances sanitizer levels.

Surprising truths aside, there are still some very good reasons to go with a saltwater pool. Whereas traditional pools require the addition of chlorine and other chemicals, salt pools are chlorine generators; pool owners need not buy, transport, store, or handle hazardous materials, which makes salt systems a little friendlier toward the environment. Additionally, according to Miami-based Brian Van Bower, president of Aquatic Consultants, Inc. (*aquaticconsultantsinc.com*), "The constant pH factor...coupled with the minimal chlorine level...creates an extremely eye-friendly environment." Furthermore, though there are significant costs associated with the installation of a generator, maintenance of salt pools is more cost efficient, and the systems see fewer incidents of the eye, nose, skin, and lung irritations that are often associated with traditional pools. As a result, Van Bower praises the alternative, saying, "...water chemistry is easy with excellent water quality. It is what I use for my own pool."

The next wave of eco-conscious pools may be ultraviolet disinfection systems, which harness light energy to eliminate microorganisms, lower chemical usage, and eliminate toxic by-products–a sustainable design sure to please the forward-moving swimmer (*spectralightuv.com*). **O|H**

Salty Disposition
Above left, a saltwater swimming pool by Aquatic Consultants at a home in Ponte Vedra, FL. Above, a saltwater pool by Aquatic Consultants at a Miami home designed by Rene Gonzalez Architects.

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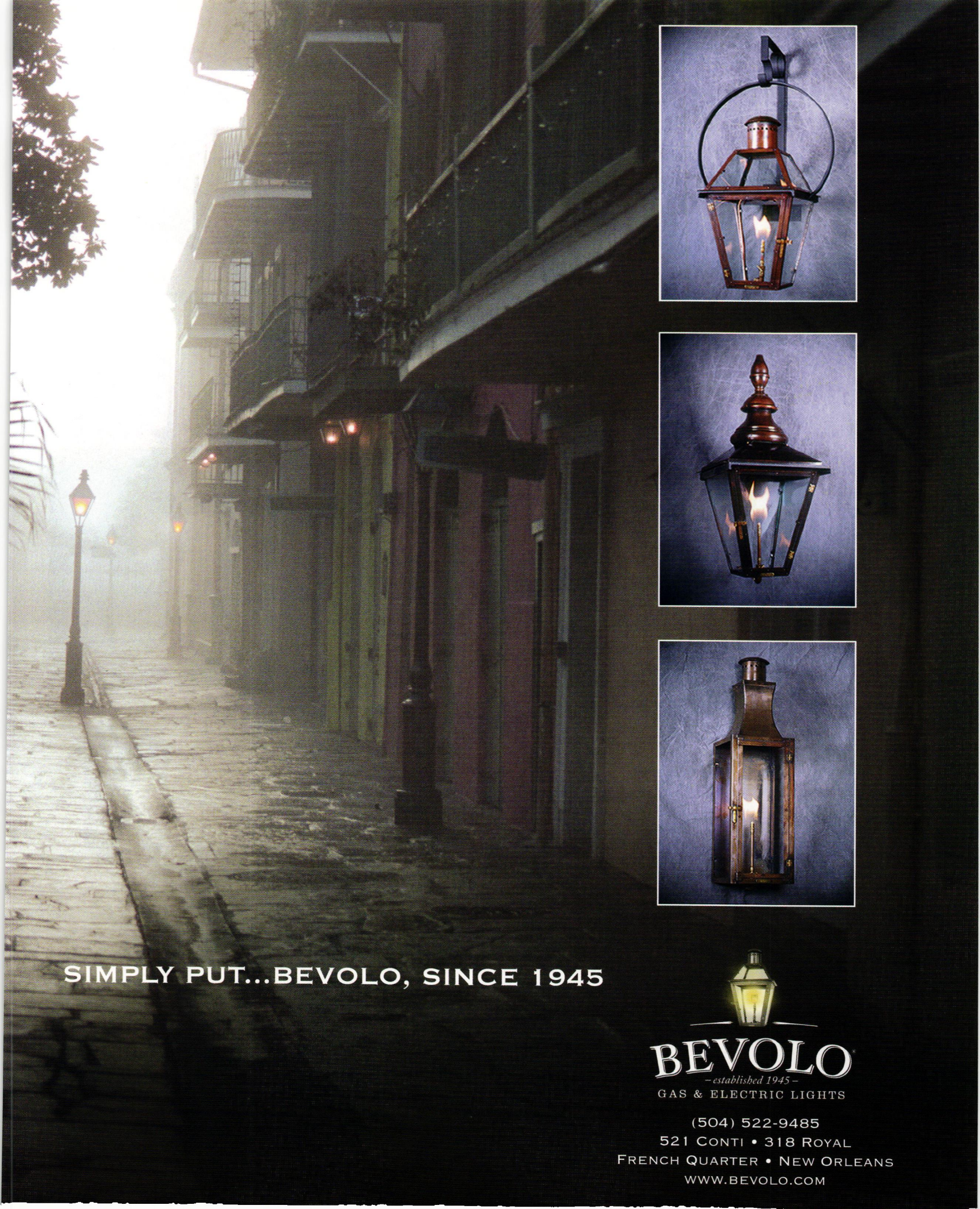
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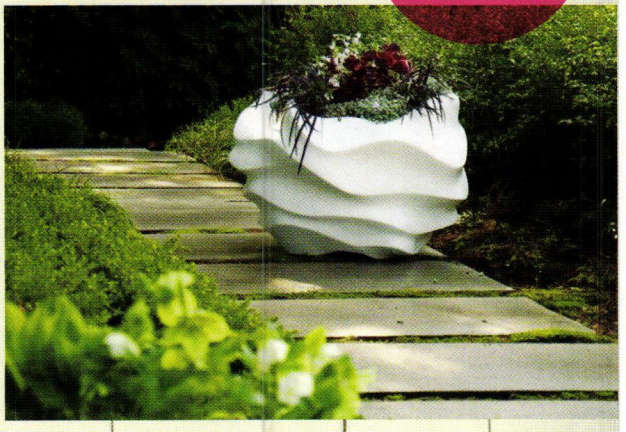

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SHADES OF SUMMER

Interior design expert ***Julie Richard*** *dishes on summer color trends and what goes into the choosing of superior shades.*

by **Kiley Jacques**

When it comes to paint colors for that long-overdue interior makeover, consider those hand-selected by **Julie Richard**, owner of Shelter Interior Design (*shelterinteriordesign.com*) in Salem, MA, has much to say on the subject of "color concepts."

Describing the process by which she and a panel of experts chose Ace Hardware's Clark+Kensington 2013 summer color palette, Richard points to a number of determinants. Client input and color forecasting from Pantone–a recognized authority on color–as well as what is occurring culturally and creatively in the world all factored in to the panel's choices. Lifestyle trends often influence a palette's appeal, as do design styles.

Richard notes a few accent shades usually join the ranks for "a bit of drama and contrast." Her personal color preferences are inspired, in part, by fashion trends. "What is fresh and new in theatre, Hollywood, and the fashion world often trickles down to home décor," she says, predicting that Pantone's choice for color of the year will be a hot hue.

No matter the source for its inspiration, a winning color deck ultimately comprises colors that include varying shades and values of classic neutrals, as well as updated accent colors. "The [current] overall design trend," says Richard, "is to paint rooms with livable neutral shades. Tans were more popular a few years ago, but shades with gray undertones are now in the forefront." She sees colors inspired by the ocean–like warm greys, blues, and emerald green–as well as Art Deco neutrals making their way into people's homes this summer.

Color trends, in general, seem to follow a pattern, says Richard. "Often, I find clients desire cooler colors in the summer and warmer tones in fall and winter." In fact, the season has great bearing on what's in vogue in the color kingdom. "I [see] clients go into a nesting mode in the cooler months," says Richard, "[and] they crave richer, cozier spaces. In the summer, [they] tend to want to keep their spaces light, fresh, and fun."

Richard demonstrates a successful color combination or, as she calls it, a "cohesive interior color story," by way of example. She says, "Mixing shades of blue, gray, and green [like] Clark+Kensington's Apple Grove, Crisp Linen, Beach House, and Sapphire create a serene palette. The Sapphire shade would add just the right amount of contrast and depth to the mix."

As to how she determines successful unions, Richard explains, "I really don't follow too many rules while designing spaces." She does, however stick to some basics, using one primary color, one secondary, and a third to serve as a complementary accent shade. With neutral

Creative Canvas
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True Colors
Above, Julie Richard. Below, Clark+Kensington's Summer 2013 color trend swatches.

tones as the base, incorporating "pops of color" readily reflects seasonal changes. Richard suggests using trendy hues for easily altered design elements, like a front door. Throw pillows, window treatments, and other fabrics also lend themselves to quick changes that can have a powerful effect on the mood a room evokes. For somewhat more permanent statements, Richard suggests opting for crisp white walls that are accented with colorful pieces of furniture.

People are creatures of habit, so they generally gravitate toward certain shades. Richard has seen a definite preference for the "safer" calming shades belonging to the family of earth tones. "Neutral colors," she says, "[that are] inspired by nature are always a favorite." Of bolder, more unusual choices, Richard says, "A fresh, unexpected paint color is truly transformative."

To combat the tendency toward traditional colors, Richard encourages her clients to explore unchartered waters. "I ask my clients to look to what they love for inspiration. I suggest choosing objects or destinations [that] they are drawn to when [picking] paint colors. I also [talk about] the importance of taking risks; 90 percent of the time they find [the] risk was worth it."

Before dipping a brush, however, interior makeovers should include considerations like the type of lighting used in the space, the room's location in the home, and the amount of "traffic" to be expected. "I'd approach a playroom differently than [I would] a master bedroom," says Richard. Sun exposure, too, plays a hand in color selection; shades will appear cooler in north-facing rooms and warmer in those facing south. And, of course, a room's function matters. Kitchens and living rooms, for instance, tend to be highly active spaces and require particularly careful planning. Richard says, "High traffic areas obviously take more abuse... that's a good place to consider not only the color for the space but also the finish."

Taking notes and thinking hard about all such matters is commendable, but in the end, committing color to walls takes guts. Fear can prove a debilitating obstacle, but Richard proffers a solution: "I always suggest painting a two-foot-by-two-foot sample swatch on a wall before painting an entire room. Live with this color for a few days. It's amazing how the shade will change in different light and at various times of the day. It's really the best way to make the right choice."

Of how to use colors most effectively Richard says, "I try to vary the shades. I'll pair a bright, high-gloss object next to something quieter and lighter." She also suggests playing up contrasts, no matter how slight. The variations in texture of materials, for example, can be the starting point for color choices. That same subtlety exists in the ceiling. Richard regards it as "a fifth wall" and says, "It doesn't always have to be white; even if you slightly tint a white shade with a complementary color...or paint it a few shades lighter than the wall color, it will feel as if you've considered the entire environment, and it will add a beautiful sense of depth to the space."

Color is a complex décor component, but following seasonal trends and giving thought to a few key design concepts can yield a surprisingly pleasant pick from the old box of crayons. OH

The Dos and Don'ts of Choosing Color

DO

- Devise a color palette that feels fresh and complements the season
- Look for inspiration in cultural/lifestyle trends, favorite objects, and destinations
- Consider lighting, sun exposure, function, and traffic volume in a space
- Play up contrasts
- Vary the shades
- Use trendy colors in easy-to-change elements, like throw pillows and window treatments
- Test colors with small sample swatches left on the wall for a few days
- Take chances

DON'T

- Use predictable thematic schemes
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A new home on the Pacific designed by veteran oceanfront architect ***Mark Singer*** *balances privacy with wide-open vistas of sea, sand, and sunsets.*

by **J. Michael Welton**

As far as walls go, this one, at 992 Oceanfront in Laguna Beach, CA, is a monument to multitasking.

This wall doesn't merely support the roof above. It serves as a shield from surfers and beachgoers hustling along a heavily traveled walkway to the south. It creates a comforting enclosure for a private courtyard with an infinity pool and spa, all tucked in between a garage to the east and living quarters to the west. Its windows above open up to the courtyard and pool below. And best of all, it's a foil to some of the finest ocean views on this planet.

Stone masons built the wall using rough-cut,

Sunset Views
The house's courtyard centers around a contemporary-style pool and spa; the house, from the beach; the limestone wall; and the living room and kitchen.

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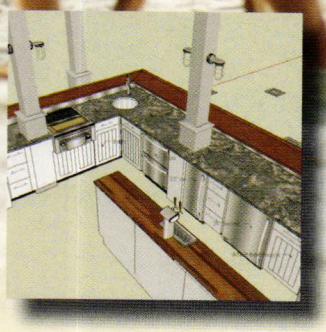

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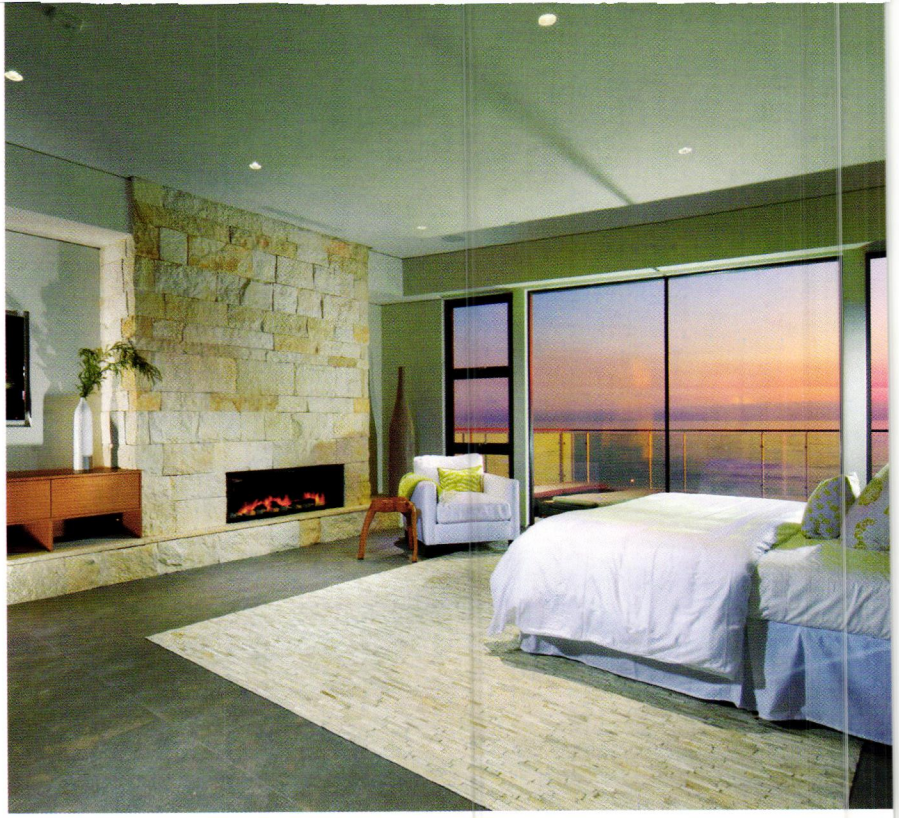
buff-toned Texas limestone, carefully eschewing the traditional use of grout between joints. It runs perpendicular to the Pacific Ocean for 126 feet east to west, along the southern elevation of the new home there. Directly opposite it are the wide-open views that make this home, priced at $15 million, even more memorable.

"It's simply breathtaking," says realtor Jacqueline Thompson. "From almost every angle in every room, you can see straight to the ocean and to the crashing waves. But there's a lot of privacy."

"It's only steps to the ocean," says architect Mark Singer, who designed and built it last year. "You can go down for a swim and come back for a shower—or go for a swim, ocean to pool."

This is a home that's simple and clean in its celebration of what's outside, and like its long-running wall, it's happy to play second fiddle to its place in the sun. The entire design is dedicated to the concept of creating privacy while organizing and capitalizing on open space to the west and north.

"When you have a painting on your wall, the frame around it enhances it," Singer says. "This house enhances the ocean experience by framing it in its simplicity."



Inside the home's 4,300 square feet, the look is stripped-down and contemporary, allowing sunlight to dominate during the day. Even the fireplace in the master suite, where the limestone wall comes to its end, is low-key, encouraging the play of natural light and shadows upon it.

Sleeping Beauty Above, the master bedroom. Opposite, a long patio affords constant breezes and unobstructed ocean views.

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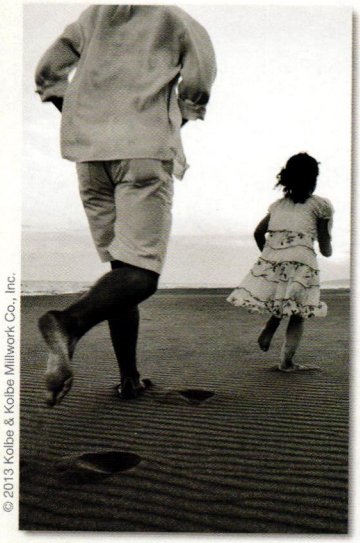
Singer, who's been specializing in oceanfront architecture for 30 years, likes to juxtapose the contemporary and the antique in his designs. He deliberately limited his material palette in this home to enhance its sense of elegance. Aiming for a look that is peaceful and sculptural, he splurged only on items like a primitive, Spanish-style garage door made of cedar imported from the forests of western Canada.

It's all sited on a steep lot, with a house that moves in sections down to the ocean. It starts with the garage standing 52 feet above sea level, then the courtyard at 35 feet, and then sloping down to the living quarters at 23 feet. The lot is 50 feet wide, and the home itself is 40.

"The public spaces are wide and flow very well," Singer says. "It's a perpetuating experience that pulls you through. And as you move through, your questions [about the design] get answered, so that you understand the whole thing."

That limestone wall serves as guide and interpreter all along the way, until your eyes arrive at the sun setting over Catalina Island. "People's mouths drop," says Thompson.

And for good reason. **O|H**



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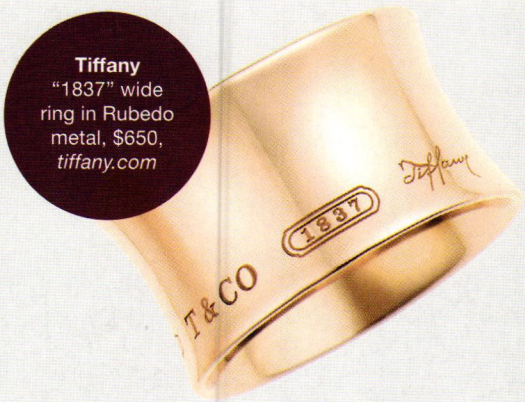

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British Columbia's largest city is one giant coastal summer playground.

by **Paul Rubio**

The coastal seaport city of Vancouver is not your average bustling metropolis. A melting pot of cultures, Vancouver embraces the art and influence of First Nations people and the traditions of its vast ethnic Chinese population. Bordered in the north and east by fertile farmlands and highlands, organic fruits and vegetables sprout in abundance, fueling a farm-to-table movement of epic proportions.

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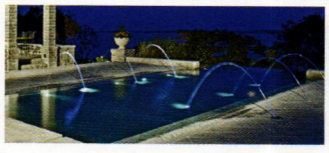

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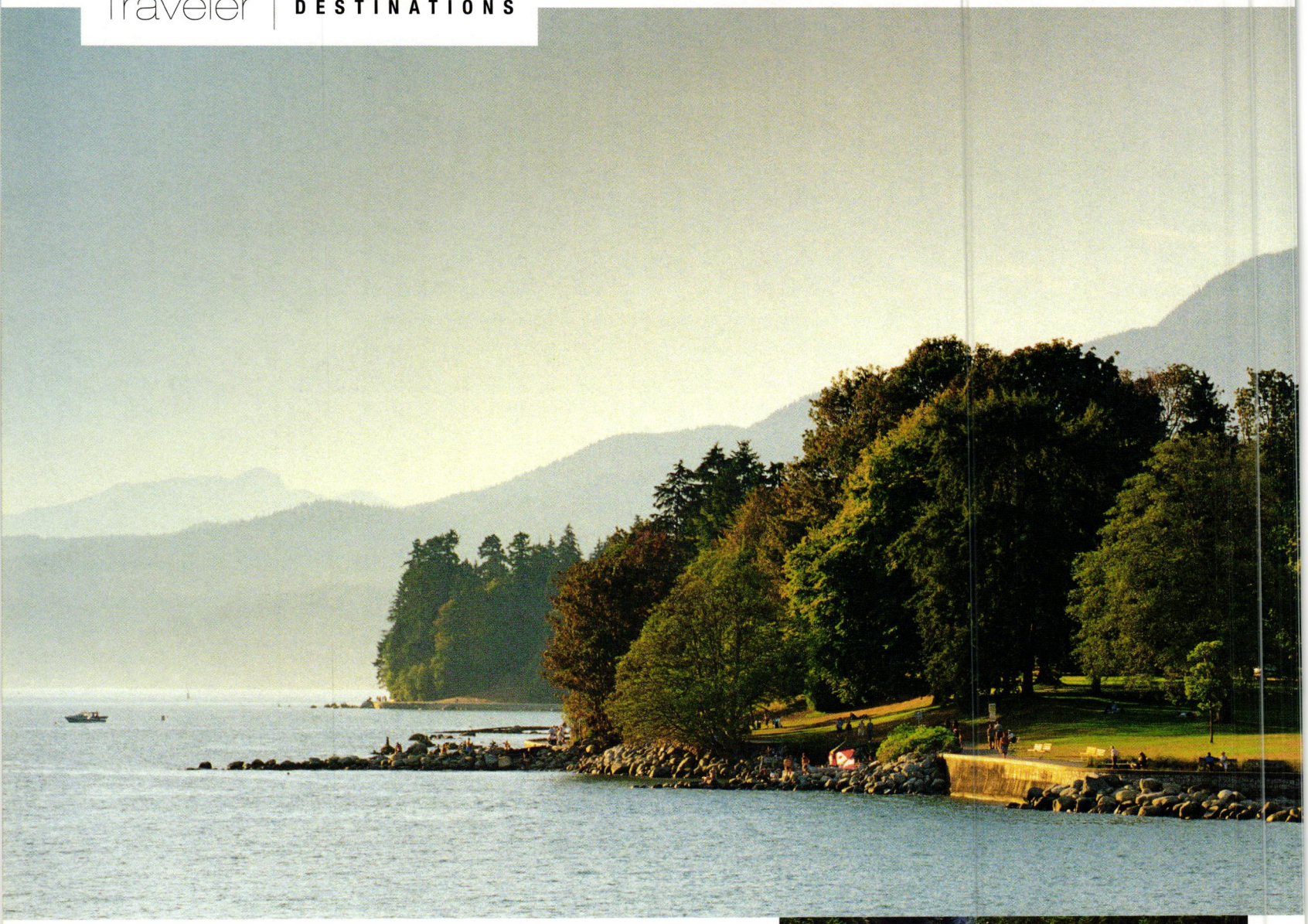

Nestled between mountainous parklands, coastal rainforests, and serene seascapes, the city comes alive with natural grandeur, from the rustle of towering cedar trees in Stanley Park to the synchronized swimming of five-ton orcas off the adjacent Strait of Georgia. With a mosaic of stunning backdrops, it's no wonder that most residents and visitors spend the majority of time outdoors during summer months. Vancouver's skyscrapers quickly disappear behind lush mountainsides, and the landscapes transform into endless playgrounds for outdoor enthusiasts.

At 1,000-acre Stanley Park, pedestrians and cyclists pick their own adventures along the park's 14-mile trail, immersed in a world of serene lagoons, totem poles, and lush, craggy coastline. At Capilano Suspension Bridge Park, thrill seekers (and their white-knuckled companions) experience invincibility from the 450-foot suspension bridge, built circa 1889. The park's new Cliffwalk takes living on the edge to its literal meaning, with a

Green Acres
Top, Stanley Park, a popular spot for strolling and cycling. Right, Capilano Suspension Bridge Park.

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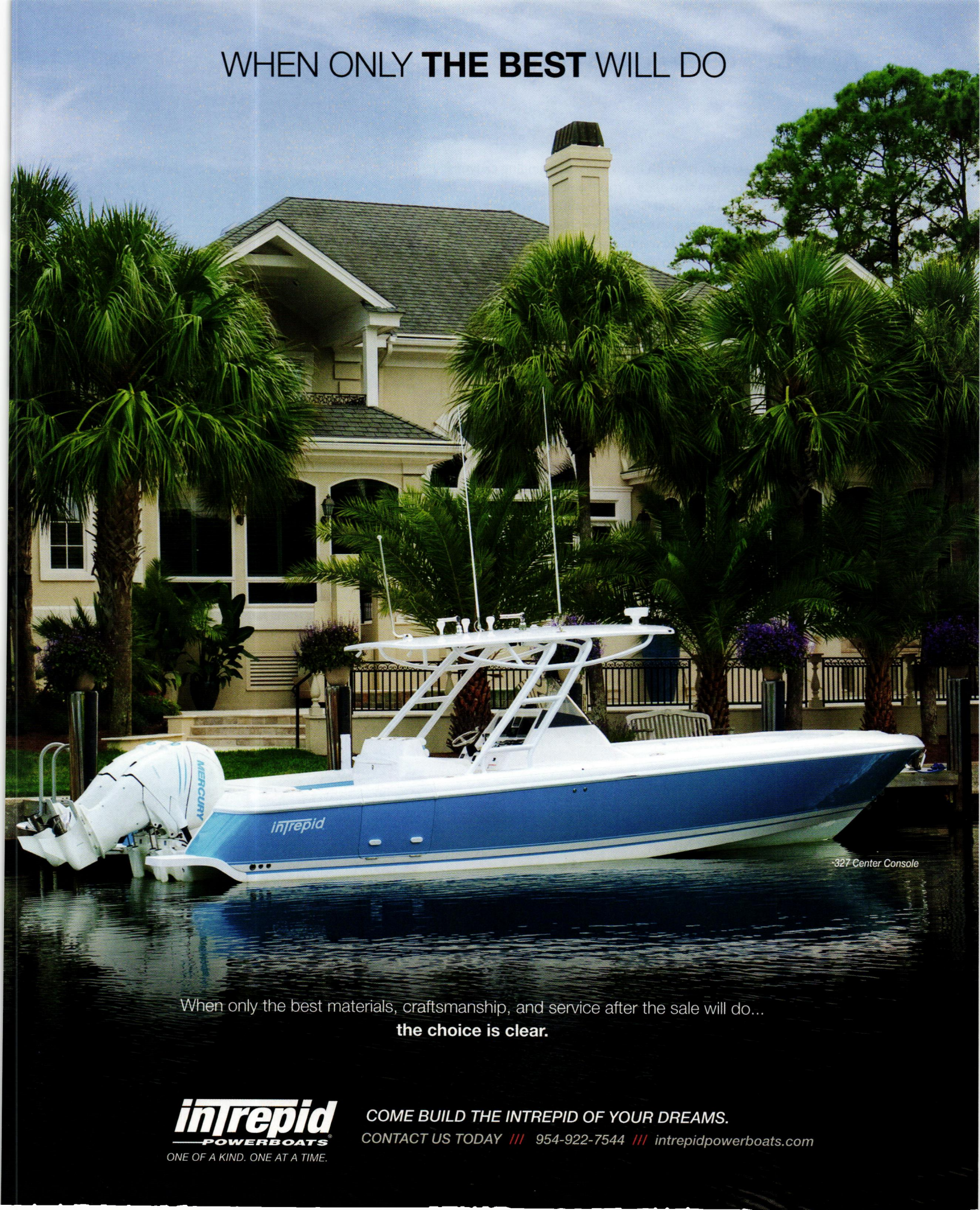
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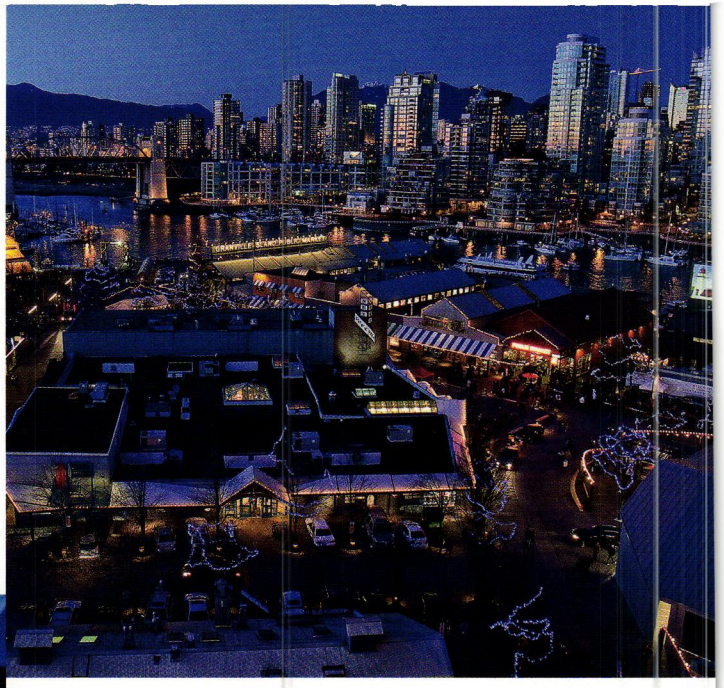
heart-stopping path that scales surrounding canyons. Visitors can also glide 3,700 feet above sea level on the Skyride Gondola at Grouse Mountain, enchanted by extraordinary panoramas of ocean, city, and sky. Atop Grouse Mountain awaits a wildlife refuge, whose residents include two very famous orphaned grizzly bears, Grinder and Coola.

When in Vancouver, be sure to comb the colorful streets of Chinatown. You'll think you've entered the fabled gardens of Suzhou, China, upon arriving at Dr. Sun Yat-Sen Classical Chinese Garden. The exquisite pagoda-lined replica of a bona fide, 15th-century Ming garden headlines Canada's largest Chinatown.



Oh, Canada
Above, Vancouver's skyline. Left, a parade in Chinatown. Below, Rosewood Hotel Georgia.

Back in skyscraping downtown, Vancouver's big-city sophistication indeed rivals that of other top North American destinations, thanks to plenty of haute hotels, fabulous restaurants, and endless opportunities for retail therapy. Hotel newcomers like the Loden Hotel, Fairmont Pacific Rim, and Rosewood Hotel Georgia are nabbing all kinds of awards, while shopping Mecca Robson Street is a must for any fashionista. Lastly, trending now in Vancouver's epic foodie and cocktail scene is an onslaught of creative vegetarian restaurants and craft breweries. We'll toast to that. *tourismvancouver.com* OH

Getting There
Air Canada (*aircanada.com*) offers daily nonstop flights to Vancouver (YVR) from 10 U.S. gateways.

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THE ESSENTIALS

Vancouver, British Columbia

WHERE TO STAY

Following a head-to-toe makeover, downtown Vancouver's fabled Hotel Georgia has resurfaced as the **Rosewood Hotel Georgia**, a 155-room property teeming with new amenities, which include an indoor saltwater lap pool. The hotel's plush, design-savvy guest rooms and suites are outfitted with earth-tone décor that imparts a vibe of modern elegance. *rosewoodhotels.com/hotelgeorgia*

WHERE TO EAT

It's a grand celebration of farm-to-table cuisine at foodie haven **Edible Canada** at the Market. This trendy bistro, situated across from the Public Market on Granville Island, presents the market's finest produce in the form of succulent dishes, like pumpkin rotolo and its Market Inspired Seafood Soup. *ediblecanada.com*

WHAT TO DO

Take advantage of Vancouver's explosive outdoor summertime energy at one of its many festivals: the TD Vancouver International Jazz Festival (June 21–July 1); the Honda Celebration of Light (July 27-Aug. 3); and the Vancouver Pride Parade & Festival (August 4) are a few mustn't-miss events. *coastaljazz.ca; hondacelebrationoflight.com; vancouverpride.ca*

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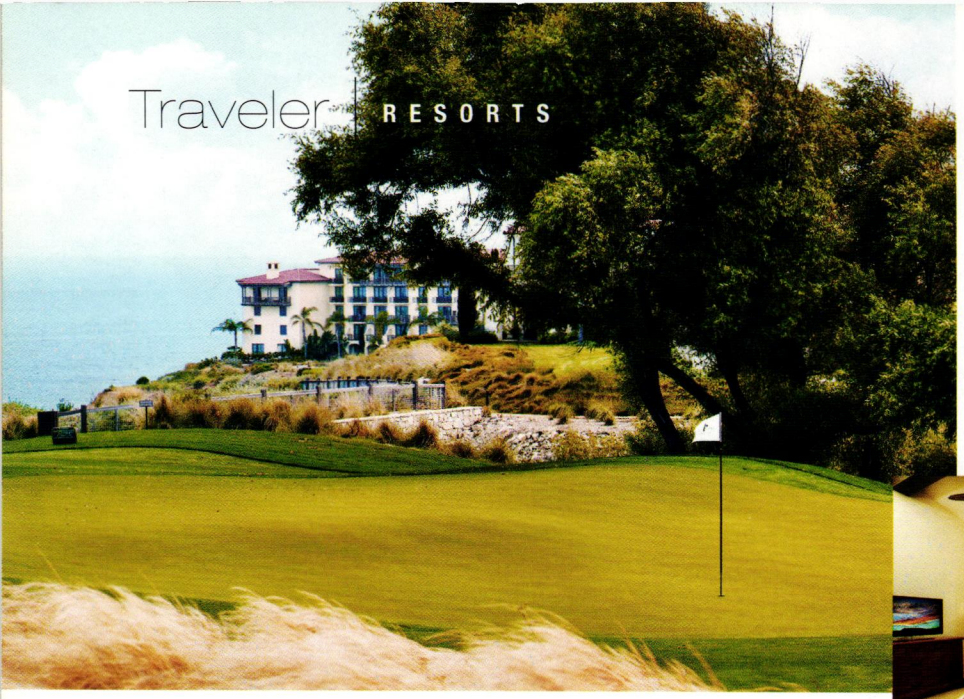

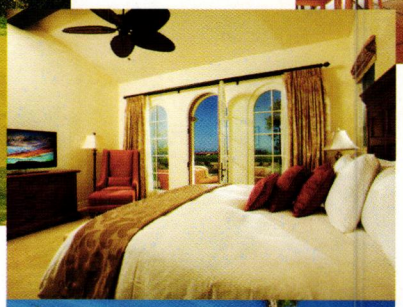

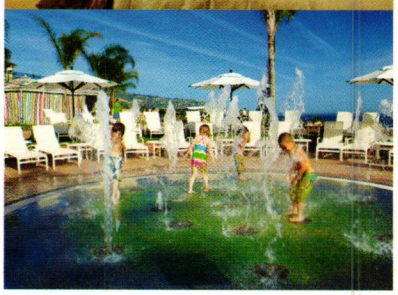

California Cool
Left, the golf course and resort. Right, a firepit at Nelson's. Below, a villa bedroom and the Kid's Splash Zone.

GRANDE DAME

Mediterranean elegance meets the southern California coast at Terranea Resort.

by **Melissa C. Gillespie**

Dramatically poised atop the Palos Verdes Peninsula on 102 acres of coastline, **Terranea Resort** is the crowning achievement of Los Angeles-based owner/developer Lowe Enterprises and is managed by Destination Hotels & Resorts. Though just 45 minutes from the heart of Los Angeles, Terranea manages to feel worlds away.

Rising from the water's edge, the 582-room resort includes a 360-room hotel and 32 villas. All accommodations have stunning views and immediate access to miles of oceanfront trails.

In addition to stellar views and natural preserves, Terranea features three swimming pools and a 25,000-square-foot spa and fitness facility overlooking the Pacific. The Spa at Terranea delivers on relaxation and customization via its signature spa treatments, which accommodate guests' moods and personal journeys.

For the resort guest who is looking to rejuvenate and energize, Terranea offers invigorating morning and mid-day spa treatments. We recommend the Ocean Prelude: With the sound of the waves crashing below from Terranea's signature spa suite, replenish yourself in a seaweed wrap before slipping into a relaxing salt water bath followed by a Laminaria oil massage.

Culinary enthusiasts also have a place at Terranea. Guests can explore a range of unique dining destinations at the property's eight exceptional venues. Nelson's, perched directly above the ocean coves made famous by the 1950s television series "Sea Hunt," is a guest favorite because of its casual coastal cuisine and sunset views.

Other resort amenities include a children's center and The Links at Terranea, a dramatic nine-hole, par-three oceanfront golf course. Terranea also has expansive outdoor lawns, terraces, gardens, and gazebos.

Resort amenities, an incomparable location, and stylish architecture are an undeniable draw for second home buyers, and the resort's real estate offerings include two- and three-bedroom oceanview golf villas ranging in size from 1,850 square feet to 2,800 square feet, and 2,050-square-foot three-bedroom oceanfront casitas. All Terranea real estate owners enjoy resort benefits, including room service, housekeeping, concierge, and in-resort transportation. Priced from $1.1 to $2.5 million, owner privileges also include special rates and travel benefits at 40 other properties in the U.S. *terranea.com* OH

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THE AGENDA

ACTIVE ENDEAVORS

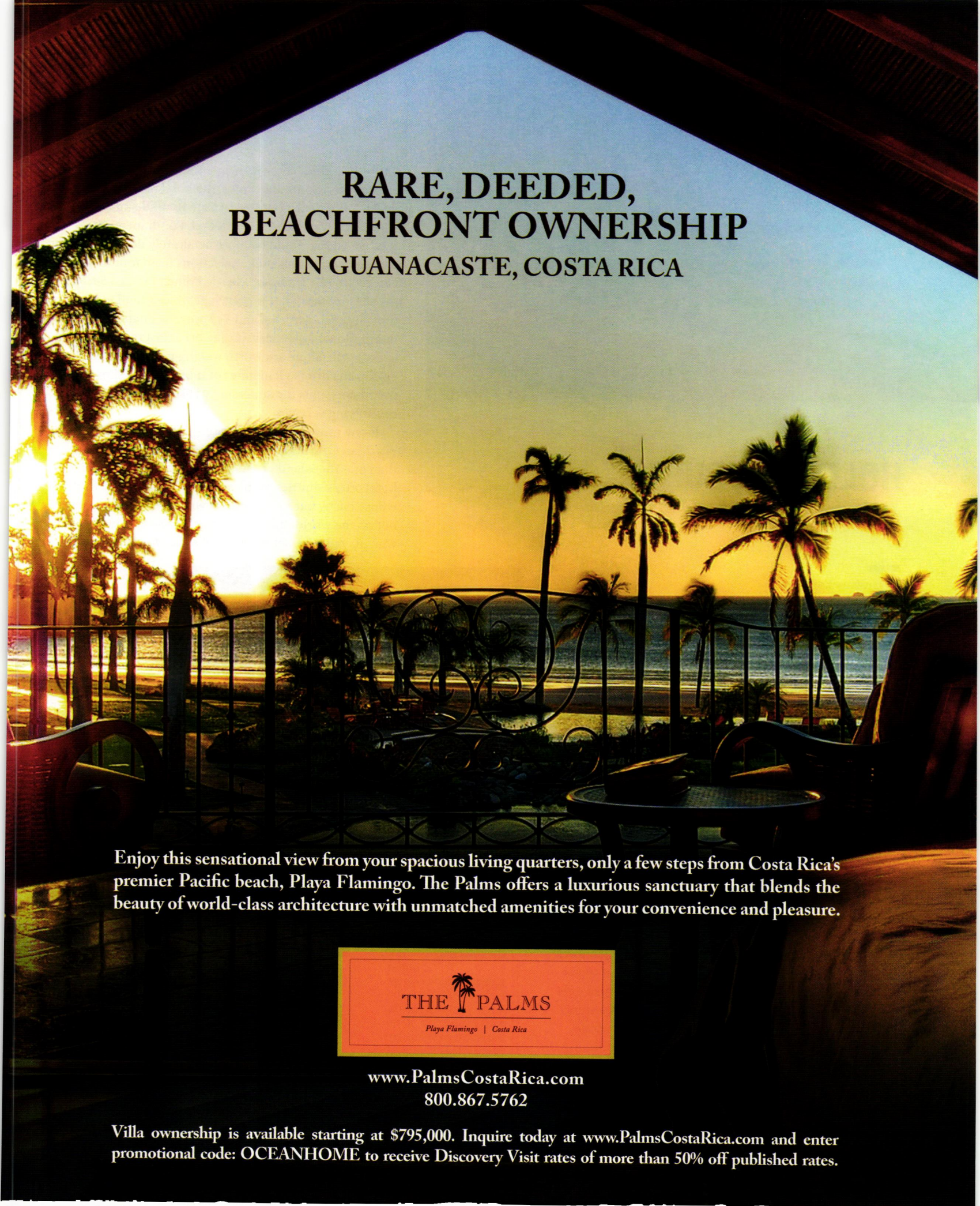
Capture those views on canvas in a seaside "plein air painting" session with the resort's **Pointe Discovery** program and take your artwork home. Or, try kayaking or "kayorkling," which combines kayaking and snorkeling. *terranea.com/family-vacations-california.php*

FINE DINING

Terranea's signature restaurant, **mar'sel**, puts an inventive twist on California cuisine with a seasonal menu featuring local ingredients. Offerings include delicious dishes like crispy Shelton Farms chicken thighs with cauliflower purée. *For more about mar'sel, including recipes from Chef de Cuisine Rebecca Merhej, go to oceanhomemag.com/terranea.*

ISLAND TIME

A beautiful 45-minute boat ride from nearby San Pedro takes guests to **Catalina Island**, which features fabulous land and water activities, including the Zip Line and SeaTrek Undersea Adventure, as well as numerous dining and lodging offerings. The island's diverse landscape has served as the location for the filming of more than 500 movies, documentaries, and television programs over the past 90 years, including *Jaws* and *Apollo 13*. *catalina.com*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HOLDING COURT

The storied legacy of Palm Beach's Brazilian Court is alive and well.

by **Lindsay Lambert**

Style comes naturally to the town of Palm Beach in the same way that some people are born with a quick wit or artistic eye. In fact, in Palm Beach, one could even say that to *be* is to be chic. No place on The Island, as it's called by locals, better illustrates this notion than the **Brazilian Court Hotel & Beach Club**, a quietly glamorous 80-room boutique hotel situated in the fashionable heart of "America's Riviera."

Since its opening in 1926, Brazilian Court has enjoyed a high-profile pedigree, having hosted dignitaries, monarchs, and pop culture icons (Marjorie Merriweather Post and Greta Garbo are among its past regulars). Even today, with its Spanish-Mediterranean architecture and famous palm tree-shaded courtyard–a scene reminiscent of old-time Hollywood–it's easy to see why Tinseltown elite felt at home here.

Originally designed by New York architect Rosario Candela, Brazilian Court underwent a years-long renovation in the mid-aughts, the results of which were unveiled in 2008 and included guest rooms and suites featuring mahogany crown moldings; hand-forged, oil-rubbed bronze fixtures; Provence-style wood shutters; and luxe imported bed linens. Throughout the whole process, the hotel's history as a beloved respite among stars was carefully preserved; framed old photographs adorn the walls, and suites bear names like Bergman, Astair, Hepburn, and Brando to invoke its golden era.

However golden its past life, however, Brazilian Court has only gotten better with age. Today, in addition to its sumptuous rooms and suites, the hotel is home to the lavish Palm Beach outpost of Café Boulud and a chic and shiny Frédéric Fekkai Salon & Spa. For dinner at Café Boulud, which would be more accurately described as an experience, patrons make selections from four culinary categories–*La Tradition*, classic French fare; *La Saison*, the season's best; *Le Potager*, vegetables found in traditional French gardens; and *Le Voyage*, a smattering of international influences. (Come breakfast time, Boulud's cheese grits alone are worth waking up for.) For R&R, the Fekkai spa offers all manner of massage and skin care treatments, plus the superstar stylist's specific brand of beautifying services.

If one must be named, the only drawback suffered by Brazilian Court is its setting a few blocks from–rather than on–The Island's famous beaches. However, the hotel offers shuttles to the shore in luxury SUVs, from whose cushy back seats guests will surely enjoy looking out on the world through the eyes of the famous figures who played here before them. *thebraziliancourt.com* **O|H**

Cool Sunning Top, the hotel's pool, enclosed by palm trees and a wing of suites. Left, a suite's richly decorated living area.

TO-DO LIST

LABEL LOVE

Stroll the length of nearby **Worth Avenue**, whose tenants include couture houses like Louis Vuitton, Gucci, and Chanel; top-shelf department stores like Neiman Marcus and Saks Fifth Avenue; posh boutiques and restaurants; and myriad art galleries. *worth-avenue.com*

HERALDED HOME

Pay a visit to Whitehall—now known as the **Flagler Museum**—which was the Gilded Age estate of Henry Morrison Flagler, the famed industrialist and a pioneer in the development of Palm Beach and other parts of Florida's eastern coast. *flaglermuseum.us*

BUCCAN DO IT

Palm Beach has its fair share of "it" restaurants, lounges, and bistros. Opened in early 2011, **Buccan**, though young, is holding its own as one of the town's hottest spots, thanks to its divine dishes, sophisticated yet stylish décor, and prime location, which draws Palm Beach's prettiest patrons. *buccanpalmbeach.com*

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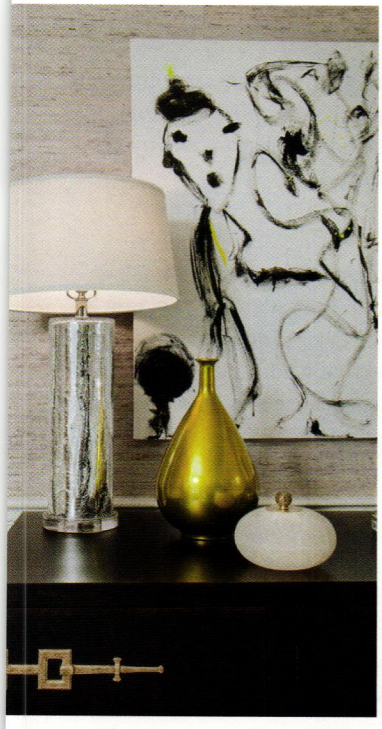

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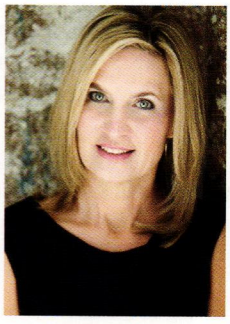

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ON-THE-GO GREEN

Pitch in to preserve the planet

by **Stacey Marcus**

You don't have to drive a hybrid to show the planet a little love when you hit the road. Simple steps like turning off the lights and air conditioning when you leave your hotel room, taking shorter showers, reusing towels and sheets, or opting for walking or biking as your mode of transportation are easy ways to reduce your carbon footprint when you travel. Here are some more divine deeds you can practice to pay homage to Mother Earth:

Be green and clean

"Travelers can reduce their carbon footprint while on the road by selecting hotels that embrace sustainable bath and body products and put unused product to good use, says Tim Kersley, senior vice president of Gilchrist & Soames, the maker of travel-friendly toiletries and bath amenities. "Another smart solution is to pack travel-sized toiletries that support eco-friendly ingredients and practices, ensuring responsible travel no matter the accommodations."

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> *general director, Riviera Maya Destination Marketing office*

Respect the environment

"First and foremost is do no harm," says Jake Kheel, environmental director of Grupo Puntacana. "Traveling in foreign countries, especially developing countries where laws are sometimes not effectively enforced, travelers often have opportunities to purchase products that harm the environment or endangered species. Know what you are buying and know what you are eating. For example, travelers often find jewelry made from sea turtle shells. This is not only illegal, but highly damaging to endangered sea turtle populations. Similarly, consuming sea turtle eggs or meat is illegal in most countries . . . If there is a ban season on lobster or conch, try to respect these seasons, as they allow populations to recover and encourage healthy coral reefs."

Visit destinations that embrace eco-friendly travel

"Typically, a destination that focuses on sustainability will have buildings no higher than three or four stories," says Dario Flota, general director of the Riviera Maya Destination Marketing office. "There are several negative environmental effects that can be escalated by taller buildings, such as increased hazards for migrating birds, heat island effect, and high-ground wind velocity effects."

"These days, it's almost a given that hotels should be performing standard measures to reduce their environmental impact, such as recycling and only providing new towels if they are left on the floor or requested," explains Flota. "To find a true eco-conscious resort, find a place that is going above and beyond, [with measures] such as solar-paneled roofs, an on-site compost station, and even conservation programs/integrated environmental education programming." Flota also recommends visiting places with a UNESCO world heritage site, scouting for for bike programs and paths, and seeing if there are any voluntourism programs.

Snack mindfully

Another way to show the planet is to select snacks and foods that are sustainably grown. "Duchy was founded by Prince Charles [of Wales,] and with the brand, he set out to produce high-quality food in harmony with the environment," says Steve Dawson, president of Walkers Shortbread, Inc. "All ingredients in Duchy products are sustainably grown using traditional farming practices, and we strive to minimize our environmental footprint through local sourcing and less packaging." OH

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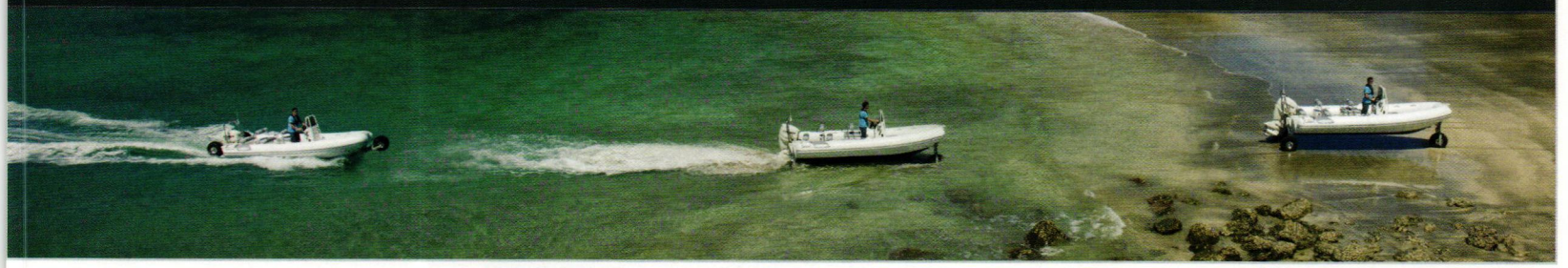

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JUNGLE SOJOURN

Tucked inside Mexico's tropical forest, Viceroy Riviera Maya offers a wholesome haven for eco-opulence.

by **Kiley Jacques**

The resort and spa once described by *Travel + Leisure* as "a sexy, eco-conscious hideaway in the jungle," **Viceroy Riviera Maya** is a true green getaway. Situated in the small village of Playa Xcalacoco just outside Playa del Carmen, the 41-villa luxury resort enjoys sea and sun on the coast, as well as forest, flora, and fauna. Opalescent sands, clear waters, and jungle groves blend seamlessly with its organic aesthetic.

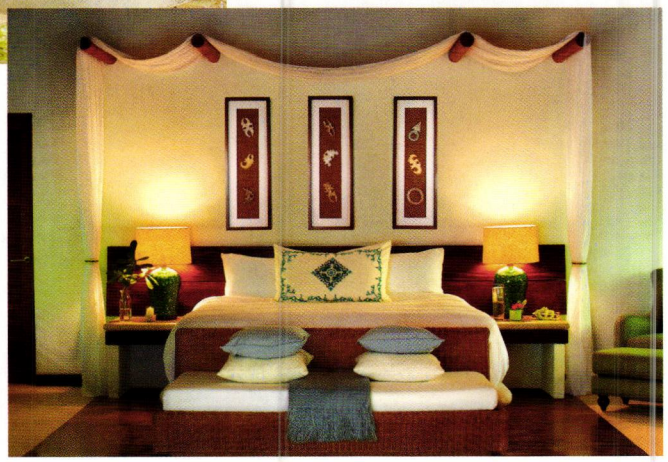
Palapa-roofed stucco villas capture the simplicity of Mayan design, while natural materials like louvered-mahogany doors and windows, sisal rugs, and canopy beds with hand-stitched Egyptian cotton linens evoke serenity. The Wayak Spa satiates the soul with marine and herbal treatments, like the Black Lava full-body exfoliation, holistic massage, and the signature Earth and Air Ritual. Onsite composting, recycling, and energy-conservation efforts are a testament to the developers' respect for the pristine environs. Another eco-touch comes in the form of all-natural handmade Mayan soaps delivered daily by "soap concierges."

Formerly known as Tides Riviera Maya, the Viceroy was rebranded in January 2012 and a complete renovation added 11 luxury villas, a seaside restaurant, new arrival area and lobby, an updated presidential suite, and a library. Villas feature private patios, plunge pools, outdoor showers, and terraces replete with chaise lounges, hand-carved stone dining tables, and crocheted hammocks. Options include luxury, royal, premium, ocean view, beachfront, and presidential villas–all of which offer something singular.

Resort stays are enhanced by diverse dining venues. La Marea Restaurant, with prime Caribbean views, showcases contemporary twists on traditional Mexican dishes. For alfresco ceviche and top-shelf tequila tastings, the Library Lounge introduces enthusiasts to a "maestro tequilero," who shares a bit about the libation's ancient history. Casual ambience and fare are found at Coral Grill & Bar, while an ancient outdoor Mayan kitchen at Casita Maya hosts private parties and cooking classes.

Archaeological site excursions to Tulum and Chichen Itza, as well as customized guided tours of nearby historical landmarks and ancient cities including Cancun, Cozumel, and Uxmal can be arranged for guests. For cultural journeys, visit an original Mayan Village and home; there, lessons on tortilla making are followed by a jungle walk and canoe voyage across a lagoon to the Reservation of the Biosphere of Spider Monkeys, where a 120-meter-long zip line awaits. Further adventures include skydiving, kite surfing, horseback riding, and exploration of the 82-mile Sac Actun Cave System, where the brave can snorkel and dive in cenotes (natural water-filled pits or sinkholes) and underground rivers.

Viceroy Riviera Maya is luxurious, unpretentious, and rife with green adventure. *viceroyhotelsandresorts.com* OH



Mayan Luxury
Top to bottom, the view from a Viceroy Riviera Maya beachfront villa, a villa bath, an outdoor shower, and a bedroom, ready to offer relaxation.

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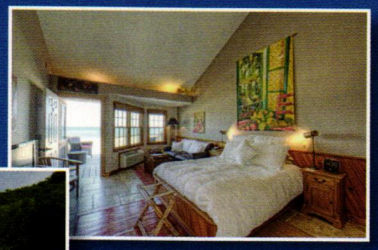

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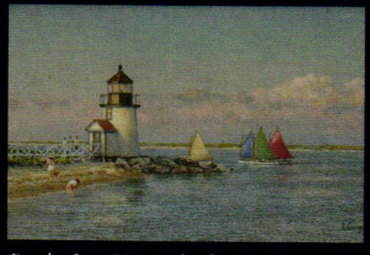

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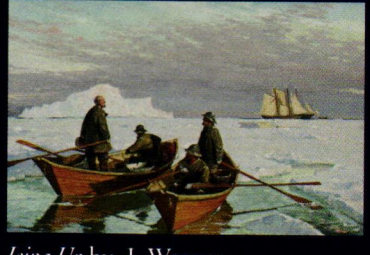

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CELERGEN:
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How marine cell therapy has dramatically improved the personal lives of discerning patients - and even their doctors!

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SWISS CELL THERAPY

In recent years, legions of affluent, accomplished individuals—from actors and performers to CEOs and heads of state—have traveled to Switzerland on a regular basis to undergo cell therapy injections not legally available in the United States. Adherents have cited numerous positive results, including the elimination of chronic pain, improved sleep, skin condition and muscle tone, an enhanced libido, a general sense of well-being, and improvement on numerous conditions, including Type II diabetes and joint pain. Now, after years of scientific research and clinical study, Celergen offers a new advancement in cell therapy via capsule form.

THE CELERGEN DIFFERENCE

In addition to its much-preferred mode of delivery—capsules versus injections—Celergen's effectiveness stems from innovative advancements in the field of cell therapy. Scientists have long been intrigued by the ability of marine DNA to offset the effects of premature aging, fight age-related degenerative diseases, and boost human immune systems.

"Typical extraction methods use heat, which destroys proteins and, along with it, many of the benefits. Celergen's proprietary cold DNA extraction process keeps all those benefits intact," says Dr. Juan Remos, founder of the Wellness Institute of the Americas in Miami, Florida. "Our bodies are constantly trying to repair themselves by reproducing and revitalizing cells. The key to the success of Celergen is that it packages proteins in such a way that they easily enter the blood stream and the

brain, thereby triggering enhanced cell activity." Celergen binds these marine cell proteins with Peptide E Collagen, which reinforces skin elasticity, and Hydro MN Peptide, which plays a critical role in the rejuvenation of cartilage.

On the West Coast, Dr. Uzzi Reiss, the celebrated founder of The Beverly Hills Anti-Aging Center in Beverly Hills, California asserts, "the peptides in Celergen go directly to the skin and this is where most of my patients notice an immediate and pronounced difference. Their skin looks healthier and seems to have a certain glow about it". "Celergen also goes to work on our vascular systems, which can keep the rise of sugar lower after we eat and, ultimately, forestall certain conditions like Type II diabetes."

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— DR. KENNETH ORBECK

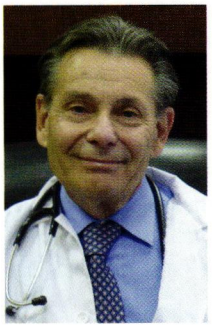
Dr. Remos has recommended the supplement to patients suffering from a wide variety of ailments, including loss of energy, sleep-related issues, and mild depression. The majority have shown a vast improvement, he says. One added benefit of Celergen has shown forth in its libidinal enhancements. "I've had several male patients who, having been on Celergen for a month or two, no longer see the need to take Viagra," says Remos. "It gives them a renewed sense of vitality across the board."

FIRST HAND PROVEN RESULTS

With their long years of experience in the fields of anti-aging medicine, wellness and prevention, Dr. Remos and Dr. Reiss have seen their share of new "wonder treatments" come and go. Both were admittedly skeptical when first introduced to Celergen. Dr. Remos was attending a medical conference when a participant suggested he might consider recommending Celergen to his patients. "I knew the only way I would ever do that was if I was convinced that it worked, which meant trying it myself," says Dr. Remos. "I like to think I was already in pretty good shape when I started taking Celergen. I had no real ailments or complaints, but even then, after two weeks, the results were fairly striking. I was more focused and energetic. And, all in all, I was happier, with a much more positive attitude than I had experienced in years." One of the first people Dr. Remos recommended Celergen to was his personal trainer, who had been wearing a knee support for several weeks thanks to an injury. "Two days after taking Celergen he took off the support," says Remos. Likewise, after learning about Celergen in December 2011, Dr. Reiss began taking it himself and also recommended it to his wife and three adult children. At 68, Dr. Reiss was already in excellent physical condition. He followed a strict nutritional program and exercised at least 90 minutes a day, including an advanced pilates workout. "So to take someone like me, who already felt great, and convince me that I could feel even better was a pretty large order," says Dr. Reiss, who had been interested in cell therapy but not particularly enthusiastic about the idea of injections. "I was truly skeptical that I could get all the benefits of cell therapy from a little pill." After a couple of weeks, friends and acquaintances began to comment on his changed appearance. "They would look at me and say, 'What have you done to your face?' They thought I'd had cosmetic surgery or something," says Dr. Reiss. "It was everything I could do to convince them that I hadn't gone under the knife, that what they saw was the result of a natural supplement." Dr. Reiss stresses that since Celergen works on so many different levels, it tends to achieve different results in everyone who tries it. "Unlike drug therapy, which usually just addresses one specific ailment, Celergen turns on multiple different engines in our bodies. And since it acts in multiple ways, you cannot exactly predict what it will do for each patient," he says. "It goes to work where it needs to go to work." A number of Dr. Reiss's patients have taken hormone treatments over the years but have been put off by the side effects. For them, he says, Celergen has produced the same desirable results, while increasing stamina and a general sense of well-being. In Dr. Reiss's view, too many people look at life as a lottery, believing there is little they can do to improve their odds and thus resign themselves to putting up with a growing number of ailments and afflictions as they grow older. But a long life, he says, should not necessarily mean a lower quality of life. And Celergen provides a valuable tool for maintaining and even enhancing that quality. Dr. Reiss compares it to owning a high performance vehicle. "If you drive a rare Ferrari or own a private jet, you know that you must look after it with top quality products and maintenance," he says. "You should show that same respect for quality when it applies to yourself. Celergen is the Rolls-Royce of supplements for the human body."

WITH MEN IN MIND: ENERGY, FOCUS & IMPROVED LIBIDO

Dr. Kenneth Orbeck, of BodyLogicMD in Greenville, SC, has dedicated his practice to helping patients find relief from adrenal fatigue and thyroid disorders, as well as addressing hormonal imbalances, such as menopause and andropause (male menopause.) Many of those seeking his help are middle-aged men plagued by maladies that stem from athletic pursuits in their early years or more recent aches and pains from overexertion. "They come in complaining about knee pain or joint swelling," says Orbeck. "After a short regimen of Celergen, the pain often disappears altogether and the afflicted area shows improved range of motion and strength." One of Dr. Orbeck's patients, a 78-year-old man, had no specific ailments, but expressed a simple desire to continue his good health as long as possible. "He told me that he felt great and that he just wanted to keep feeling great. He said that on a scale of one to ten, he considered himself a ten," says Dr. Orbeck, who recommended Celergen. "When he returned a few weeks later, he said 'Doctor, if I was a 10 before, then I'm a 15 now.' He achieved a level of vitality and an increased libido that he thought it would be impossible to ever regain." In his practice, Dr. Orbeck follows a guiding philosophy that says the human body is fully capable of healing itself given the proper tools. "By that I do not mean prescribing endless pharmaceuticals that merely mask the problem," says Orbeck. "What is special about Celergen is that it is not a pharmaceutical and yet it truly works on a cellular level to promote regeneration and can slow, if not reverse, the aging process. It provides the bricks and mortar for the cells to regenerate. And coupled with a program of hormonal optimization, it gives me the perfect one-two punch."



"Celergen affects different patients in different ways. Some of my male patients reported improved libido and sexual performance, while some said it helped reduce joint pain and give them a better night's sleep."
— DR. BRUCE LOWELL

WHAT IS SWISS CELL THERAPY?

A potent transformative treatment that stimulates the human body's natural healing and revitalizing powers, Swiss Cell Therapy triggers the rejuvenation of individual cells. This renewal process is critical for helping keep the body's tissues and organs in optimal good health. By repairing and replacing dead and damaged cells, Swiss Cell Therapy helps combat the aging process by maintaining energy and vitality.

WHY DOCTORS PERSONALLY USE CELERGEN

ENERGY AND VITALITY

"At 74, after bypass surgery, I figured things might never get better. Enter Celergen! I no longer wear a back brace, I work 14 hours a day, and I never complain of being tired."

— Dr. Glen Guillet, Anti-Aging Cell Therapy of Texas, Beaumont, TX

CHRONIC PAIN

"I have been on Celergen for about three months and have suffered chronic pain to my ankle from a fall. Now I am walking without a limp and have decreased the pain and stiffness. I no longer need to take NSAIDS."

— Dr. Angelo Baccellieri, Westchester Wellness Medicine, Harrison, NY

STRESS

"At first I didn't notice anything. Then after about 3 months I could really experience the difference. We do a heart rate variability test in our office that reflects the health of the nervous system. Before I started taking Celergen, my test showed a stressed nervous system. Now, after just four months, it is balanced and vital. Celergen has really helped my body."

— Dr. David I. Minkoff, LifeWorks Wellness Center, Clearwater, FL

OVERALL WELL-BEING

"My patients who start Celergen believe that it is helping them in a variety of ways, from hair growth and radiant skin texture to weight loss, increased energy, and relief from joint pain. Although patients' experiences have varied, they are not willing to go back to a life without Celergen."

— Dr. Chong Kim, Anti-Aging Medicine Chong Kim MD, Torrance, CA

FASTER SPORTS RECOVERY, MORE PLEASURE

A fitness expert with more than 25 years in the wellness industry, Michael George has worked with a long list of celebrities and professional athletes, including Meg Ryan, Reese Witherspoon, Toby Maguire, Dennis Quaid and professional boxer Fernando Vargas. George, author of *Body Express Makeover: Trim and Sculpt Your Body in Less than Six Weeks*, says he has recommended numerous supplements to his clients over the years, "everything from sprays to pills and ointments," but was never wholly satisfied with the results. All that changed after he read about Celergen, researched it further and determined that the "science behind it made absolute sense because it worked directly on a cellular level." He began taking Celergen at the end of 2012. "I am very body aware and like to believe that I'm in peak health. I didn't think I would notice any improvements at all, but that was not the case," says George. "Within two weeks, the tendonitis in my elbow disappeared. It was something that I had given up hope of ever getting rid of and Celergen made it completely go away." George also noticed a dramatic improvement in his ability to recover after grueling physical activity. "At my age, I had grown accustomed to having to mix up my workout regimen to allow for recovery from one day to the next," says George, who is 50. "Now I can do a full-blown hour-long workout, come back the next day and do it all over again." As for his libido, George says Celergen "has me believing that I'm a 20-year-old. It has definitely increased my performance." He now suggests that his clients reconsider all the supplements they take and reduce the long list to only Celergen. "It is really the only product out there that is capable of addressing a multitude of areas," says George.

FIGHTS DEPRESSION, ELEVATES MOODS, IMPROVES LIVES

According to recent estimates by the World Health Organization, as many as 120 million people worldwide suffer from some form of depression. While antidepressants are typically the go-to course of dealing with such mood disorders, doctors are discovering that Celergen offers tangible results in this area, too. One of Dr. Lowell's patients, a former schoolteacher, began taking Celergen and, after three weeks that brought significant improvement for her depression, she was able to stop taking her anti-depression medication. "Another patient had just endured the recent loss of a loved one. She didn't want to get out of bed in the morning and refused to take anti-depressants. With Celergen, she was back to being herself within a month's time," says Lowell. "And yet another patient told me that, in addition to warding off depression, Celergen help improved his blurry eyesight." Results like that are readily explained, says Dr. Orbeck, since Celergen, working on a cellular level, helps "reduce inflammation, which in turn improves neural transmitter response." "This all combines to reduce stress and anxiety, leaving patients with more energy, more acute focus and a general all-around sense of well-being," says Dr. Orbeck. For his part, Dr. Lowell says his recent experience with Celergen has convinced him that its benefits are only starting to be understood. "I think Celergen marks the beginning of a new era in how we approach rejuvenating the human body," he says. "The possibilities are endless and exciting."

For more information, please visit, **www.CelergenUS.com** or call, 888-958-0451

Tortola, British Virgin Islands

TRANSCENDENT TINGALAYO

by Kiley Jacques

For a meaningful lift of spirit, Tortola's Tingalayo Villa is nothing short of divine. Surrounded by cerulean seas, the lofty retreat admits arresting views over which the eye can stretch all the way to Puerto Rico on a clear day. Occupying close to four acres of verdant land, the exclusive private estate lulls guests into its quiet folds.

Seated between sea and sky, 300 feet below Sage Mountain—the highest point on the island—Tingalayo enjoys a niche spot on Tortola's west end, where neighboring St. John, Jost Van Dyke, and St. Thomas islands, as well as Soper's Hole and Apple Bay characterize the view. Though the villa clings to a remote hillside, Beef Island airport is a mere 20 minutes away and Road Town—the islands' capital—is reachable in a half hour's time. Close-at-hand white sand respites include Long Bay—ideal for dreamy days spent swimming and lazing—and Smugglers Cove where premiere snorkeling along an appreciable reef promises sea fan, sponge, and brain coral sightings.

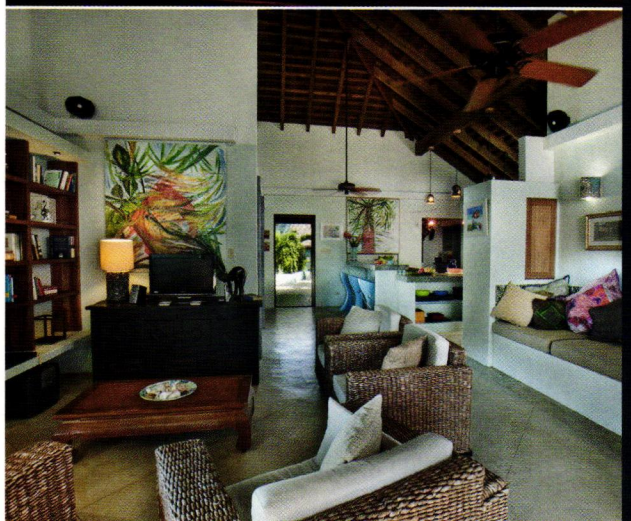
Host to six separate structures, an equal number of bedrooms, and 6.5 bathrooms, Tingalayo readily accommodates 12 guests. Ten years of work and the collective vision of owner Simon Ball, architect Michael Helm, and interior designer Matthew Collins bore beautifully choreographed, highly livable spaces that sprawl seamlessly in and out of doors, brilliantly uniting guests with nature. The open-plan/outdoor living concept and thoughtful aesthetic further a sense of melding with the environs. Handmade tiles from

Morocco, Spain, and Italy are laid over kitchen, bathroom, and dining surfaces, as well as outdoor garden faucets, while washbasins and hardware detail the sleek modern style of their designer—Philippe Starck. Rich purple heart teak wood lines the decks and sitting areas and, high above, handsome rafters have been masterfully crafted to powerful effect. Flamingo pink, sunset orange, and a spectrum of blues enliven a contemplative décor—the result of which can best be described as modern Italian meets Zen Buddhism in the kaleidoscopic Caribbean.

Though Tingalayo's attractions are many, a cloud-like infinity pool and accompanying open-air living areas take center stage. Appearing part and parcel of the sea, the pool's horizon is the ocean's own. A commodious terrace and intimate courtyard pavilion anchor the marine scene with choice furnishings, and alfresco dining is made pleasant with a 12-seat cedar dining table, state-of-the-art BBQ, two wine fridges, and concrete counter surfaces. More intimate relaxation can be had beneath a simply appointed covered terrace where an adjoining heated plunge pool lies ever-ready for candlelit dips. Encircling all are coral stone paths and steps around which gardens burst with ginger and bougainvillea flowers, palms, and banana, plantain, bread fruit, and mango trees. At the Eden's crest sits a six-foot, three-ton Balinese Buddha, the positioning of which required a year for shipping and 10 men for mounting—a grand-scale effort reflective of the care that went, and continues to go, into Tingalayo.

"To live among Tingalayo's artistry is to discover a world so surreal it defies description."

Moving inside, the Great House serves as primary gathering quarters. Visiting residents enjoy state-of-the-art dining made possible by a professional-grade kitchen equipped with spacious granite counters, Viking stove/oven, pantry with two large fridge/freezers, and two dishwashers. And, for those looking to



experience local cuisine, regional chefs are available for private hire. Home entertainment options can be found in the media room where a private balcony, bright artwork, 52-inch flat-screen TV with surround sound, and stereo with Ipod docking unit provide urbane amusements.

The six bedrooms offer equally inviting, yet distinctive appeal. The completely private Ocean-Blue Master Suite enjoys an ensuite bathroom, views of Jost Van Dyke, and adjoining outdoor private deck with heated Jacuzzi and majestic four-poster day bed. Heavy mahogany doors in the Haven Two Bedroom Suite open onto a large shared bathroom made special with sea green mosaic tiles and equipped with shower, double basin, and a custom bathtub well suited for children. Last, but hardly least, is the Fairytale Suite where a wall-sized window heightens its lure. Host to a four-poster bed with hidden dressing area, the suite includes a private outdoor shower with sea-pebbled floor, two-bedroom guest cottage, and heated plunge pool. All bedrooms are equally comfortable with state-of-the-art air-conditioning and ceilings fans.

These details, in addition to a thousand others, combine for a flawless orchestration of highly habitable spaces. To live among Tingalayo's artistry is to discover a world so surreal it defies description. As if in a dream, visitors wake to Virgin Island peaks, cast eye over eternal sea, and breathe air made fresh with hints of hibiscus; fuschias spill from courtyard pots, colors pop, and a great calm settles over all. Tingalayo Villa truly is an Olympian retreat.

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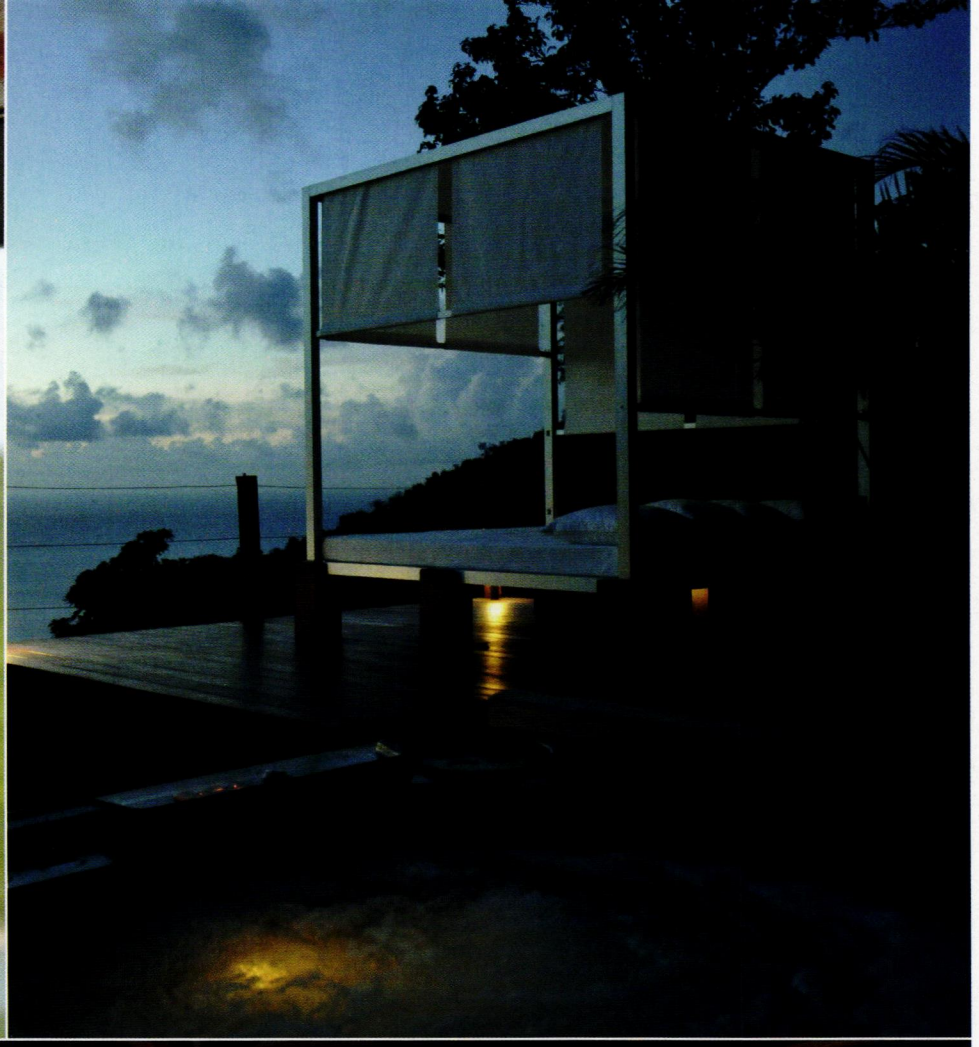

White Hot
Casa Torcida, built by New York's SPG Architects on Costa Rica's Osa Peninsula.

NATIVE SUN

On a coastal hillside in the Costa Rican rainforest, Casa Torcida proves that luxury and eco-friendly living can coexist.

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Rising above the rainforest on Costa Rica's Osa Peninsula, radiant Casa Torcida overlooks the blue water of the Golfo Dulce. The modern, stacked geometric shapes of the residence offer a calm oasis amid the lush growth in one of the most biologically diverse places in the world. In the pristine rainforest teeming with an extraordinary variety of wild animals and plants, conservation is a way of life.

Construction had been halted and the rainforest was slowly reclaiming the steel frame and concrete slab structure when New York-based **SPG Architects**' project team of Coty Sidnam, Eric Gartner, and Andres Cova came onboard. Though a reconfiguration of the layout would be necessary to meet the client's needs, they decided to recycle the existing work. Preservation of the natural environment is at the heart of their design.

"We added some and carved some away in an effort to make more sense of the space," says Sidnam. "We decided the water cistern, housed in an enclosed area

on the first floor, should go underground so we could recapture that space as a bodega. A lot of changes happened organically." They dug underneath the foundation to build a music studio, added an infinity pool, and configured the living spaces vertically to provide natural cooling and take advantage of the views.

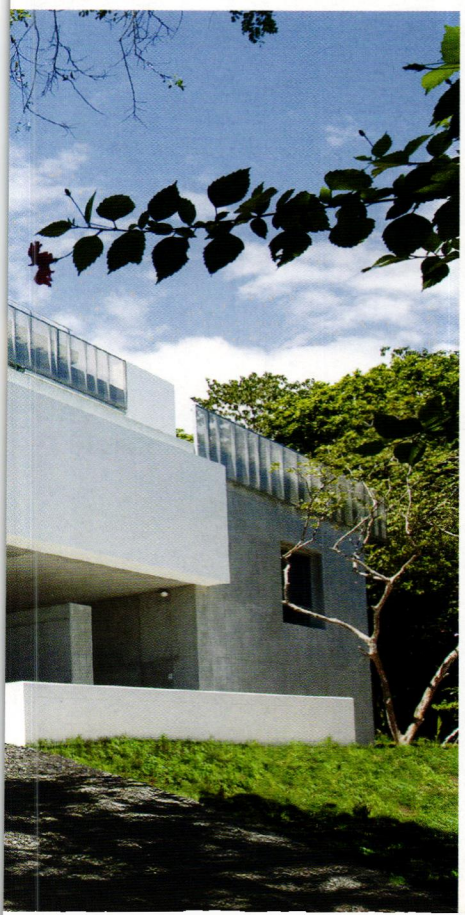
Despite the sweltering heat and humidity, the house only uses air conditioning in its music studio. Passive solar controls, free of mechanical or electrical assistance, keep the home cool. For shade, southern and eastern exposures utilize deep overhangs created by exterior walkways. The steep slope of the site and the dense trees around the structure provide a sun shield, while the rainforest canopy protects the lower levels. Areas that are exposed are rendered in sun-reflective white.

Primary living spaces and bedrooms are raised above the trees to catch the breezes flowing up the hill from the water. Glass walls open fully to provide cross ventilation, creating an integrated indoor/outdoor living area. Casement windows around the home's perimeter can be adjusted to maintain comfortable temperatures inside. Responsibly harvested custom teak louver panels on the bedroom windows incorporate screens for defense against insects and can be adjusted for privacy, ventilation, and wind protection.

Rainwater runs across an impermeable, microbe-free roof membrane into a series of drains and is collected in an underground cistern. A solar water heating system greatly reduces the toxic gases produced by electric and gas water heaters while maintaining the home's sustainable energy. After rainwater reaches the temperature necessary to kill bacteria, a slow-flow pump circulates it.

Unlike a typical black roof, the white membrane doesn't absorb or transfer solar heat to the home or the environment, avoiding the "heat island" effect and saving energy. "It was as organic as we could make it while still providing a really good seal," says Sidnam. "It also had to be free of any chemical sloughing that would get into the water." Impermeable to rain, saltwater, and UV exposure, the material is durable and needs little maintenance.

Eighty-four SANYO solar panels on the roof are



Angled Approach Clockwise from top left, the living room, which is raised above the trees to allow breezes to enter the home; an open bathroom; the kitchen, whose cabinets and work table were created using native hardwoods; the home's exterior, which is modern and minimalistic, a stark contrast against the wild tangle of the rainforest.

Natural Fit
The home's interior and its exterior environment blend together, with palm trees jutting upward from inside the first floor. Around the pool, light-reflecting white tiles sourced from South American quartzite ensure that the floor doesn't get too hot in the sun.

Go With the Flow
From top, the home's open floor-plan allows air to circulate throughout its spaces; a view of the home in its arboreal setting; and SANYO solar panels on the roof.

designed to produce dependable, high-power output despite the intense heat, which usually decreases performance and voltage. The system reliably provides the home with all electricity, including the power needs of computer equipment and appliances; therefore, it wasn't necessary to bring in electricity from far away or disturb the environment with unsightly power service wiring.

No eco-friendly house is complete without energy-efficient lighting and Energy Star appliances, which must meet energy-saving and low greenhouse gas specifications set by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. Eco-friendly, high-tech options abound in the luxury appliances the architects chose, which included Sun Frost refrigerators, a Bosch washer and dryer, and a "Swan-labeled" Asko, one of the most energy- and water-efficient dishwashers on the market. Energy-efficient lighting throughout the home uses less power, lasts longer, and produces significantly less heat.

To reduce transportation pollution, the plumbing fixtures and fittings were purchased locally. Designed to reduce water usage without diminishing function, family and friends can still enjoy a good Jacuzzi.

You can't really have a chef kitchen unless you're cooking with gas. Used here for cooking and drying clothes, eco-friendly propane is the cleanest burning of all fossil fuels. It's not harmful to soil or water, and it doesn't contribute the contaminants that cause acid rain.

Interiors are modern, sleek, and indigenous. "We tried to use Central and South American products for the surfaces, and all the cabinetry came from wood that was cleared from the site," says Sidnam. Native hardwood includes Cenizaro, Ron-ron, and Cristobal, which produced the dramatic cabinets and worktable in the kitchen, the custom bookshelves in the library, the dressing room woodwork, and the custom bed and dining room tables.

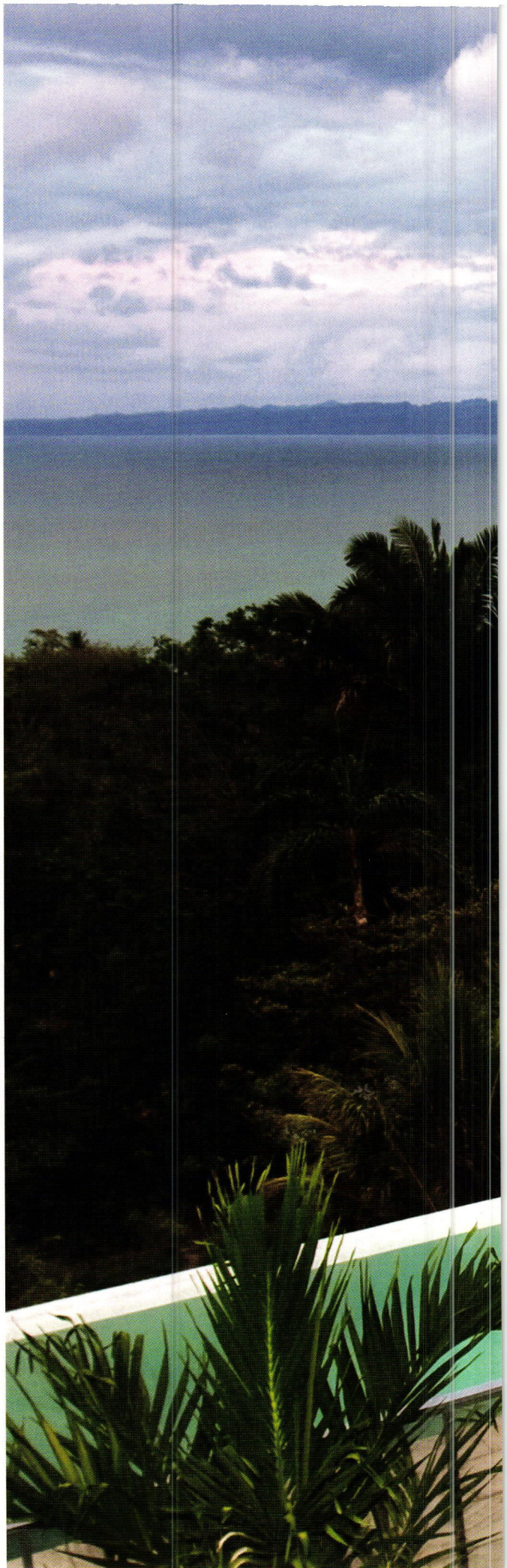
In contrast to the wild tangle of the rainforest, the interiors are grounded in a neutral palette. Bright pops of tropical colors—echoing native plants and animals—are seen in sleek yet soft modern furniture raised off the floor to prevent snake and insect surprises. Indoor/outdoor furniture features waterproof and colorfast fabrics. The living room's Simplice Sofa and Poltrona armchair, designed by Antonio Citterio, juxtaposes clean lines and a saturated red with the calm mottling of the polished concrete floor, while the curves and bright scarlet of Paola Lenti's Aqua Collection soften the straight lines and concrete of the pool terrace.

Set in the concrete like an oblong jewel, an infinity pool stretches to the edge of the cliff. "You don't need rails at the edge. The pool becomes your protection," says Sidnam. "Anytime you're sitting out on the pool deck, there's nothing between you and the view. And there's the sense that the pool water runs into the water beyond."

Around the pool, light-reflecting white tiles, sourced from South American quartzite, ensure that the floor never gets too hot. Rather than toxic chemicals or the necessary upkeep of corrosive saltwater, the Carefree Clearwater mineral ionizer system uses copper, silver, and zinc ions to purify the pool water. Underwater benches and energy-efficient LED lights beckon family and friends to linger long after the blazing sun sets.

Palms trees rise from a recessed floor in the entryway, the trunks mirroring the straight lines of concrete and steel. On the second level, the fanned leaves of the palm trees bring the forest inside. Circles cut into a concrete wall resonate with the blue curves and balance the green angles of the terrace furniture and straight lines of the overall design. The spine of a central corridor unites all the levels and acts as counterpoint to the concrete finishes with an open wood staircase and the rough, stacked-stone texture of quartzite tiles on the opposite wall. The replanting of native trees that have no need for artificial irrigation negated any disturbance previously inflicted upon the landscape, although a buffer zone remains around the perimeter to keep snakes away.

Modern and minimalistic, Casa Torcida seems to rise toward the future, yet it still harmonizes perfectly with the ancient rainforest. View more of SPG Architects' work at *spgarchitects.com*. **O|H**

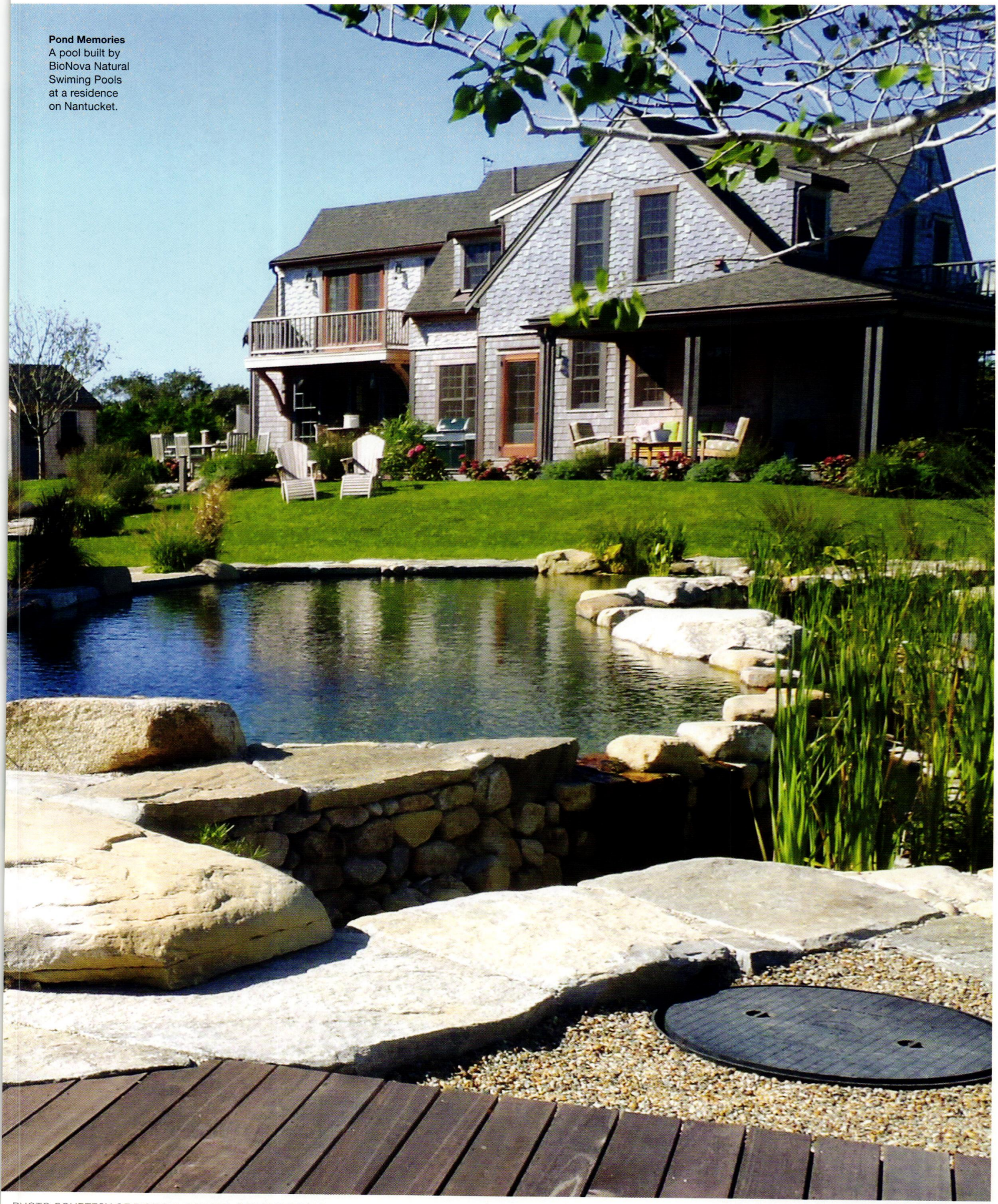


Perfect Platform
Casa Torcida's infinity pool gives way to jaw-dropping views of the treetops and water.

natural wonders

NEW SWIM TECHNOLOGY IS TAPPING INTO THE ENVIRONMENT'S EXISTING METHODS FOR FILTRATION AND SUSTAINABILITY, CREATING ECO-FRIENDLY POOLS SO BEAUTIFUL YOU'D SWEAR MOTHER NATURE BUILT THEM HERSELF.

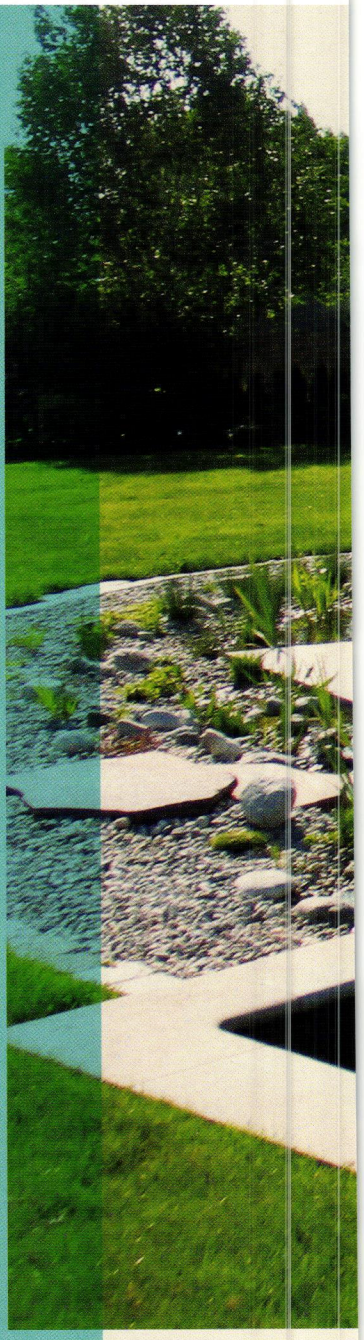
by JENNA BIRCH



Pond Memories
A pool built by BioNova Natural Swiming Pools at a residence on Nantucket.

PHOTO COURTESY OF BIONOVA NATURAL SWIMING POOLS

Americans are conditioned to think of swimming pools as man-made water dwellings, complete with **blue-tinged tiles and chlorine**. In Europe, however, that idea has been evolving steadily over the past couple of decades to include pools that look more like **extensions of natural surroundings**, adapting existing terrestrial methodology for filtration and sustainability. Simply put: Natural swimming pools (NSPs) are **eco-friendly**, intuitive aquatic innovations. On top of that, they're finally traveling across the pond and into backyards in the United States.



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"It's new technology, which is why people are skeptical. It's really the difference between sterile water and natural water," says Alan Weene, from BioNova Natural Swimming Pools (*bionovanaturalpools.com*), a global network leading the charge in designing and streamlining NSPs. "Naturally existing bacteria is not necessarily something we should be killing, though. Mother Nature already knows how to purify water. Natural swimming pools are like hybrid vehicles used to be. When people started to understand them, they caught on. We expect the same thing to happen."

That understanding of NSPs will come with time, and more exposure to the technology in the U.S. Now that BioNova is working on North America's first public natural swimming pool, to debut at Minneapolis's Webber Park in spring 2014, don't be shocked if NSPs catch on in eco culture. What makes them so great? The constructed pools are ecologically harmonious, enhancing nature's design for swimming instead of developing completely new techniques, which often work against it.

All purification of NSP water is biological, meaning it's entirely chemical-free—no chlorine, no bromine, no synthetic additions whatsoever. Here's how the pools work instead: The water is divided into zones with specific plants in each, helping clean and maintain the pool with an optimal cocktail of microorganisms. The plants dwell in gravel, water is pumped through each of the zones, and the tiny life forms become permanent fixtures that are continually cleaning the water. Unlike a traditional swimming pool, filtration plays off the

Swim Pickings
A pool built by BioNova Natural Swiming Pools with traditional stone coping.

environment, involving biological elements like special grasses and reeds planted at one end of a pool. As with a regular pool, you clean surface water by hand with skimming devices.

Weene says that if you can get used to the natural look and feel of the pool, there are enormous benefits. "It's chemical-free, so it's healthier and safer," he explains. "It helps restore habitats, and it's a lot like caring for a terrestrial garden."

That comparison means you're likely familiar with all the NSP's upkeep. If you're looking to become a pool owner but don't like the thought of maintaining a traditional pool season after season, NSPs might be your best bet. Once the pool is installed, as long as you care for the plants and use basic sediment-removal practices, the chemical-

Liquid Asset
A pool built by Water House Pools in Massachusetts.

Wet and Styled
Each condominium in this complex on the island of Mauritius has its own private BioNova natural swimming pool, and the complex shares one large regeneration zone to clarify and purify the water in all the pools.

Three Key Benefits of NSPs

ALAN WEENE OF BIONOVA HIGHLIGHTS THESE NSP ADVANTAGES:

1. They're chemical-free With the natural purification, your family won't be exposed to chemicals like they would with a traditional chlorinated pool.

2. Less energy Lower flow rates and a lack of chemicals contribute to less energy use, helping to reduce the pool's carbon footprint.

3. Lower maintenance You don't need to rely on chemicals to maintain and purify water, so taking care of the NSP is more like taking care of a garden--trim and groom plants, and get rid of debris and sediment.

free setup is a gift. Additionally, smaller pumps use less energy, reducing the carbon footprint. And eliminating chemicals also means maintenance costs are nonexistent, whereas traditional chlorinated pools can cost hundreds or thousands of dollars per season to maintain.

"The theory of a natural pool is very appealing," says green-clean expert Leslie Reichert, author of *The Joy of Green Cleaning*. "They are easier and cheaper to maintain since you don't use any chemicals. The only real maintenance is vacuuming the sediment. They do not need to be emptied or covered in the winter, and there's just an initial break-in time where the filtering process would remove algae and let the natural filtration take place." After that [two-week] delay before each season, you're free to swim.

However, the downside is you may have to get used to a different kind of swim. While natural swimming pools are pretty to look at, as they often seamlessly meld into the environment, the water isn't the crystal-clear kind you'd find in a sterilized pool. According to Weene, NSP waters tend to be "moody." That's the nature of biology, so to speak. "They're not going to look the same everyday," Weene says. "But you will be able to see to the bottom, so that's still okay. There's all-natural water in there, and the appearance is telling you that something is out of whack." Not necessarily wrong, but off–and when you notice changes, nature should make the necessary adjustments to self-correct the issue and stabilize. Cloudy water might signal excess algae growth, for instance, and the aquatic plants serve to perform necessary functions, like nutrient extraction.

Weene insists the pools are "always safe and healthy to swim in" while the habitat returns to an even keel. However, you may have to ride out those inevitable bumps in the road. "No two pools are exactly the same," he says. And that can be a positive. The pools are not just different in water behavior, but in look as well, so each design is unique. With NSPs, you can dream up a roadmap for any layout, depending on how exactly you'd like to use the pool and how much space you have.

Take it from Chris Rawlings, founder of Water House Pools (*waterhousepools.com*). A graduate of the Rhode Island School of Design, Rawlings creates natural swimming pools centered around stonework. He constructs ecological wonders in the Northeast, ranging from small to large. Sometimes it's a plunge pool for one or two people to utilize at a time; other times it's a super-sized pool for extra functionality, like the one he created for a community-supported agriculture farm in Massachusetts that doubles as a water-retention pond. Every project is different, so prices and specifications fall everywhere across the board.

"It's really site specific," Rawlings says. "All my pools have had a specific set of requirements from the owners. We try to make them as energy efficient and maintenance efficient as possible, but other than that, it's their pool. I try to include the client as much as I can in the design process, so they have a sense of ownership." Rawlings's designs, in particular, focus on stones, to further accentuate the natural allure of NSPs. "There's such an energy that stones give to a constructed landscape," he says. "It's a real sense of timelessness, like the design has been there forever."

So what's not to love about natural swimming pools? "They're not for everyone," Rawlings admits, although he thinks they will make sense for a lot of would-be pool owners in these more eco-friendly times. **O|H**

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GREEN

Celebrity Interior Designer Kari Whitman's top 10 eco-conscious kitchen and bath must-dos

By KARINA TIMMEL

Stage Advice Whitman had the back wall of the shower in a Hollywood actor's historic Glendale, CA, home assembled from hundreds of recycled tile pieces cut into one-by-one-inch squares. All fixtures are also low-flow from TOTO.

Kari Whitman was green before anyone even knew what being "green" was.

The Boulder, CO-raised and Los Angeles-based owner of **Kari Whitman Interiors** (*kariwhitmaninteriors.com*), who has designed the homes of celebs like Jessica Alba, Kristen Bell, Emilio Estevez, Don Johnson, and Virginia Madsen, says, "My parents led kind of a hippie lifestyle. I never realized how much waste and indulgence was going on in the world around me until I left my Boulder bubble." Even in college, Whitman was decorating her dorm room with the environment in mind.

"Whether or not my client is 'green,' I'll always spend my own time researching the greenest way to go. In every project I do—whether it's a cozy studio apartment or a huge mansion—I always bring in the highest-quality, eco-friendly products available."

Ready to remodel that kitchen or bath? Whitman reveals that it's easier than you think to reduce your environmental impact while maintaining a chic look in these essential rooms.

1 CLUED-IN COUNTERTOPS

When designing a kitchen or bath, countertops set the stage for the look and feel of the space. Now more than ever before, there are absolutely gorgeous materials for your surfaces that would otherwise have ended up being dumped into landfills. Consider glass, sustainable stone, and even architectural metal salvages. "EnviroGLAS's Enviroslab countertops (*enviroglasproducts.com*) look like gorgeous granite, and you'd never believe they're actually made from recycled mirrors, windows, and even soda bottles," Whitman says. If you prefer a stone-counter look, check out beauties from Eco by Cosentino (*ecobycosentino.com*), which are made from 75-percent recycled materials and 25-percent natural stones. And PaperStone (*paperstoneproducts.com*) offers sustainable countertops made out of 100-percent recycled paper, which "look like stone and they're actually really strong, so they're perfect for kitchens," Whitman explains.

Another option is architectural salvage. "Metal grates look great on top of countertops or used as a backsplash. Pounded metals are especially interesting and hip," Whitman advises. This type of "trash to treasure" is the ultimate way to go green. Before you rip out your old stuff, ask yourself, "Can I repaint this? Restain it? Resurface it?"

Evolving Door
Opposite, the pivoting glass door between the cabinets and refrigerator in the kitchen of a hip, young prince's Beverly Hills home is made from recycled glass from pulp, with pressed rice paper in between. This stunning feature opens from the kitchen into the dining room. Kangen Water filters and sustainable wood cabinets also were installed. Above, this vintage hood, in the kitchen of a West Hollywood bachelor, was found in an antique store. "To reuse is to recycle, and buying vintage or antique is the ultimate in green," says Whitman.The cabinets were constructed from sustainable wood and the faucet is low flow.

2 FLOOR STORY

Bamboo, palm wood, and cork are all eco-friendly flooring options. Some companies, like **Kirei Board** (*kireiusa.com*), make beautiful, sustainable flooring from a combination of materials, like bamboo and wheat board with low-VOCs (volatile organic compounds). Added bonus: If you choose cork floors, not only does it look really cool, it's also hypoallergenic, so it's great for people with asthma and allergies. "Cork is a naturally renewable resource, and **Nova Flooring** (*novaflooring.com*) kicks it up a notch in the green department and recycles all byproducts from manufacturing," Whitman says.

3 TILE FILE

Look for tiles and slabs made from natural stone and environmentally conscious materials. You can find everything from travertine to hand-painted tiles to recycled products. Two options Whitman recommends are **Stone Age Tile** (*satile.com*) and **Eco-Terr Tiles** (*coveringsetc.com/ecoterrhome.aspx*).

4 APPLIANCE MART

Definitely scout out Energy Star-rated appliances, which use less energy and help prevent greenhouse emissions. "The best companies also restrict the use of hazardous substances and chemicals in the production of their products," Whitman notes. She recommends using **Green Building Advisor** (*greenbuildingadvisor.com*) as a fantastic resource to make sure you're buying from companies that are truly green.

5 NEED A FILTER

Save the Earth from your bottled-water habit by installing a water filtration system in your kitchen. "**Kangen Water** (*enagic.com*) machines transform your tap water, balance its pH levels, and can even work wonders on your skin," Whitman says.

6 BATH PRODUCTS

Luxury toilets, faucets, and bathtubs can be "green," too. "**TOTO**'s products (*totousa.com*) are so incredibly elegant and they really think of the big picture when it comes to manufacturing. They even use soybean-based hydraulic oil to fuel their factory forklifts," Whitman raves.

7 PAINTERLY WAYS

White, gray, and black with hints of metallic are very cool right now—think modernized Venetian plasters, shimmering with flecks of metal. Whitman advises to look for zero-VOC, lime-based plasters. "Eco-friendly paint is not only important for people; it's important for your pets, too. Paints with zero-VOCs reduce emissions, meet LEED standards, and eliminate all those nasty toxins," she says.

Reuse
Above, The cabinets in this luxe bathroom in Beverly Hills are made from recycled wood, as is the bathtub surround. The faucets, tub, and toilet are all from eco-conscious TOTO. Whitman installed solar energy to run the sauna. Bottom left, Whitman had antique cabinets installed in this Asian-inspired West Hollywood home's bathroom to accommodate its fixtures. Bottom right, The home's "love tub" (which accommodates up to eight guests) has low-flow faucets, as does the toilet.

8 ETHICAL ACCESSORIES

You can find all sorts of cool kitchen and bathroom accessories made from recycled and upcycled goods. Choosing items made in the USA is a great way to cut down on emissions caused by long-distance shipping (and to fuel American jobs). You can go even more local and choose unique art, furniture, and accessories handcrafted by artisans in your hometown or region.

9 WALL WEAR

"I love going outside the box and covering kitchen stools, dining chairs–even walls–with pleather," Whitman says. Available in everything from rich chocolate browns to faux ostrich, pleather is a cruelty-free alternative to leather that's also green. "Animal production leaves a huge eco-footprint with its carbon emissions and major use of fossil fuels, water, and land ... Even better, if you spill a glass of red wine or your pets slobber all over it, just wipe it clean with a sponge," Whitman says.

10 BE RADIANT

Radiant heat takes up less energy, as it warms water to also heat your home. "Plus, who doesn't love a warm bathroom floor underfoot on a cold morning?" Whitman asks. **O|H**

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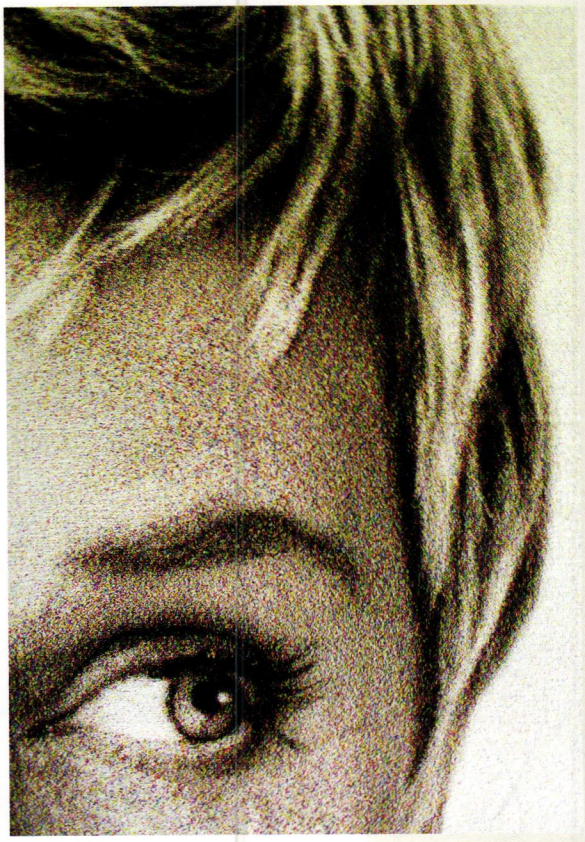
FRIENDLY FINDS: It's easy to be green in other areas of your home



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1: Billboard Beauty
Doreen Catena "I C U," $600, *dordesignonline.com.*
This 43-by-30-inch work of art is handmade in the U.S. from old billboards.

2. Sitting Pretty
Sifas lounge chair, $4,850, *sifasusa.com.*
A cute seat is made by using electro polishing to reduce the effects of air pollution, while the low-carbon footprint materials are durable and recyclable.

3. Eco Pups
Greener Pup large round bed in "Earth," $89.99, *greenerpup.com.*
Kari Whitman's eco-friendly designer pet bed is custom made in the USA.

4. Hit Snooze
Pluunk bunk bed, $4,400, *pluunk.com.*
Your kids will pass this bed down to their little ones with its high-quality hardwood and ply with environmentally sound whey-based finishes.

5. Hot Spot
Sunlighten infrared sauna, starting at $3,999, *sunlighten.com.*
Made from eco-friendly woods and assembled with magnets to avoid VOC-heavy glues, this sauna uses no more electricity than a hair dryer.

5. All Fired Up
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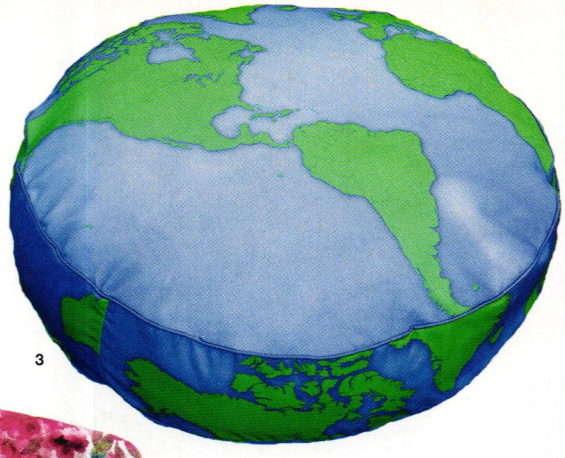

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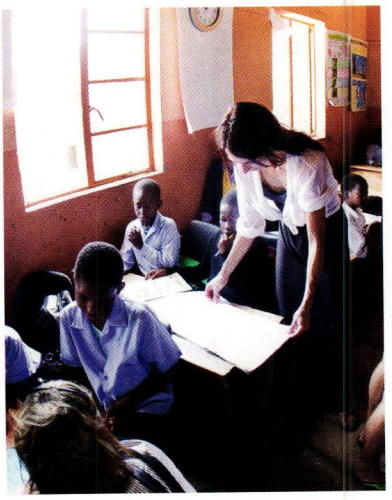

Picture Perfect
Clockwise from top: the designer (second from right) and athletes from the Santa Cruz Syndicate mountain bike racing team at her California home; her South Africa home; pro downhill racer Greg Minnaar catching some air in Zimbali; a friendly gathering in Roskopp's South Africa home; her Montenegro flat; and Roskopp at the Thimbini School in Zimbali.

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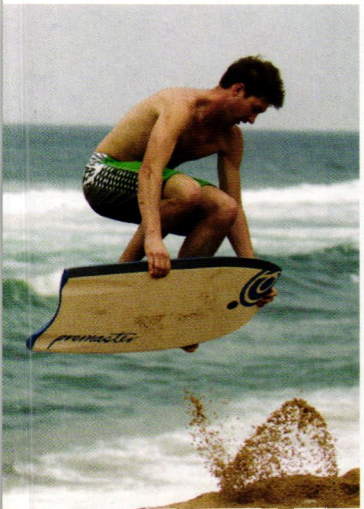


THROUGH HER MISAHARA JEWELRY LINE, FOUNDER **LEPA ROSKOPP** COMBINES CULTURES TO ELEGANT EFFECT.

by **Scott Kearnan** // photos by Forrest Arakawa, Gary Perkins, Rogan Ward, and Milan Vukicevic

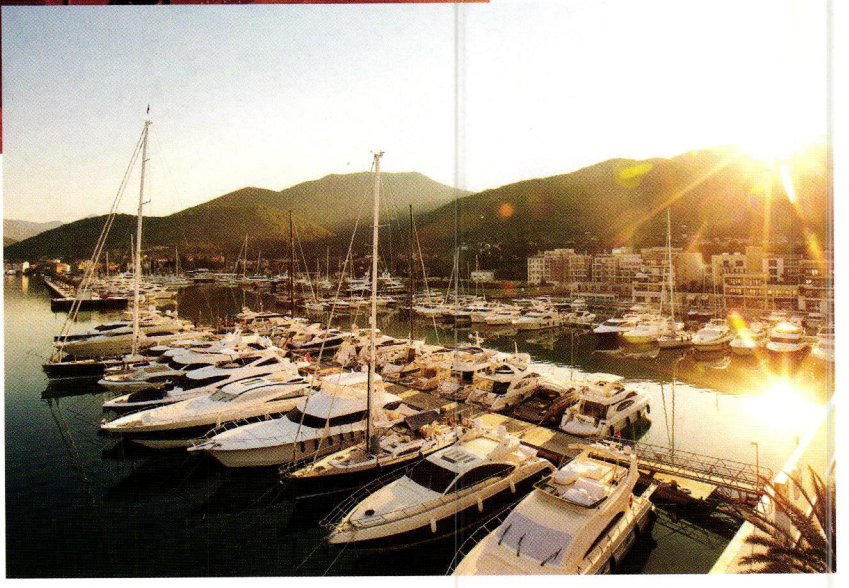
Home Maker
Clockwise from above, an upstairs seating area, a deck overlooking the Indian Ocean, and a master suite in Rob and Lepa Roskopp's house in South Africa.

When Lepa Roskopp launched her luxury jewelry line, Misahara *(misahara.com)*, she chose to include a certain symbol on every piece: a triangle. It's a simple shape, but it stands for something complex and deeply meaningful to the designer and businesswoman. It represents unity and interconnectedness–between cultures, between beliefs, and between people. And in many ways, it reflects the process by which Roskopp creates each Misaraha piece. Through internationally inspired combinations–this gemstone, that shape, this arrangement–the final result is a work of fashion that is far greater and more glamorous than the sum of its parts.

It should come as no surprise, then, that Saratoga, CA-based Roskopp is so inspired by the ocean. Land, after all, can be divided by boundaries drawn by nature or by man. But the ocean goes wherever it flows, and its soft, lapping touch links every corner of our big blue planet.

"Water is the most tranquil thing to watch," says Roskopp, who has ocean homes in Montenegro on the Adriatic Sea and in Zimbali on South Africa's northern coast. It is in these serene locations where she often seizes the creative sparks for her collection. "I don't think anyone cannot decompress by the ocean," she says "It's the perfect place to reflect and gather thoughts and inspiration."

When Roskopp reflects on her own high-end-meets-bohemian designs, that aforementioned spirit of unity seems to be paramount. After all, she understood from an early age the kind of devastation that division and fragmentation can bring. It's true that Roskopp has enjoyed a privileged life; born to a bicultural family in the diplomatic core, her childhood was defined by jet-setting travel that exposed her to an international community. Today she is married to a well-known athlete, former pro skateboarder Rob Roskopp, and runs successful companies that cater to affluent clientele. But she'll never forget



how her world changed in the early '90s, when violent civil wars dissolved Yugoslavia into many independent countries and created permanent fissures for a once-united people.

"It tore me apart, seeing hatred among friends that I grew up with in the village," says Roskopp, who grew up between the small Serbian villages of Klek and Cerovac, where her family compound is located. "And it hurt me, seeing how it aged my father. He believed in Yugoslavia and the unity of the people. I think that was my biggest inspiration behind the Misahara unity symbol."

Unity is also reflected in the jewelry line's different design elements. Roskopp has a longstanding passion for fashion and was first introduced by her mother to global style scenes in cities like Paris. But today she remains greatly influenced by her own extensive travels. Her designs and custom creations of 18-karat gold, pave diamonds, and precious gems all combine the inspiration Roskopp has culled from the colors and topographies of many far-flung locations.

The Adriatic Collection, Misahara's summer launch, is actually a return home in many ways. Childhood memories of growing up by the Adriatic Sea and in Serbian villages results in rippled textures that recall rolling waves and the Balkan Mountains. Regal hues of orange, gold, and purple conjure associations with seaside sunsets. The ultimate result is a unique, feminine style that marries the authenticity of Balkan women with the flair of Mediterranean neighbors.

In addition, Roskopp has planned a lavish August launch for the collection in nearby Porto Montenegro, a former Yugoslav shipyard that is now home to a rapidly developing luxury yacht marina. The ultra-high-end community attracts the world's wealthiest, and August's event will be themed like a jewelry heist in a Bond film, says Roskopp. Expect a glittering list of VIPs–from professional athletes to European royalty–assembled among megayachts by the docks, fashion shows on jetties, and parties in penthouses. The result: a bona fide ocean of opulence.

Of course, luxury permeates every aspect of Roskopp's business life. She is also co-founder of The True Collection (*thetruecollection.com*), a members-only private club (fee to join: $100,000) that curates one-of-a-kind experiences for wealthy clientele: think topnotch accommodations, handpicked personnel, and uniquely immersive adventures that range from African safaris to Alpine skiing and are enjoyed alongside esteemed athletes, artists, and moguls.

Perfect Pair
Top, the master suite of Roskopp's Montenegro flat. Above, a view of Porto Montenegro.

Jewelry, all by Misahara:
1: "Jansi" 18-karat yellow-gold-and-Mexican-fire-opal cuff. 2. "Vezu" 18-karat rose gold bracelet. 3. "Ari" blue sapphire ring. 4. "Phinda" 18-karat yellow gold earrings.

But Roskopp works hard to help others enjoy their play. A self-described perfectionist, she strives to balance her demanding professional schedule with family life. That can be hard, says the mother of three, especially when your spouse is your business partner; Roskopp works with her husband Rob on his company, Santa Cruz Bicycles (*santacruzbicycles.com*), and they are partners in The True Collection (thetruecollection.com), a members-only service providing exclusive travel experiences.

How does the duo make things work as a professional power couple? Roskopp says the key is maintaining an emotional division between home life and family life, something she learned from her father. "Working in the family business helped," says Roskopp. "My father had multiple companies, and when we got to work, he was no longer our father – he was our boss. I learned early on to separate emotions there. That's what you have to do in a marriage."

As the couple raises three children in the privileged communities of Silicon Valley, Roskopp thinks it is important to keep her girls grounded. She does it in small ways: for instance, by making sure they do their own chores. The family has a maid, but "she is not allowed to make their beds or wash their clothes," says Roskopp. "They are not accustomed to having people wait on them." She also exposes her well-traveled children to very different lifestyles around the world. Every summer, Roskopp returns to Serbia, where her children get a glimpse at a modest community in which their family has roots. "It's a very humble, simple life there," says Roskopp. "They see the children playing in the town square. They see how little they have, and how content they are. They understand that material stuff is not going to make you happy."

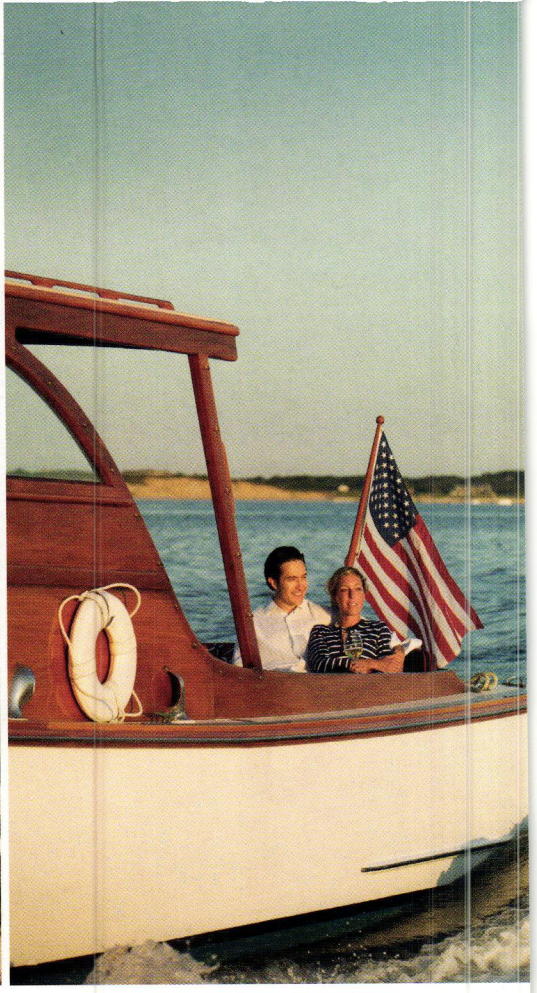
Perhaps the most dramatic reminder of that lesson is found near the Roskopps' home in South Africa, which at points has been ravaged by apartheid that echoes the division experienced in the former Yugoslavia. Not far from Zimbali is a poor area where Roskopp discovered the Thimbini School, a place where children struggle for the most basic needs. Roskopp says her own children were shocked–and humbled. "My daughter had made a Christmas list. She had asked for a maid, because she was sick of cleaning her room," recalls Roskopp. "Then she saw the lists of what those children at the Thimbini School were asking for: a mother, pencils. She realized it was kind of gross, the things she had been asking for."

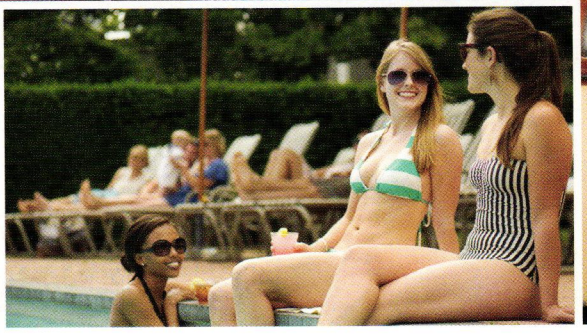
A portion of Misahara profits are donated to the Thimbini School, and Roskopp is working to broaden her business's scope of philanthropy by incorporating the nonprofit True Cause Foundation (*ultimateexperience.com/truecause*). With the launch of the Adriatic Collection, she expects to move the charitable focus closer to that region, helping people in places like Kosovo. (In fact, she is already contributing by employing Serbian locals for the splashy launch event.)

It all goes back to that sense of unity, says Roskopp. Her life and business trade in luxury, but her heart is rooted in a desire to connect people and cultures. Above all else, that is what Misahara represents, says Roskopp.

"We want to see people accept each other, to accept different lifestyles, cultures, and ideas," says Roskopp of the ethos of Misahara, which takes its name from a combination of her childrens' names–Sara (sa), Harrison (ha), and Mara (ra)–and business partner and pro athlete Greg Minnaar's (Mi). "The fusion of all these things is very important."

Misahara's symbol may be a triangle, but Roskopp brings its spirit of unity full circle. **O|H**





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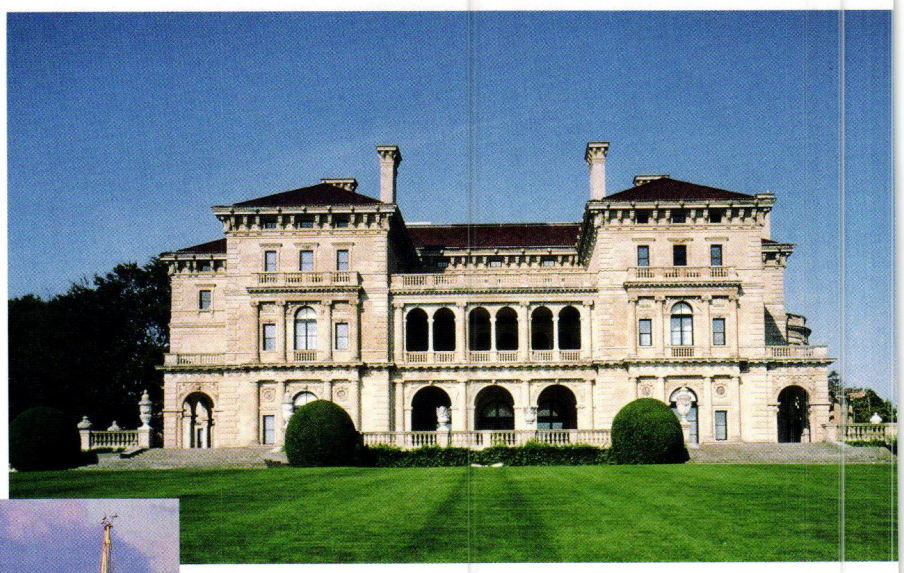
American history and Gilded Age opulence define America's picturesque city by the sea.

by **Paul Rubio**

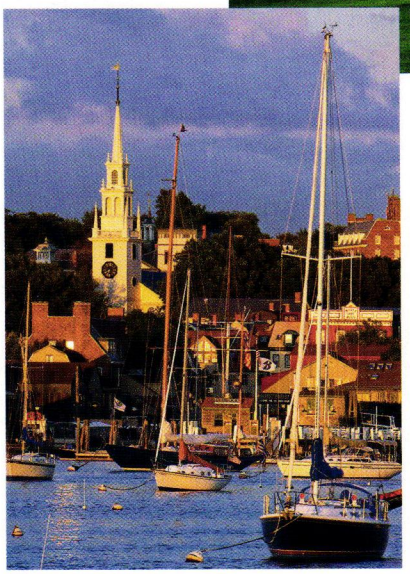
Newport. It's a name that conjures up images of sparkling seascapes, historic lighthouses, Gilded Age opulence, regattas, and high society. From centuries-old mansions dotting the coastline to storied coastal forts and narrow streets brimming with history, Newport is a stunningly beautiful place that never fails to impress.

Originally founded as a colony for religious freedom in the 17th century and evolving into America's society capital by the 20th century, Newport tenderly embraces its rich past. Throughout the centuries, this city by the sea has held claim to several historic firsts: America's first synagogue, circa 1763 (Touro Synagogue); lending library, circa 1747 (Redwood Library and Athenaeum); and tavern, circa 1673 (The White Horse Tavern), all of which remain in operation. Newport was also site of the first U.S. Open tennis match in 1895, an achievement detailed in the city's International Tennis Hall of Fame & Museum (*tennisfame.com*).



By the late 19th century, fortunes from the Industrial Revolution were mounting, and a newfound American elite endeavored to find a summer social playground. Enter Newport, with its picturesque coastlines, idyllic summer weather, and proximity to major economic centers. The likes of the Astors and Vanderbilts were soon entertaining the rest of the Who's Who of American high society in colossal summer "cottages," now part of the famous Newport Mansions portfolio.

Across Newport, the peak of America's Gilded Age opulence has been frozen in time, thanks largely to the Preservation Society of Newport County (*newportmansions.org*). The society owns and operates 14 historic oceanside mansions, none more spectacular than The Breakers. The pinnacle of early-20th-century wealth, The Breakers headlines Bellevue Avenue's Historic District and reigns as Newport's most-visited attraction. The five-story, 65,000-square-foot, 70-room mansion formerly owned by the Vanderbilt family dazzles with its epic Great Hall, sculpted iron gates, Italian Renaissance influences, and lavish interiors. Also on this well-heeled avenue, the extraordinary Elms mansion offers a home and grounds tour completely unlike its neighbors. Inspired by the raging popularity of the television series "Downton Abbey," the new "Servant Life Tour" at The Elms explores the back lots of this fabled estate and the behind-the-scenes drama of Elms' servants.



Behind the collection of mega mansions lies Newport's Cliff Walk (*cliffwalk.com*), a 3.5-mile walking trail nestled alongside the ocean. Walk south and reach remote swaths of craggy coastline; head north to see surfers hanging 10 on Easton's Beach (even in the dead of winter).

Much like it has since the early 20th century, modern-day Newport erupts in full bloom during the summer. Socialites young and old vie for space with jet setters at the city's myriad boat races, luxury hotels, legendary restaurants, and other iconic attractions. They arrive in droves for Newport's annual outdoor festivities, like the Newport Jazz Festival, the Newport International Boat Show, the Newport Folk Festival, the Sunset Music Festival, and the Newport Regatta. Private beach and golf clubs welcome back their returning members, while non-members head to Gooseberry Beach for a bit of fun in the sun.

Boat enthusiasts, aspiring photographers, and those in the know spend summer evenings at Castle Inn (*castlehillinn.com*), a century-old mansion turned Relais & Châteaux hotel on its own 40-acre peninsula. From its sprawling Adirondack chair-dotted lawn to its fine dining restaurant, Castle Inn brings to life the quintessential postcard-perfect image of New England. It also provides a front-row seat to the best sunset in Newport. Order Champagne or the signature oyster martini from your alfresco lounger, or elevate the experience over a multi-course meal. Award-winning chef Karsten Hart dishes out experiential gastronomy with locally inspired dishes, like pan-Seared Georges Bank scallops with crispy blood orange slices, pistachio dust, and Maltaise sauce and pan-seared Georges Bank lemon sole, accompanied by Maine lobster, potato gnocchi, and tempura artichokes.

The Newport experience isn't complete until you've indulged in an overnight stay at one of the town's gloriously restored mansions. The Golden Age is alive and well at the aforementioned Castle Inn and the wildly popular Chanler Inn at Cliff Walk (see page 100). Moreo-

Coastal Elegance
Top to bottom, The Breakers mansion, Newport from the water, and a New England clambake at the Castle Inn.

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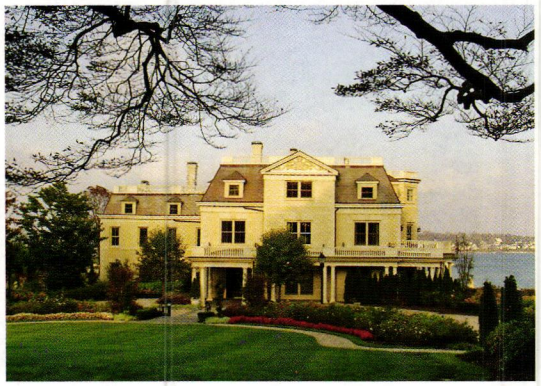
ver, the former Vanderbilt Hall from 1909 has been completely restored and reinvented as the luxurious Vanderbilt Grace (*vanderbiltgrace.com*). Ample acreage and design foresight have translated to a wide array of amenities uncommon to Newport's other boutique mansion hotels–think oversized rooms, a dining atrium, a sumptuous spa, a subterranean indoor pool, an outdoor pool surrounded by manicured gardens, and a rooftop bar where patrons can enjoy sunset cocktails and Wednesday movie nights come summertime.

The Vanderbilt Grace experience begins at check-in with a glass of bubbly served in bespoke flutes. From there, it's a stroll through the hotel's majestic common spaces–past fireplaces, grand staircases, exquisite vases, and period furnishings–to one of its 33 rooms and suites, which marry modernity with tradition for a look of understated elegance. In the 700-square-foot VIP Suites, for example, a brick-hewn fireplace and classic portrait art stand opposite a bedroom framed by plentiful windows and white walls and decorated with design-savvy furnishings and accents like lanterns and salmon-tinted linens. Whether visiting for the first or the fifth time, history-steeped Vanderbilt Grace charms visitors with a peek inside this city's grand past. *gonewport.com*



Honorable Mansion Left, the English Tudor room. Right, The Chanler's exterior.

FEATURE

The Chanler Inn at Cliff Walk

NEWPORT'S ELEGANT MANSION BY THE SEA KEEPS HISTORY IN STYLE

A CELEBRATION of Gilded Age glamour, **The Chanler Inn at Cliff Walk** offers guests the true experience of Newport mansion life. Twenty unique rooms and suites represent various periods of European and American history through design. The imperial English Tudor room, for example, would serve Henry VIII proud with its dark, masculine, and ornate décor. Likewise, the Louis XVI room captures the essence of 18th-century regal opulence, bedazzled with gold trim, blue-and-mustard furnishings, and old-fashioned clocks. Regardless of décor, all 20 of Chanler's bespoke sanctuaries embody a common theme of romance.

The boutique hotel was originally constructed in 1873 as the summer home of John Winthrop Chanler and Margaret Astor Ward. Nowadays, the Chanler is also connected to the 3.5-mile Cliff Walk path, granting immediate access to Newport's other famed mansions and nearby Easton's Beach.

Upon arriving in their rooms or suites, guests are greeted with a box of gourmet cookies, perfect to help digest the "wow factor" of the interiors. After a day spent roaming around Newport, the Chanler's Spiced Pear restaurant delivers gastronomic greatness from its showroom-style open kitchen with specialties such as butter-poached Maine lobster with truffled leeks, candied beets, and sunchoke purée, as well as Rohan duck breast in blood orange jus.

The service is always top-notch at the Chanler Inn at Cliff Walk, and the front desk staff bears a wealth of knowledge of Newport and its surroundings. The complimentary on-call luxury SUV shuttle moves guests around within three miles of the hotel, putting nearly all of Newport in the palm of their hand. *thechanler.com*

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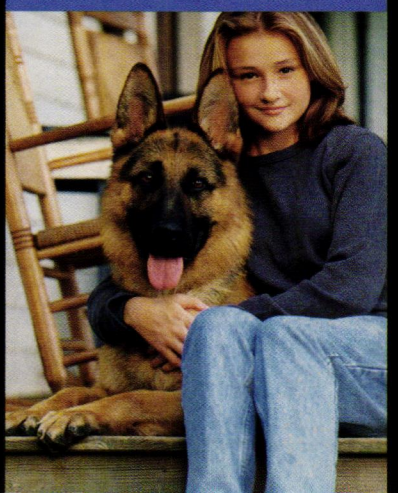

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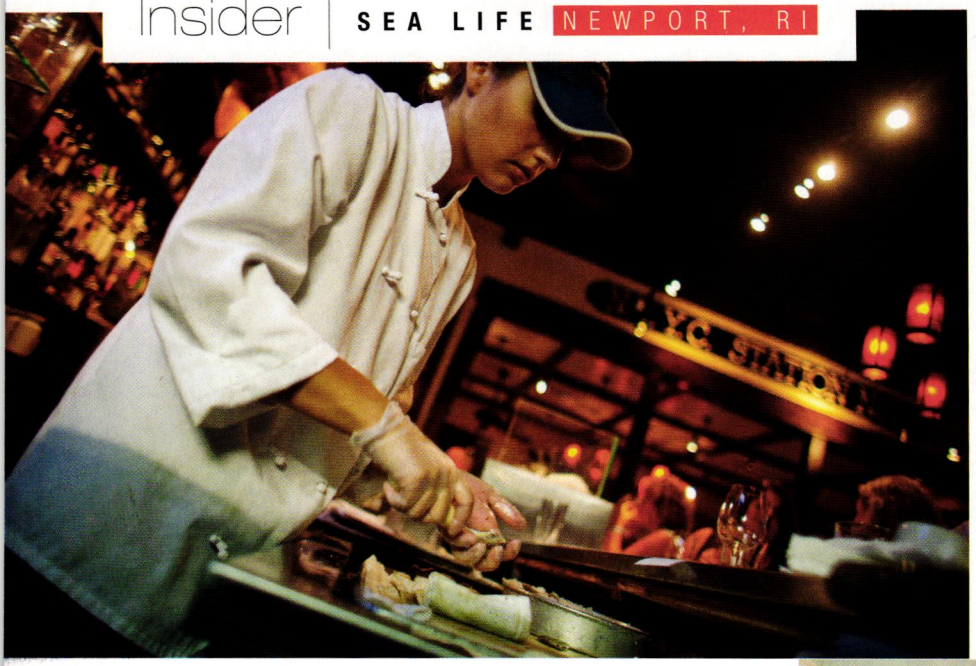

WHAT TO DO

ITEMS FOR YOUR NEWPORT ITINERARY

Viking Trolley This entertaining, 90-minute scenic trolley tour ventures through downtown Newport and along mansion-clad Ocean Drive. The trip is chock full of history lessons and random facts. For example, did you know the New York Yacht Club is housed in Newport, or that *Moonrise Kingdom* was filmed in Newport? *vikingtoursnewport.com.* **St. Mary's Church** The oldest Catholic parish in Rhode Island was established on April 8, 1828 and became a major tourist attraction following the wedding ceremony there of Jacqueline Lee Bouvier and John Fitzgerald Kennedy on September 12, 1953, *stmarynewport.org.* **Fort Adams** The largest coastal fort in the United States stands across Newport Harbor in Fort Adams State Park and hosts several local festivals, such as the Newport Jazz Festival. *fortadams.org.* **Gourmet Row** Peruse "Gourmet Row" on Bellevue Avenue between Catherine Street and Kay Street with shops like Newport Wine Cellar, Le Petit Gourmet, and La Maison de COCO. **One Bellevue Restaurant** Live like aristocracy with a high tea extravaganza at the Hotel Viking. Enjoy tea, Kir Royals, and a decadent three-tiered tray of tea sandwiches, cakes, and the best scones you've ever tasted. The English never had it so good! *hotelviking.com.* **Diego's** Head to Bowen's Wharf for New England's superlative Mexican food. Try the famous Crispy Baja Calamari with Diego's secret spicy seasoning. *diegos-newport.com.* **The Mooring** Feed your most sumptuous seafood fantasies at this institution on Newport's historic waterfront. Start with a bowl of the award-winning native scallop chowder. Then, feast on the Bag of Doughnuts (lobster, crab, and shrimp fritters with chipotle-maple aioli) and Guinness-battered fish 'n' chips with homemade tartar sauce. *mooringrestaurant.com.* **Muse by Jonathan Cartwright** Dress to the nines for a superb evening at this fine dining restaurant helmed by renowned New England chef Jonathan Cartwright. While Cartwright impresses with all his dishes, the lobster masterpieces are most memorable. Indulge in the deconstructed "Lobster Bisque" with crispy lobster wontons and Cognac crème fraiche, the Butter Poached Smoked Lobster over a bed of sweet corn purée and paprika butter sauce, or the "Open Ravioli of Poached Lobster." *vanderbiltgrace.com.* **Spiced Pear** The handsome bar of the Chanler Inn's acclaimed restaurant specializes in fine wines and pear-inspired libations. Kick off the evening with a "Spiced Pear Martini" (pear vodka, amaretto, pear nectar, cinnamon, and lemon juice), an "Incredible Pear" (pear vodka, Hpnotiq, Grand Marnier, pear nectar, and pineapple juice), or more than a dozen other cocktails. *thechanler.com.* **The White Horse Tavern** Newport first-timers should most definitely grab a pint at the oldest tavern in America, circa 1673. *whitehorsenewport.com.* **Fluke Wine, Bar & Kitchen** Enjoy an aperitif or a nightcap at Fluke Wine, Bar & Kitchen, renowned for its seasonal craft cocktails and artisan wines. *flukewinebar.com.* OH

Best Dishes Top, The Moorings is a mustn't-miss spot for fresh seafood. Bottom, Muse, a fine dining spot renowned for its lobster offerings.

THE DETAILS

Closest domestic airport T.F. Green Airport (PVD), 26 miles away. **Closest international airport** Boston Logan International Airport (BOS), 74 miles away. **Total area** 11.4 square miles (7.7 square miles land; 3.7 square miles water) **County** Newport County **Population** 24,672 residents.

Median household income $59,388. **Number of households** 10,616.Median property value $429,000. **Public parks** Brenton Point State Park, Fort Adams State Park. **Former famous residents** Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis, President Dwight D. Eisenhower, William KissamVanderbilt.

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Water's Edge Resort & Spa is a secluded, family-owned resort nestled along the beautiful Westbrook, CT, shoreline. Located on 25 oceanfront acres, the resort is a historic gem featuring 170 spacious rooms, including 68 timeshare units and, just recently, vacation and full-ownership villas.

Earlier this year, the property launched Villas by the Sea, a luxury condominium hotel. The 20 two-bedroom villas range in size from 1,100 to 1,300 square feet and feature fully equipped gourmet kitchens with Viking appliances. Other amenities include two full baths, elevator access, gas fireplaces, flat-panel LCD televisions, and private beach access. Generously oversized windows and private balconies provide sweeping views of Long Island Sound in each unit.

Architectural design firm DiLeonardo International furnished, designed, and decorated the new Villas by the Sea. A color palette of warm creams, yellows, natural sands, and ocean blues complement custom-made wood cabinets from Covenant Kitchens & Baths and tile, stone, and Carrera marble counters from Daltile. Accented stone walls under the kitchen cabinets and around the fireplace add visual interest and texture to the space. Bathrooms feature a Kohler air bubble soaking tub and Kohler shower and body spray system.

Residents and guests have access to an array of amenities, including a luxurious spa, indoor and outdoor pools, fitness facilities, and championship tennis courts. Dining options include The Restaurant at Water's Edge, which features the best brunch in Connecticut; the Seaview Bistro and Martini Bar, featuring live entertainment; and the Sunset Bar and Grill, which offers seasonal outdoor seating.

Villas start at $750 per night or $5,000 for a seven-night stay. Villas by the Sea units are also available for purchase, with prices from $550,000 to $1.2 million. Owners can rent their individual villa when not in use through the resort's rental program. *watersedgeresortandspa.com*

Desroches Island, Beach Suite bedroom.

PRIVATE ISLAND RETREAT

Desroches Island adds new luxury lodging options

Part of the Amirantes Archipelago group of islands in the Seychelles, **Desroches Island** is a private island resort just 40 minutes by plane from Mahé, in the Indian Ocean. With more than eight miles of unspoiled beaches and pristine forest, Desroches Island is a luxurious refuge for romance and an exceptional destination for diving and fishing. The retreat recently added two five-bedroom Dibwa Residences and a three-bedroom Madam Zabre Spa Retreat.

The Madam Zabre Spa Retreat is the most exclusive retreat in the Seychelles. It offers a large central living and entertainment area; a spa treatment villa; fully equipped kitchen; kayaks and bicycles; and a private butler, personal chef, and Spa Angel are at guests' disposal. The 8,255-square-foot Madam Zabre Spa Retreat is ideal for six adults and rents for approximately $15,500 per night, all-inclusive.

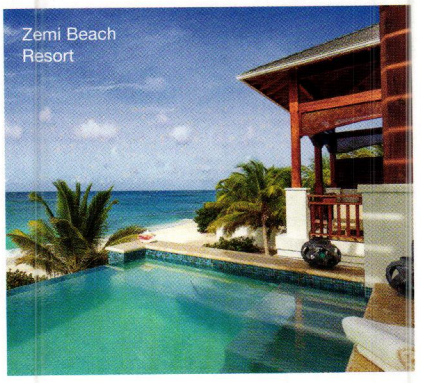
The new Dibwa Retreats have three bedrooms, large infinity pools, modern kitchens, dining areas, and entertainment and lounge spaces. Kayaks are available for guests, and a personal Dibwa butler completes the ultimate retreat experience.

At 7,114 square feet, Dibwa Retreats rent for approximately $11,600 per night, all-inclusive. Full- and shared-ownership opportunities are also available. Co-ownership starts at $500,000 per share. *desroches-island.com*

AT HOME ON ANGUILLA

New homes are complete at Zemi Beach

Zemi Beach Resort and Spa, a 5.25-acre beachfront resort offering 28 two- and three-bedroom residences in Shoal Bay East, Anguilla, celebrated the completion of its first four homes last November. Homes at Zemi Beach offer a modern interpretation of classic Caribbean style, with indigenous materials like coral stone and sustainable hardwoods. Top brands in the residences include Kohler bathroom suites, GE profile appliances, and Hansgrohe deluge showers. Both residents and renters at Zemi Beach have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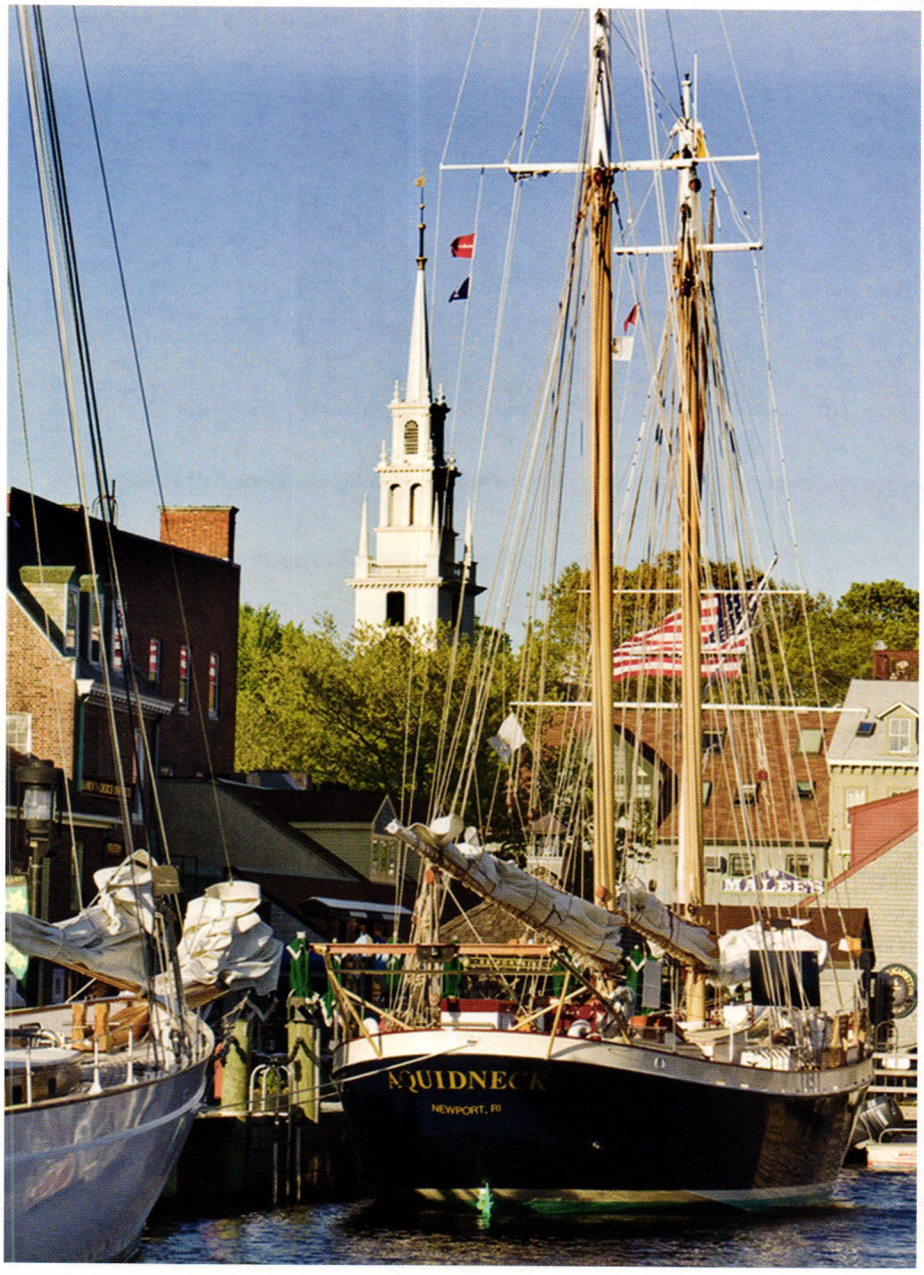

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TIDES ARE TURNING

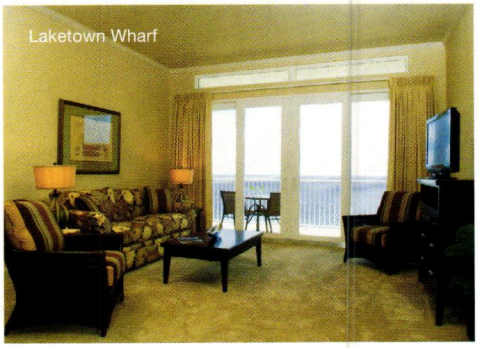
New life for a premier Charleston property

East West Partners recently announced the release of **Tides Condominiums**, bringing the remaining residences of one of Charleston, SC's premier properties back to the market. After entering into a partnership to acquire the unsold residences, East West Partners has made several enhancements to the property, including a redesigned entrance, improved landscaping throughout, and significant improvements to the Harbor House Amenity Center. Located in the Charleston harbor, at the base of the Cooper River Bridge and adjacent to the new Mount Pleasant Memorial Waterfront Park, the Tides offers quick access to downtown Charleston, the shops of Mount Pleasant, and the beaches of Isle of Palms and Sullivan's Island. The Tides Residences are known for their unbeatable views, open floor plans, and luxurious amenities. *tidescharlestoncom*

POSH PANAMA CITY

Laketown Wharf's major renovation

Laketown Wharf, currently offering short- and long-term vacation rentals in the heart of Panama City Beach, FL, completes a $10 million renovation in June, adding new amenities including a grocery store and deli, leasing center, redecorated hotel lobby, conference/meeting rooms, business center, new pool and boardwalk furniture, family zone, owners' lounge, and arcade. Additional renovations include a deck expansion, the addition of new fountains and landscaping, and the opening of the lake to the public. Spacious one-, two-, and three-bedroom floor plans are available, all with sweeping views and convenient beach access. Additional resort amenities include a lakefront boardwalk, a fully-equipped fitness center, covered parking, and a kids' playground along the beaches of the Gulf of Mexico. New retail space on the property will also soon be available for lease. *laketownwharf.com*


Laketown Wharf

POSH PARTY

Paresa Resort opens a chic new beach club

This spring, **Paresa Resort** in Phuket, Thailand, opened a new beach club, Zazada, which boasts an infinity pool overlooking Surin Beach, as well as a large event space, dance floor, and DJ booth. Zazada will be open to the public, but Paresa guests have priority access. Zazada features a full bar, wine room, juice bar, and restaurant with a menu by Ryan Arboleda of Paresa's Talung Thai and Diavolo restaurants. With full luxury showers and changing areas, guests can relax at the club and then get ready for a night of dining and dancing. *paresaresorts.com*

Beachside Revival

INSIDE OCEANA BEACH CLUB HOTEL'S PRICEY OVERHAUL

JRK HOTEL GROUP recently announced the reemergence of the popular beachfront **Oceana Beach Club Hotel** following a multimillion-dollar renovation. Oceana Beach Club Hotel, located on the bluffs of Santa Monica, CA, boasts a chic new lobby, reception area, pool deck, and restaurant. Designer Anthony Baratta created a 1960s beach club vibe throughout the property that captures a modern-day interpretation of Santa Monica. The beachside retreat features a clean, sleek design and a playfully refined ambience. The natural elements of Santa Monica are reflected with a soothing color palette of seafoam greens, pale blues, and bright whites, all of which accentuate the ocean views. The hotel's intimate dining area mixes natural materials and earthy tones with retro elements to create a fresh and contemporary environment.

Oceana Beach Club Hotel completes its transformation with the debut of Tower 8 by acclaimed two-Michelin-star chef Josiah Citrin, best known for Mélisse Restaurant. A Santa Monica native, Chef Citrin brings a local sensibility to a menu of delectable seasonal dishes. The Tower 8 menu exemplifies "food with a view," providing guests with an ideal reflection of Southern California lifestyle and cuisine. Guests can also enjoy signature cocktails created by renowned mixologist Pablo Moix and carefully selected wine pairings by Mélisse's resident sommelier Brian Kalliel.

Oceana Beach Club Hotel

The new Oceana Beach Club Hotel is luxury beachside living at its finest, featuring 70 suite-style accommodations overlooking the Pacific Ocean. *oceanabeachclubhotel.com*

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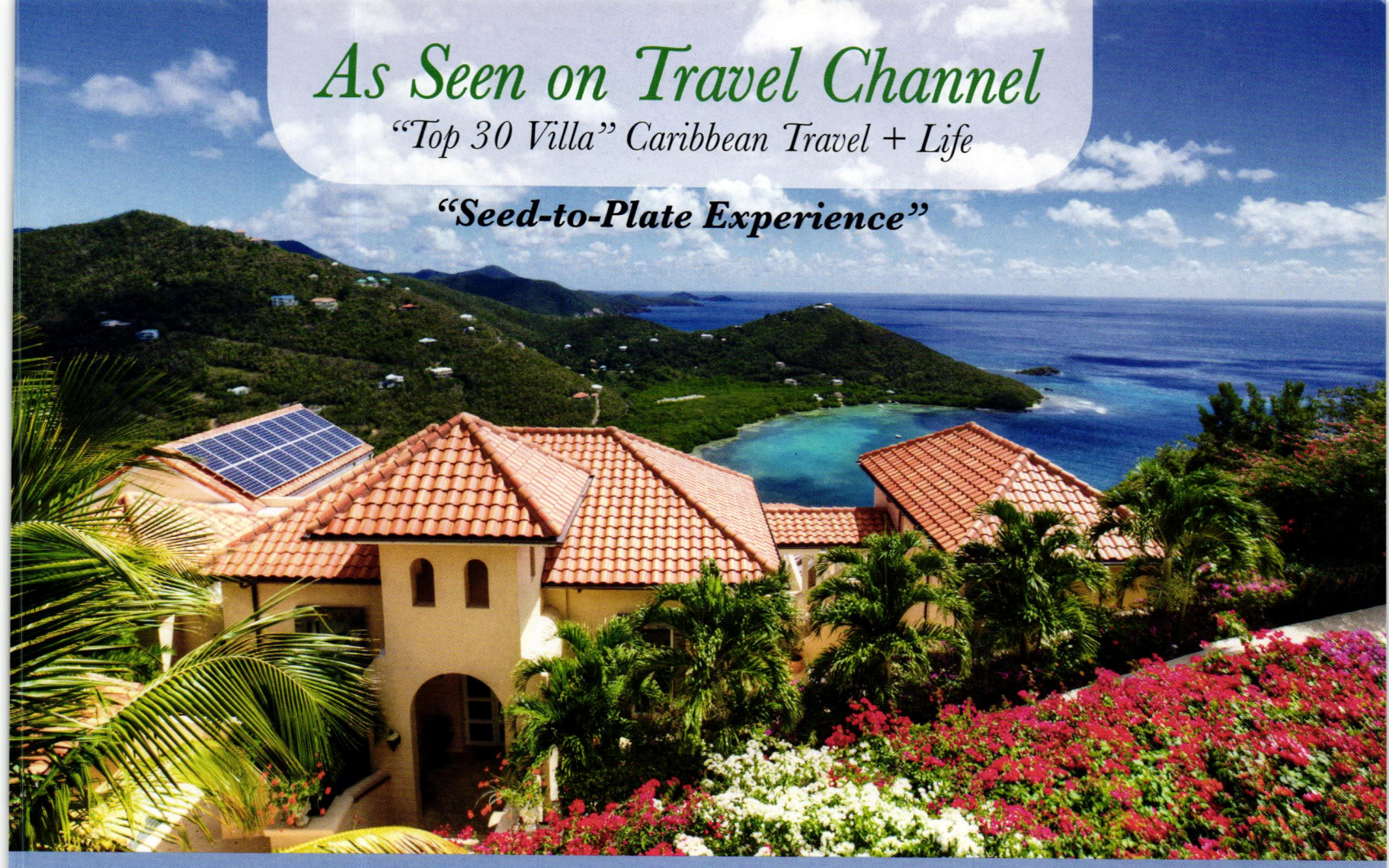

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EXCLUSIVE ENCLAVE ON THE CARIBBEAN SEA

Fairmont Heritage Place, Mayakoba prepares to welcome owners to one of Mexico's most exclusive resort communities.

A short drive from Cancun International Airport and near the famous beach town of Playa del Carmen, Mayakoba resort sits on nearly 600 acres of ecologically diverse land.

Located within the award-winning resort development is **Fairmont Heritage Place, Mayakoba,** which upon completion will be the newest addition to Fairmont Hotels & Resorts private residence club.

Fairmont Heritage Place, Mayakoba will feature 30 exclusive residences sold in 1/12 fractions that are available in three-bedroom units with spacious terraces totaling 3,875 square feet and four-bedroom units with private terrace and rooftop garden access totaling 6,544 square feet. All will have private plunge pools, large ensuite bathrooms, full kitchens, and open-concept dining and living areas.

Fairmont Heritage Place, Mayakoba offers owners luxury amenities, including access to airport transfers, valet parking, concierge services, daily housekeeping, 24-hour room service, preferred rates at Fairmont's Willow Stream Spa, and an exclusive, well-appointed club ouse complete with an owners lounge, a bar, fitness and yoga facilities, a private pool, and teen and kids' play areas. Owners gain access to world-class golf on Mayakoba's 18-hole, Greg Norman-designed El Camaleón championship course. Dining and spa privileges are also included at all of Mayakoba's three hotels—Fairmont, Rosewood, and Banyan Tree Mayakoba.

Fractional pricing starts at $169,000 for a three-bedroom unit. Four-bedroom homes start at $239,000 and are spread out over two levels with a roof terrace. Construction on the residences began in May 2013; they are available for purchase now. *fairmontheritageplacemayakoba.com*

EXCLUSIVE EDITION

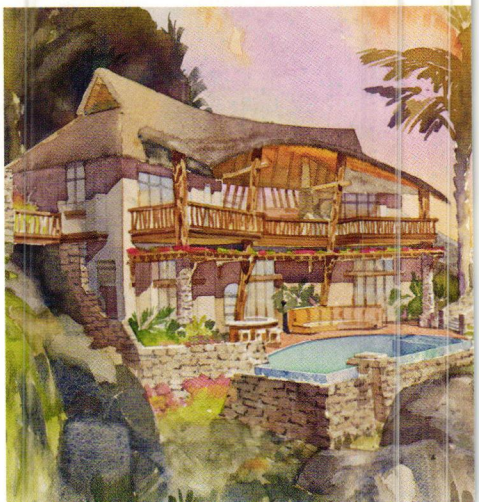
Ian Schrager will make a triumphant return to Miami Beach in 2014 with luxe new residences.

Lifestyle impresario Ian Schrager is back in Miami Beach—for the first time since launching the Delano Hotel 17 years ago—with a new residential project. Just as the Delano reshaped Miami Beach's landscape and had a profound cultural impact on the city, so will The Residences at **The Miami Beach EDITION**, scheduled to open in early 2014. Designed by architect John Pawson, the 26 residences will occupy the top floors of the landmarked 1950s building that will become the Miami Beach EDITION hotel, as well as an adjacent newly constructed 18-story tower. The Residences will have their own private entrance and an anonymous "celebrity" entrance. Outdoor spaces will feature private lap pools and plunge pools, kitchens, dining areas, fireplaces, and pergolas. For a seamless transition, The Residences offers custom interiors—including linens, dishes, towels, and cookware—designed by John Pawson and the Ian Schrager Design Studio, all preselected and unpacked prior to arrival. Pricing starts at $3,000 per square foot. *miamibeacheditionresidences.com*

AT HOME IN THE TREES

Luxe living takes to the trees at Punta Sayulita on Mexico's Riviera Nayarit.

Punta Sayulita, a new upscale, low-density community, has taken shape adjacent to the quaint surfside village of Sayulita in Mexico's Riviera Nayarit. Located on a pristine 33-acre private peninsula approximately 30 minutes north of Puerto Vallarta, Punta Sayulita, when completed, will consist of 62 oceanfront and oceanview homes. The development recently released its first phases of luxurious tree houses for sale. Overlooking Sayulita Bay and the private Punta Sayulita Beach & Surf Club on the western coast, the 4,000-plus-square-foot tree houses will be built from tropical hardwoods, designed to reflect their natural surroundings. Starting at approximately $1.2 million, the tree houses include dual master bedroom suites, children's bunkrooms, media rooms, and outdoor showers. All residents will have access to the private, full-service Beach & Surf Club. Additional amenities include a spa, fitness facility, outdoor yoga pavilions, and an infinity pool. *puntasayulita.com*



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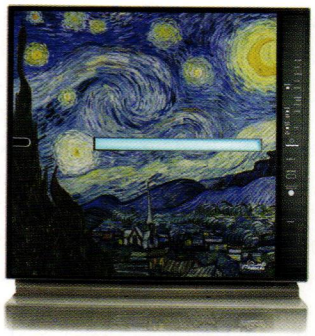


SUSTAINABLE FROM THE START

Banyan Tree Hotels & Resorts' guests take their luxury with a healthy dose of social responsibility.

by **David Eisen**

Land's End
A guestroom at the Banyan Tree Ungasan, Bali.

Most companies are interested in producing a healthy P+L statement, not a transparent sustainability report. But since 2006, **Banyan Tree Hotels & Resorts**, with 20 properties in places like Thailand and the Maldives, has been doing just that. The company's reports cover each resort and highlight resource conservation topics like green house gas emissions and energy consumption.

"It's what we do, and we seek to be as transparent as possible to allow everyone to make their own judgment," explains Claire Chiang, senior vice president of Banyan Tree Holdings and co-founder of Banyan Tree Hotels & Resorts.

In fact, everything about Banyan Tree begins with sustainability–from its resorts' designs to the manner in which they're run to the way they integrate the local community. "We look to use the most architecturally efficient materials within a reasonable investment cost," Chiang says. "This is applied anywhere, from using the passive method on natural lighting and ventilation to the selection of building supplies. We plan and design resorts with minimum impact to the environment and great impact on a guest's experience." (Take Banyan Tree Ringha in China, where 32 lodges and suites were reconstructed, log by log, from decades-old Tibetan farmhouses, without the use of nails or other modern materials.)

Banyan Tree's commitment to sustainability does not mean it comes at the expense of profits; the Banyan Tree product is not cheap. Consider Banyan Tree Samui in Thailand, where rates for a Deluxe Pool Villa begin around $900 per night. The Presidential Villa at Banyan Tree Seychelles commands a rate of around $4,700 per night.

"Banyan Tree's definition of sustainability echoes the triple-bottom-line approach, whereby we seek social, environmental, and financial success simultaneously," Chiang says. "We see sustainability as not being a zero-sum game between earning profits, promoting communal prosperity, and ecological conservation. The biggest obstacle is when we allow the time horizons associated with profitability to shrink such that the tail (short-term profits) is truly wagging the dog (long-term success)."

Currently, Banyan Tree properties are mostly situated in Asia, but there are two in Mexico. For the time being, Banyan Tree taking up a presence stateside is unlikely, but not out of the question, says Chiang.

Banyan Tree's main goal is to continue operating and serving its brand of sustainable luxury. "Resorts are even more exposed to the three Ls of real estate: location, location, location," says Chiang. "You can have the most beautiful location, but if you're not conscientious about designing, building, and operating the resort, you'll destroy the competitive advantage of that destination by destroying...the local ecosystem." *banyantree.com* OH

> "We plan and design the resorts with minimum impact to the environment and great impact on a guest's experience."
>
> — Claire Chiang
> *senior vice president of Banyan Tree Holdings and co-founder of Banyan Tree Hotels & Resorts*

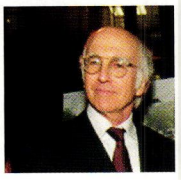
MARKET WATCH

GOLD MINE

Built in 1874 and designed by **Frank Furness**, an American architect of the Victorian Era, Fairholme is a Newport, RI, oceanfront retreat that was popular with tycoons of the Gilded Age. Now available for $17.9 million, the compound "cottages" sit on 4.3 acres with 425 feet of ocean frontage. A 24,393-square-foot Tudor-style mansion houses 16 bedrooms and 14 baths, as well as the largest ballroom in the area.

BEACH BALL

Miami Heat star **Ray Allen** has joined the ranks of renters in his new home city. For $50,000 a month, he enjoys a Biscayne Bay beachfront location with 11,533 square feet of living space featuring nine bedrooms, 11 baths, a four-car garage, staff quarters, an elevator, and an in-ground pool.



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COMIC STRIP

Funnyman **Larry David** has listed his Pacific Palisades estate, which he is rumored to have amassed in three separate transactions over six years. The 10,000-square-foot home boasts fireplaces in most rooms, an office, a gym, a playroom, wood-beamed ceilings, a pool, guesthouse, and ocean views. The property lists for $14.9 million. *–K.J.*

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The Hamptons are rife with elegant country charm. Internationally adored, the collection of hamlets is in proper standing with the finest luxury destinations. For those fortunate enough to call the Hamptons home, there comes a kind of unspoken obligation to keep the region's sterling reputation brightly polished. It is with an eye toward perfection that homes are designed, built, and furnished. The pride that is part and parcel of the Hamptons is visible in the work of its professionals.

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For a sleek new look, consider **Futuro Futuro**. The Italian manufacturer of luxury kitchen range hoods has been a thriving industry leader for over 30 years. Combining advanced technology, high quality materials, world-renowned Italian craftsmanship, and visionary European design, Futuro Futuro is responsible for over 200 designer models.

Offering the largest single-manufacturer selection of Made-in-Italy products, they distribute all in-stock items directly from a New York-based warehouse to anywhere in the US, Canada, and Puerto Rico. Stellar customer service means most orders ship within a record 3-5 business days.

A concentrated commitment to the creation of cutting-edge, masterfully crafted range hoods is demonstrated by their simple motto: Just Range Hoods. For more information, call 800-230-3565 or go to futurofuturo.com.

"Focusing on range hoods gives us the ability to excel in both technological and design areas. Our company produces kitchen ventilation products that are as beautiful as they are functional." - John Moretti, VP Product Development

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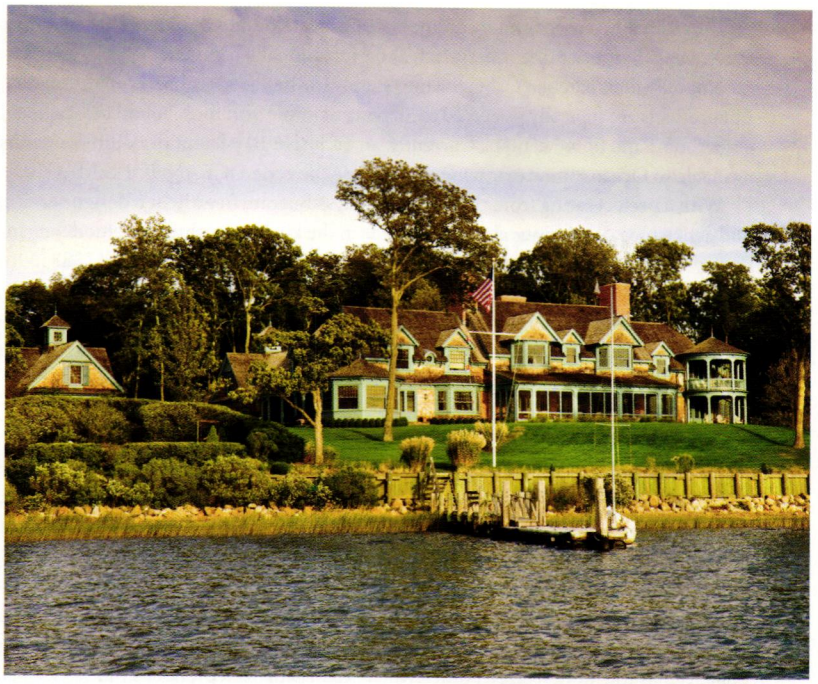

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With a perfect rating from the Better Business Bureau, free kitchen design service, and active blog discussions about top trends in the kitchen/bathroom remodeling industry—this supplier deserves its royal name. For more information, call (888)696-6454 or go to kitchencabinetkings.com.

"You can always expect superior customer service, rock bottom pricing, and great quality when shopping online with Kitchen Cabinet Kings. We pledge to continue to go above and beyond your expectations and provide our high-quality cabinetry at wholesale prices." – Anthony Saladino, CEO

The **Paul Lopa Designs** slogan is: Be Authentic, Be Unique. The licensed home improvement contractor and homebuilder bridges the gap between design and build. Distinguishing himself with unique products—from handmade bricks to the finest cut stone from around the world—Paul Lopa builds an authentic look for each home.

With clients in NYC, Brooklyn, Staten Island, the Hamptons, and New Jersey, the full-service firm performs renovations, customizations, and additions using a wide selection of both interior and exterior product lines. Projects range on a scale between sprawling French villas and modest-sized homes. Kitchen and bath makeovers, custom basements, and interior as well as landscape designs are among Paul Lopa's areas of expertise.

From start to finish Paul Lopa Designs works closely with each client to coordinate and execute a full design package in accordance with the homeowner's vision. Thorough consultations are key; no wall is touched until the client's ideas are fully understood. As Benjamin Franklin once said, "It takes many good deeds to build a good reputation, and only one bad one to lose it." For more information, call (866)725-1505 or go to PaulLopaDesigns.com.

"Our company is built from the work we put into each one of our clients' homes. Our mission is to build a huge family of clients." –Paul Lopa, Owner

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Installed by experienced certified technicians, Resolute Retractable systems come with tamper-proof hinges, multi-point lock systems, and first-rate security hardware. To properly and aesthetically secure a home or commercial space, the Resolute brand is first rate. They service the tri-state area. For more information, call (866)263-9717 or go to resolutescreens.com.

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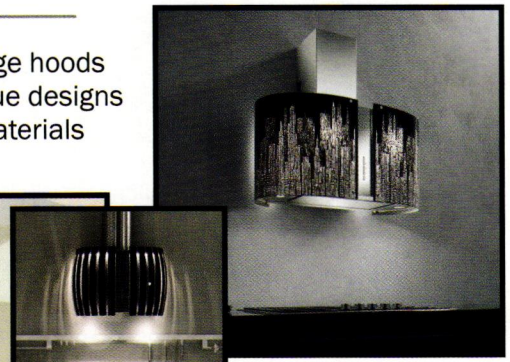

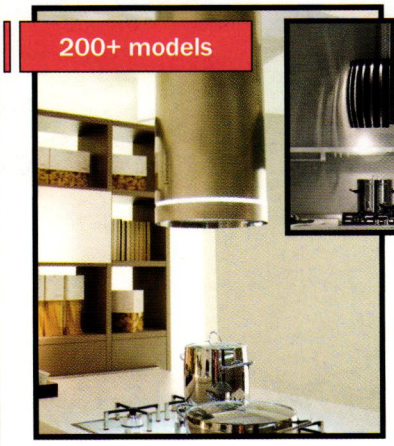

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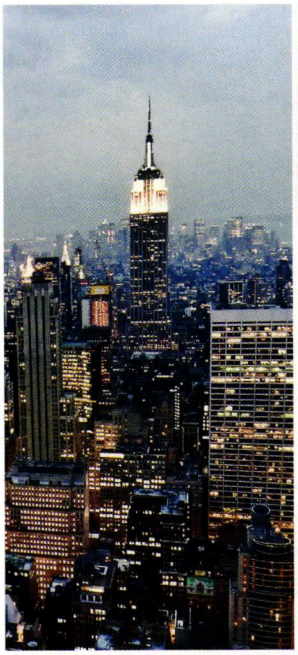

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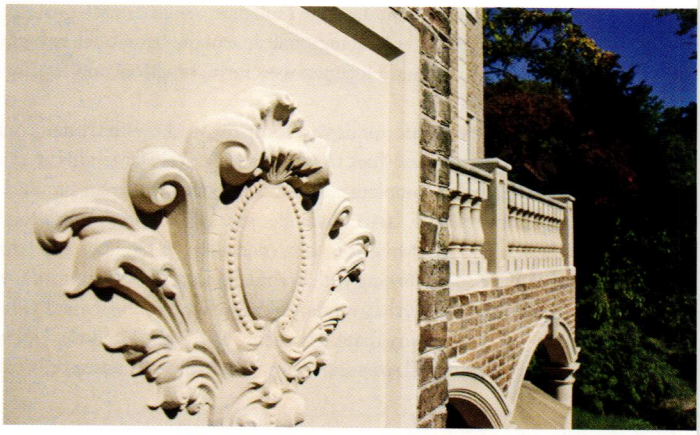

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For the past twenty years **Holzman Interiors, Inc.** has been building and renovating homes, condos, and co-ops in the Tri-State area. With a background in fashion and interior design, founder Julie Holzman brings to each project a diverse aesthetic sensibility. Whether enhancing small apartments, remodeling bathrooms, or conceptualizing entire homes, Holzman uses form, function, and texture as the foundation for every design.

The full-service interior design company works with trusted construction teams in Connecticut and New York to manage four to six large jobs at a time. For returning clients looking to complete additional projects, Holzman simultaneously accommodates anywhere from 10 to 12 smaller jobs. There is no project too big or too small.

Though Holzman Interiors, Inc. specializes in kitchens and baths, no room is beyond their scope. Working with architects and fabric/furniture sources, as well as an acclaimed rug dealer, they render rooms reflecting clients' individual tastes.

As a small company that puts client relations at the fore, Holzman and her team address projects of all sizes and styles. The results are masterfully crafted, fully realized interiors. For more information, call (212)685-5797 or go to holzmaninteriors.com

"[Incorporating everything] from the traditional style of my early work in Fairfield County to the contemporary style of my recent work in New York City, Miami, and Chicago, I am able to use my diverse aesthetic sensibility to create something for every taste."
-Julie Holzman, Founder

Owned and operated by Russ Moran of Russ Moran Custom Catering, **Brewsters Seafood** is both a full-service retail seafood market and eat-in or take-out restaurant. Specializing in lobsters, Brewsters serves only the finest hard shells from northern Maine and Canada, which are stored in chilled fresh saltwater tanks pumped with waters straight from Shinnecock Bay.

Brewsters distinguishes itself as one of only a handful of licensed seafood market smoking facilities in New York State. By smoking on the premises daily, they deliver full-flavor fresh seafood. In addition to fish and shellfish, an impressive selection of locally caught, grown, or harvested produce is available.

All Brewsters shellfish is de-sanded in on-site saltwater purging tanks, and the market is supported by a state-of-the-art production facility. A professional staff expertly fields all questions and culinary personnel are trained in seafood handling, preparation, and cooking.

By offering fish deliveries to local beaches, rental and private homes, and office buildings; in-home preparation of dishes; and year-round, seven-days-per-week hours in both market and restaurant, Brewsters caters to serious lobster lovers.

For those who enjoy a good old-fashioned New England clambake, order one of their PUPS (Pick up a Party), which are constantly being offered during the busy season. Also, check out the live sea-life observation tank full of local fish, shellfish, crustaceans, starfish, and more. For more information, call (631)728-FISH or go to brewstersseafood-market.com.

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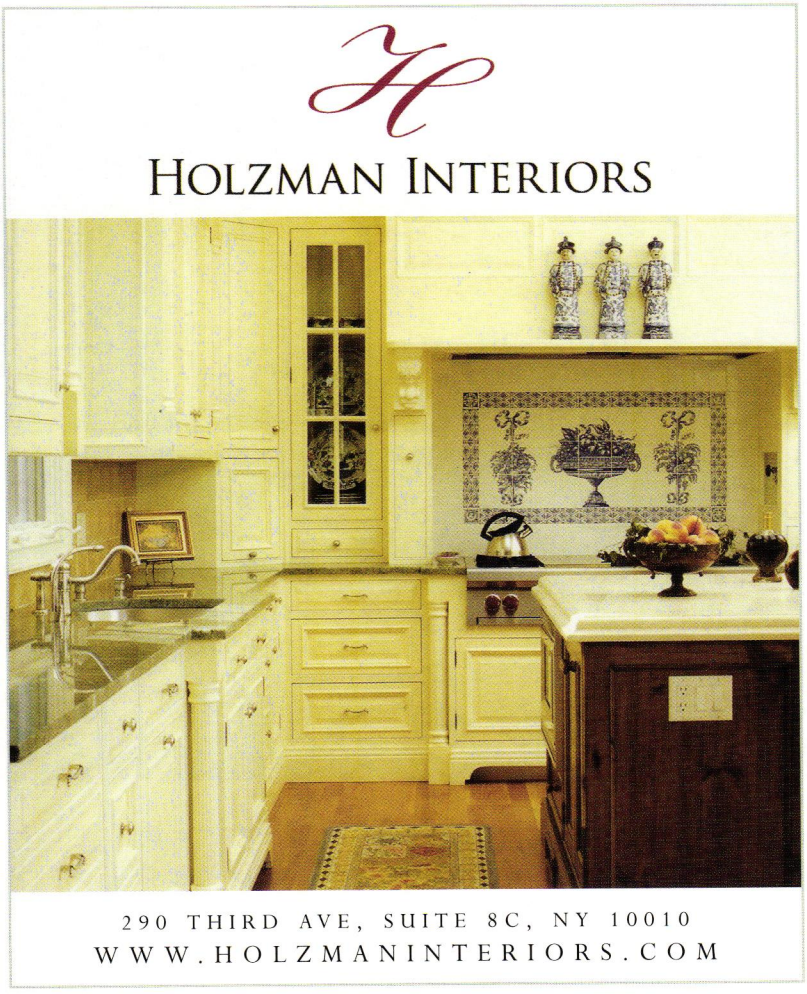

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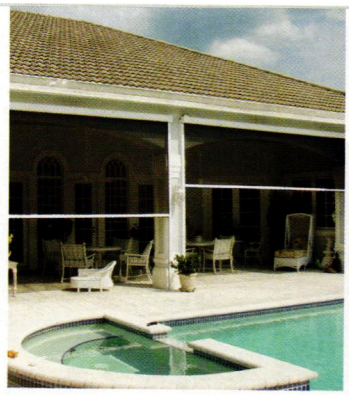

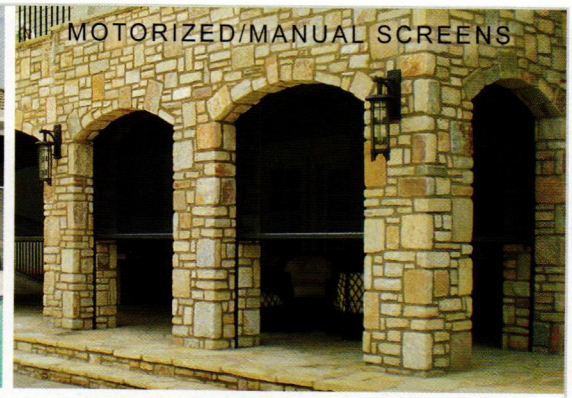

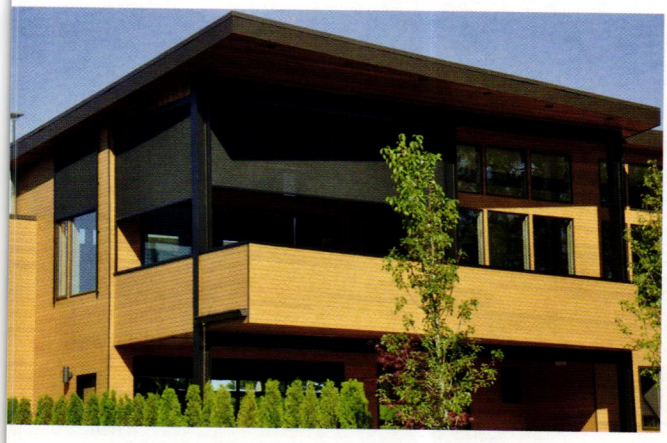

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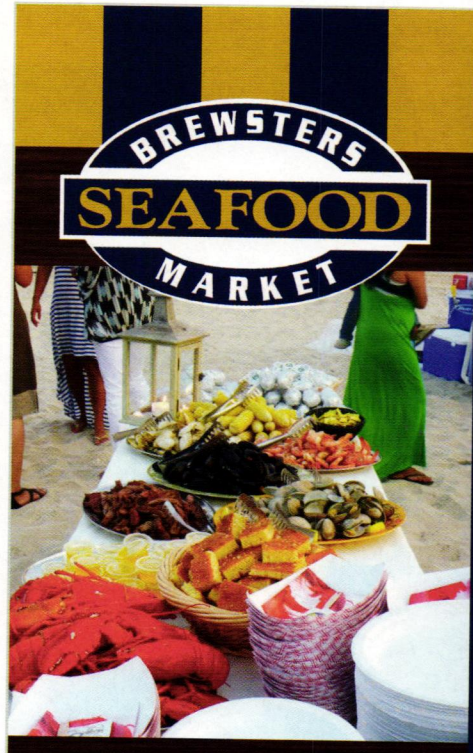

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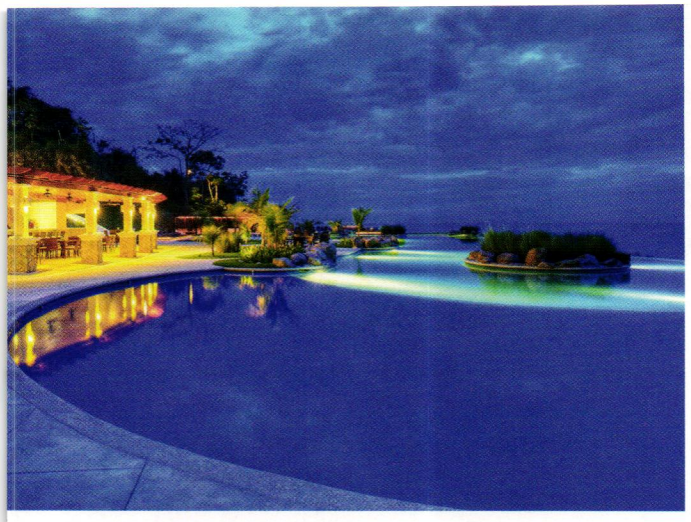

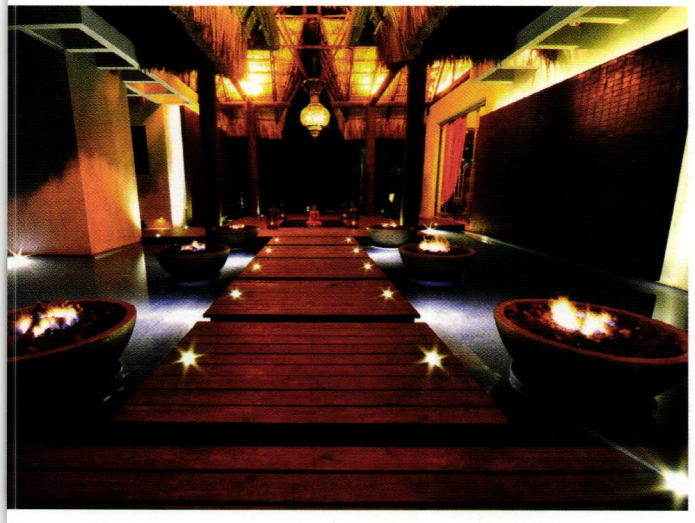

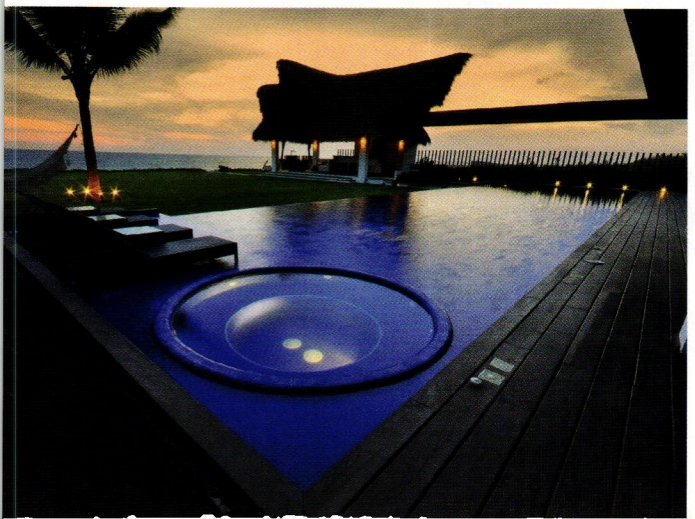

ULTIMATE POOLS

Thinking of investing in an ultimate pool environment? The Master Pools Guild is a global network of elite custom pool builders who use only the finest quality products and consistently deliver the best customer service in the industry. Before diving head first into the process, below are some timely questions you may have and advice form Dick Covert, the Executive Director of the Richmond, Virginia based Master Pools Guild.

1 What does it take to become an elite member of the Master Pools Guild?

In order to become a Master Pools Guild member, a builder must meet a detailed set of criteria. First and foremost, they must have operated in the industry for a minimum of 5 yrs. We extensively interview their clients and suppliers to verify all relationships are in good standing. We also consider strongly their reputation in the industry, usually through testimony from our current members.

2 What pool materials can an Ocean Home reader expect to be used when he or she enlists the services of a Master Pools Builder?

Our members are master craftsman who are equipped with the knowledge and know how to incorporate all the latest technologies as well as the most innovative materials. For example, we were early adapters of salt water technology and our members pioneered geothermal technologies being used in swimming pools. Geothermal technology allows homeowners to heat and cool their homes using the water in their pools – a very ecologically responsible process.

3 What sets a Master Pools Builder apart in terms of utilizing waterscapes and crafting a one-of-a-kind outdoor environment?

When you work with a Master Pool Builder you work with a designer who essentially has 110 "consultants" at their disposal. Since our members do not compete with each other, they freely & openly share new techniques and often consult and assist one another with complex designs. We are the only group that is structured in this fashion. We meet in the Spring and Fall to educate and share the newest and best practices. In fact, Master Pools Guild was founded on the sharing of education with the goal of building the most beautiful swimming pools in the world.

4 Are MPG members trained in and concerned with environmental issues and reducing our carbon footprint?

Absolutely. This varies from company to company but two great members come to mind. Geremia Pools in Sacramento, California have patented Geothermal Technologies (as mentioned above) and Gib-San Pools in Canada – is the ONLY company in the swimming pool industry to be awarded the ISO 14001–Environmental certification. This prestigious certification is awarded for demonstrated commitment to environmental management as well as a commitment to continual improvements in reducing waste and recycling materials where appropriate.

5 What is the best time of year to start thinking about investing in a pool?

The construction time frame for a custom swimming pool can take anywhere from a few weeks to several months depending on numerous factors including permitting, materials selected, weather, etc. The bottom line is, it is never too early to start the process.

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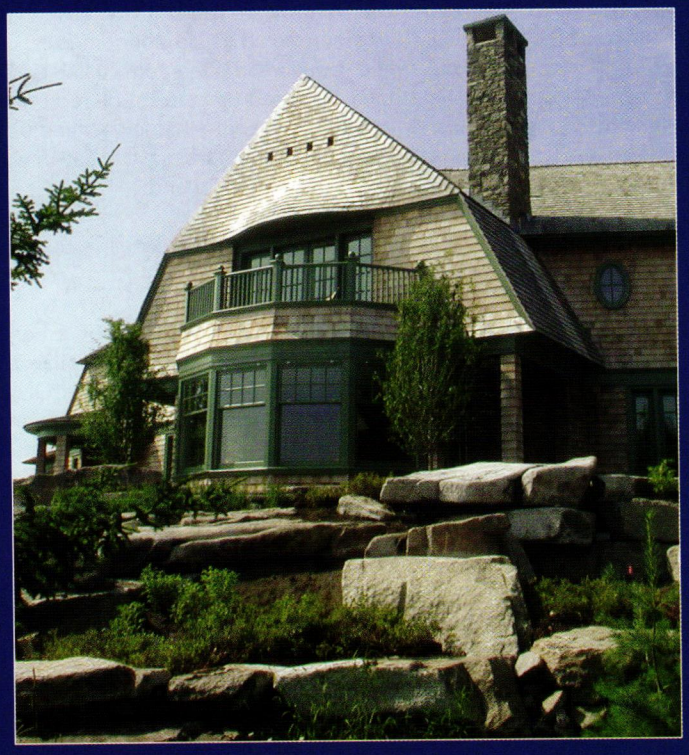

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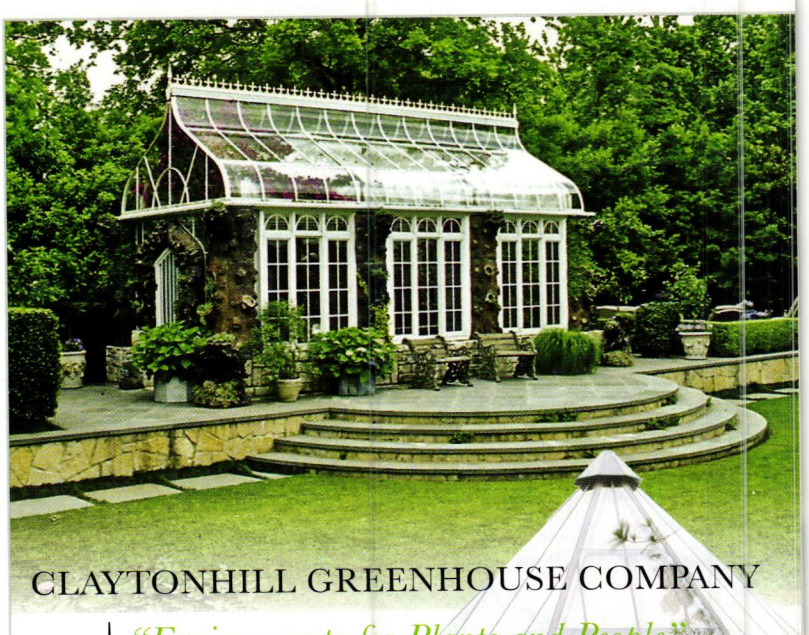

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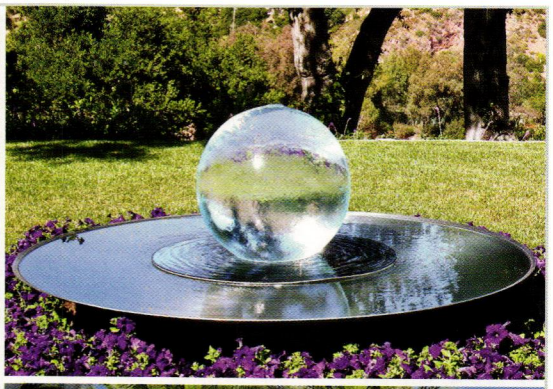

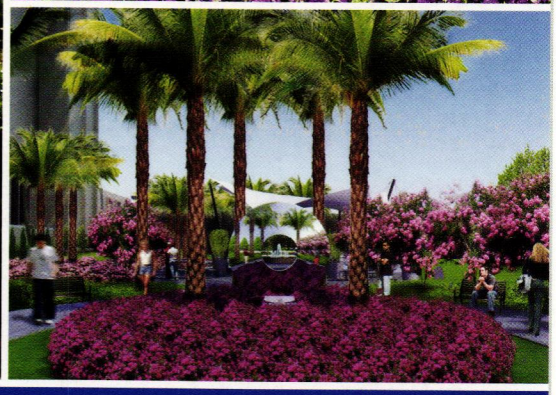

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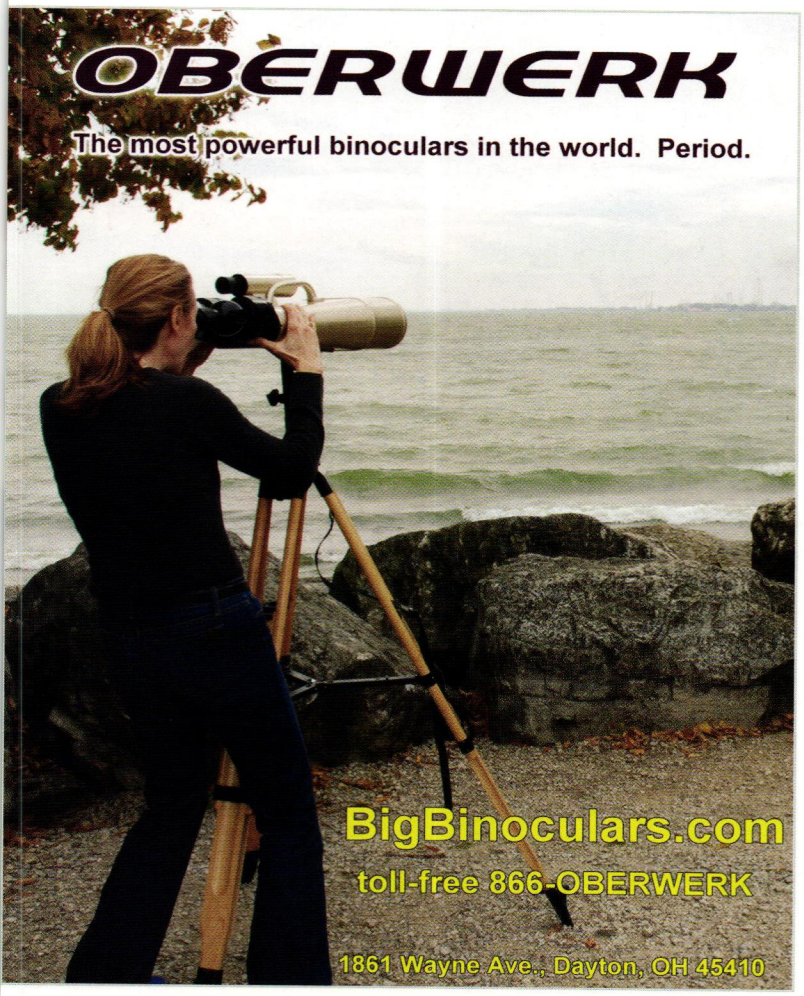

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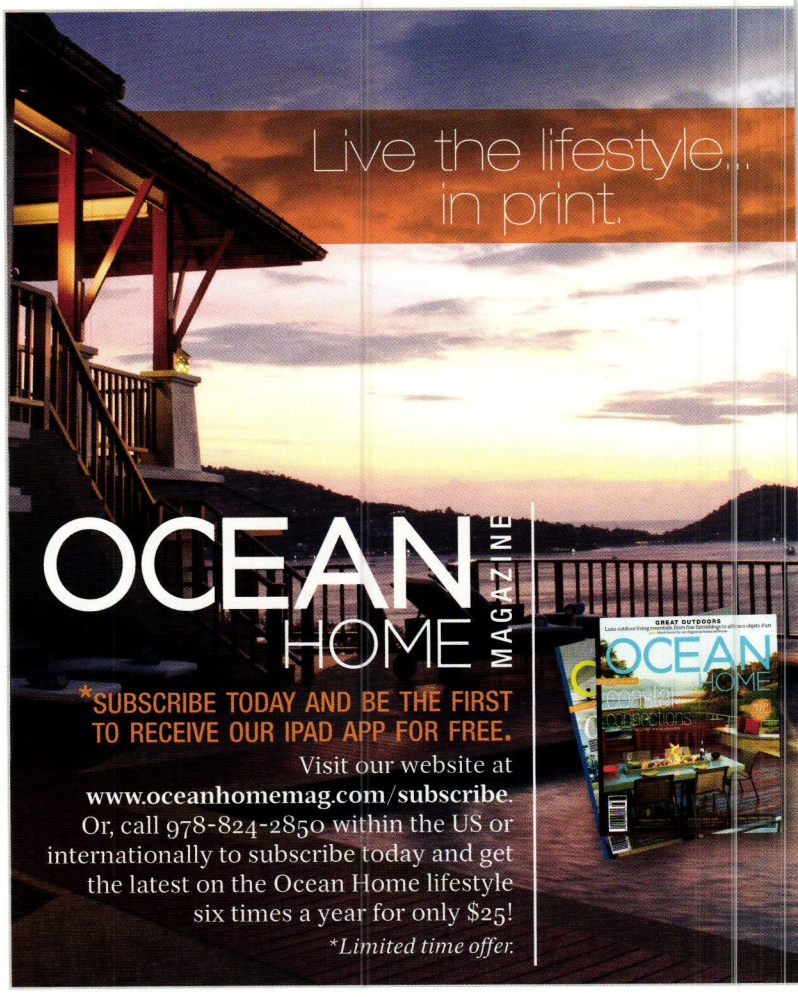

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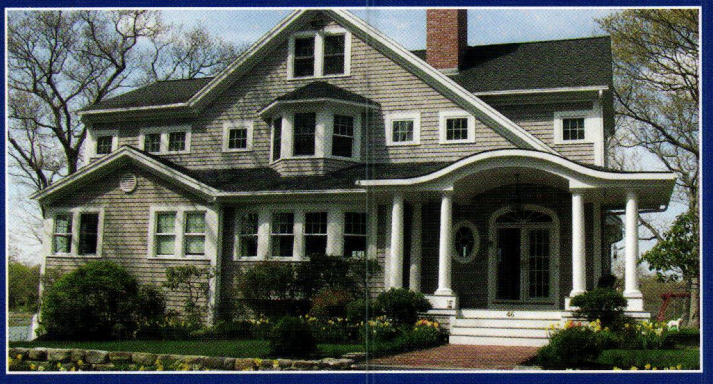

46 GAMMONS RD, COHASSET, MA 02025
LIST PRICE: $2,995,000
Amazing location! Direct waterfront home on Rice Island, one of Cohasset's most coveted Oceanside neighborhoods. Enjoy the tranquility of this magnificent property and the breathtaking views of Little Harbor. This 5250 square foot home which includes the finished walkout lower level has a very open floor plan. Built in 2002 this home offers an unmatched lifestyle with a fabulous dock and access to the water. A family paradise!

214 JERUSALEM RD, COHASSET, MA 02025
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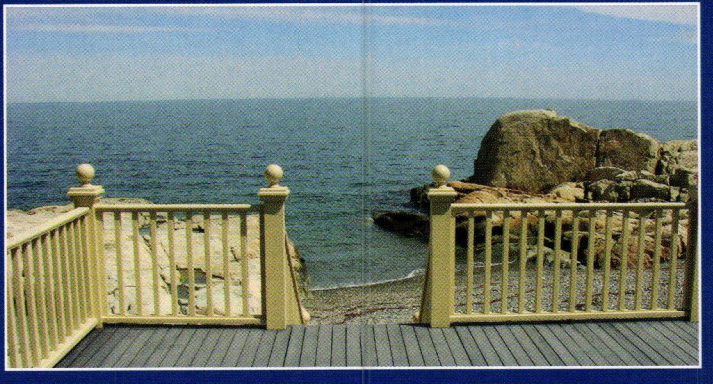
Exceptional 5 bedroom shingle style home on Jerusalem Road. Minutes to the beach and Ocean. Amazing detail throughout! Built in 2001 this home has been totally upgraded throughout the home over the last four years. Fabulous state of the art brand new kitchen and mud room. Spectacular lower level complete with home theatre and exercise room. Wonderful spacious Master Suite along with four additional large bedrooms. Private flat back yard with updated irrigation system. 3 car garage.



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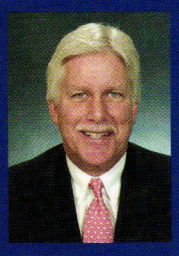
LIST PRICE: $3,650,000
One of a kind spectacular Gold Coast location! Private setting with its own beach. Nestled behind stone walls & mature plantings, this English country cottage & carriage house w/ studio on 1.54 acres. Surrounded by English gardens open to the sea beyond with an entertainment deck and finished beach house. Wonderful kitchen with Sub-Zero and high end designer appliances. Magnificent great room leading to a conservatory w/walls of glass, and a terrace with steps to the beach.



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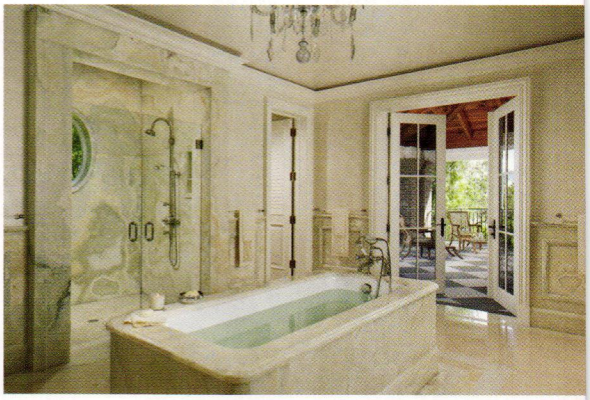

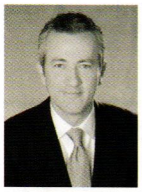

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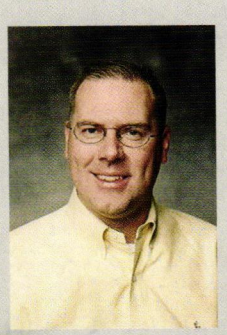

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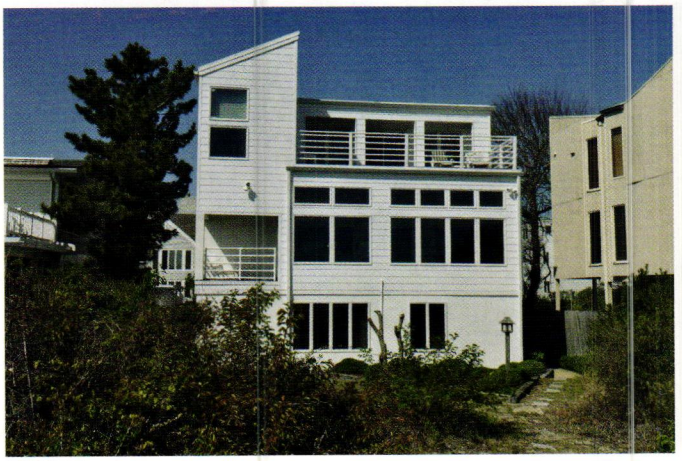

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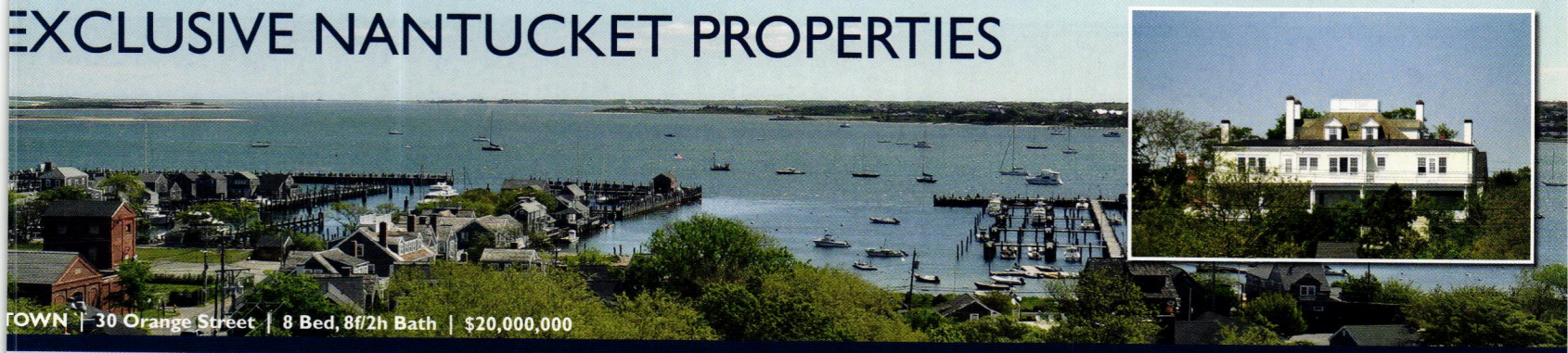

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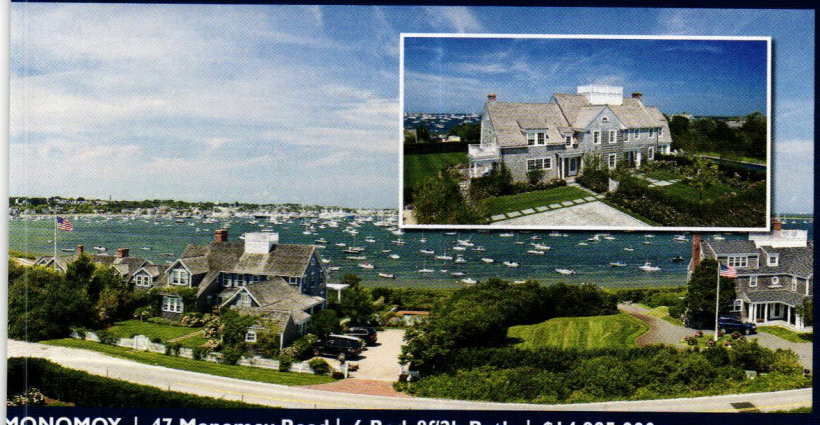

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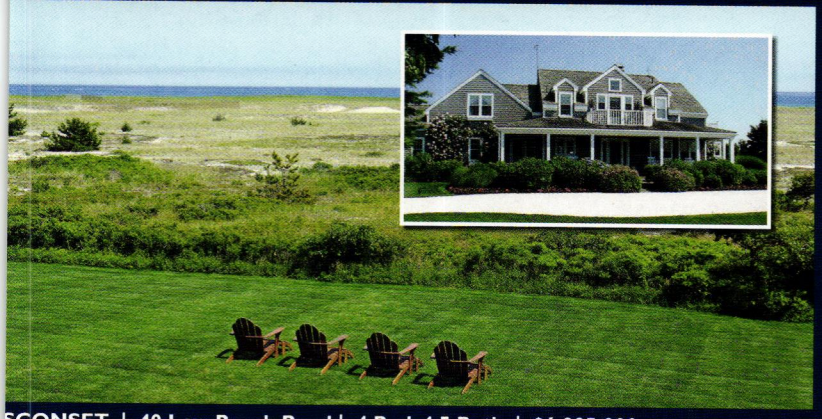

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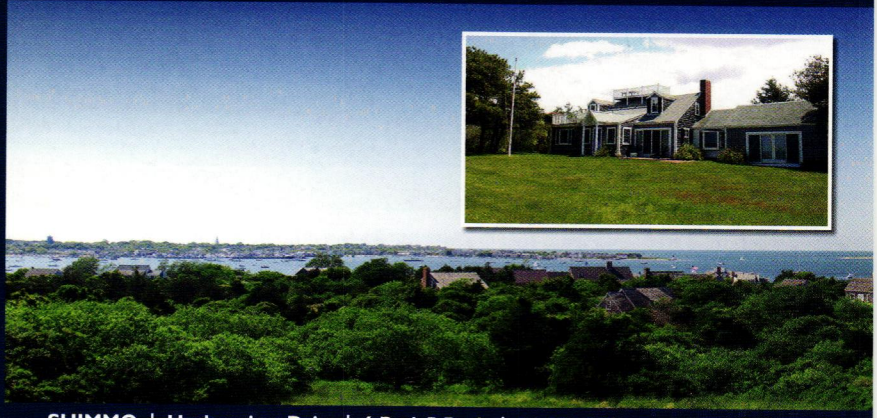

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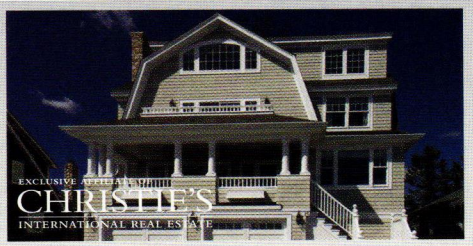

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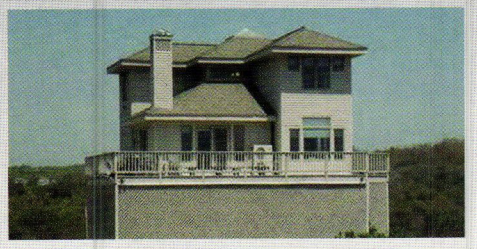

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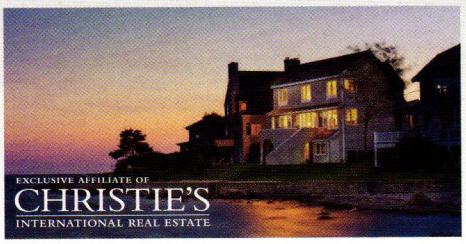

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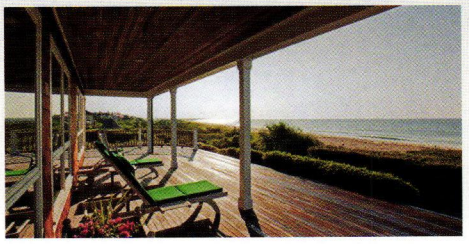

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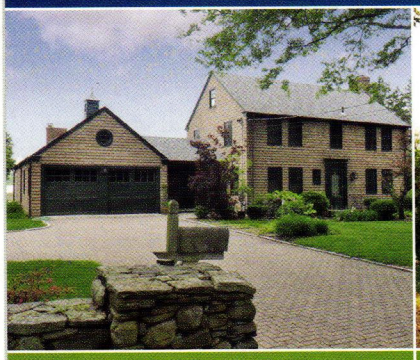

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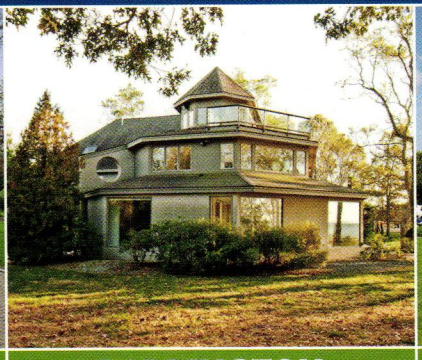

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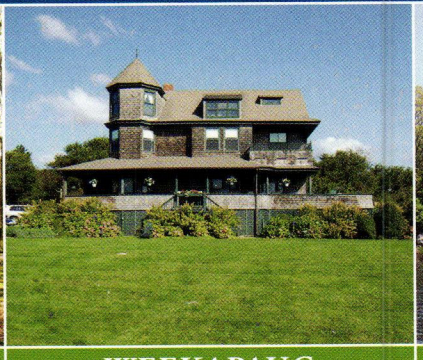

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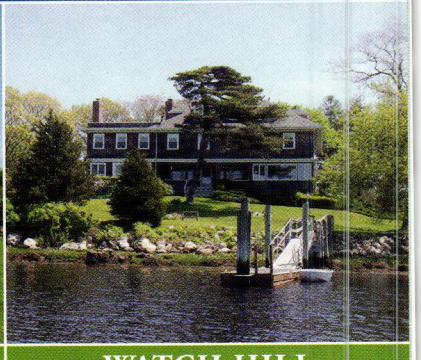

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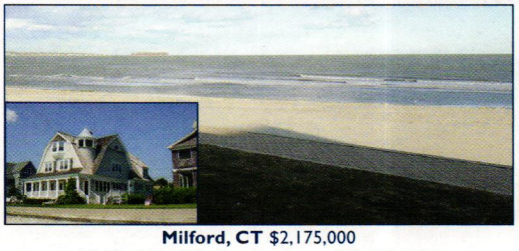

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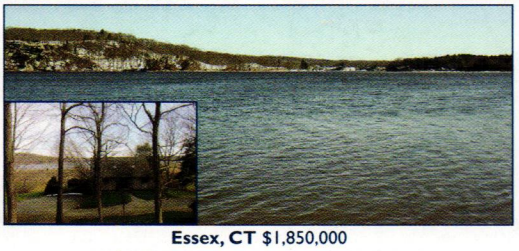

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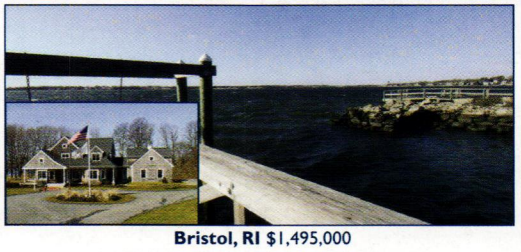

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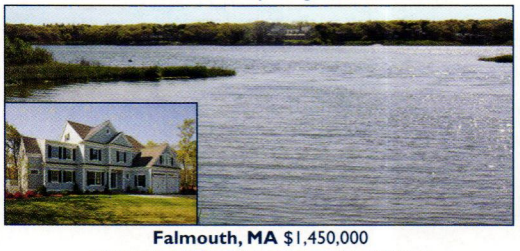

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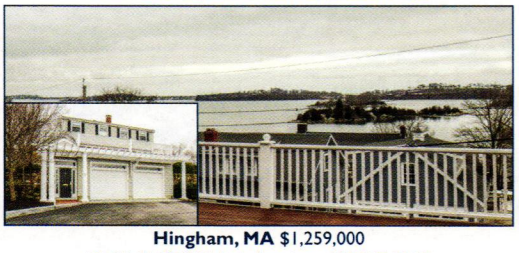

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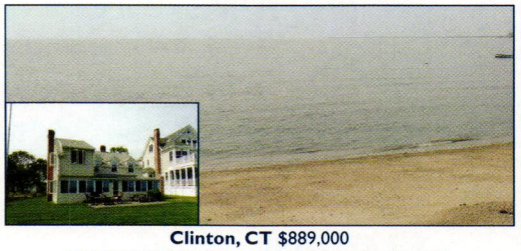

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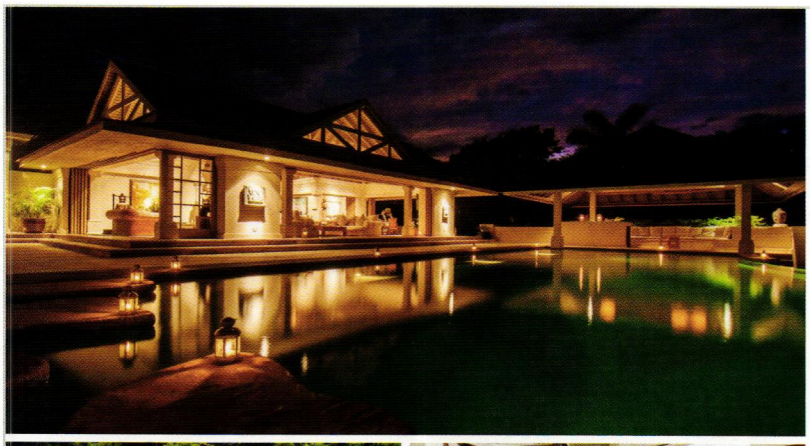

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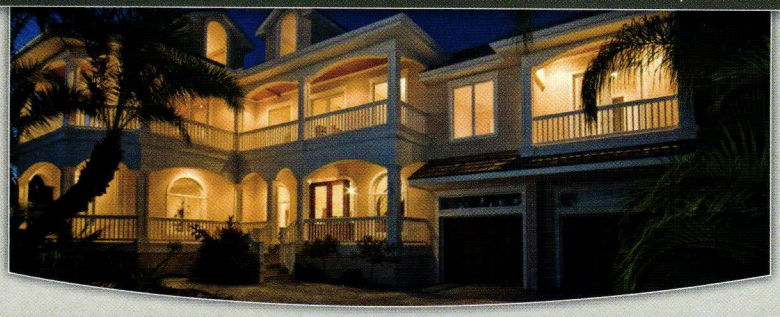

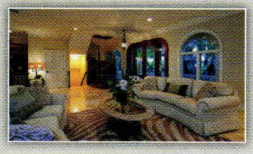

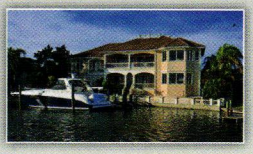

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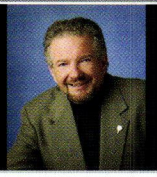

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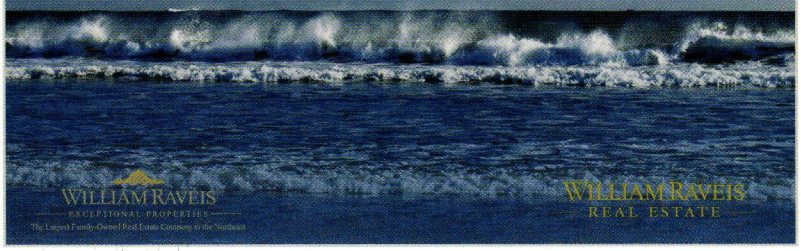

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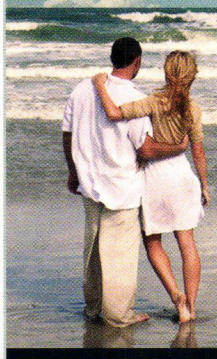

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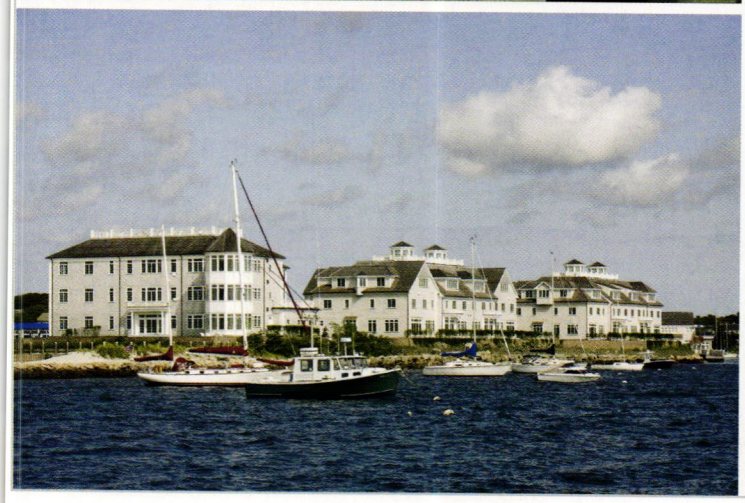

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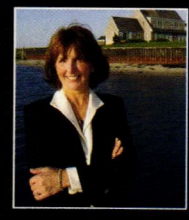

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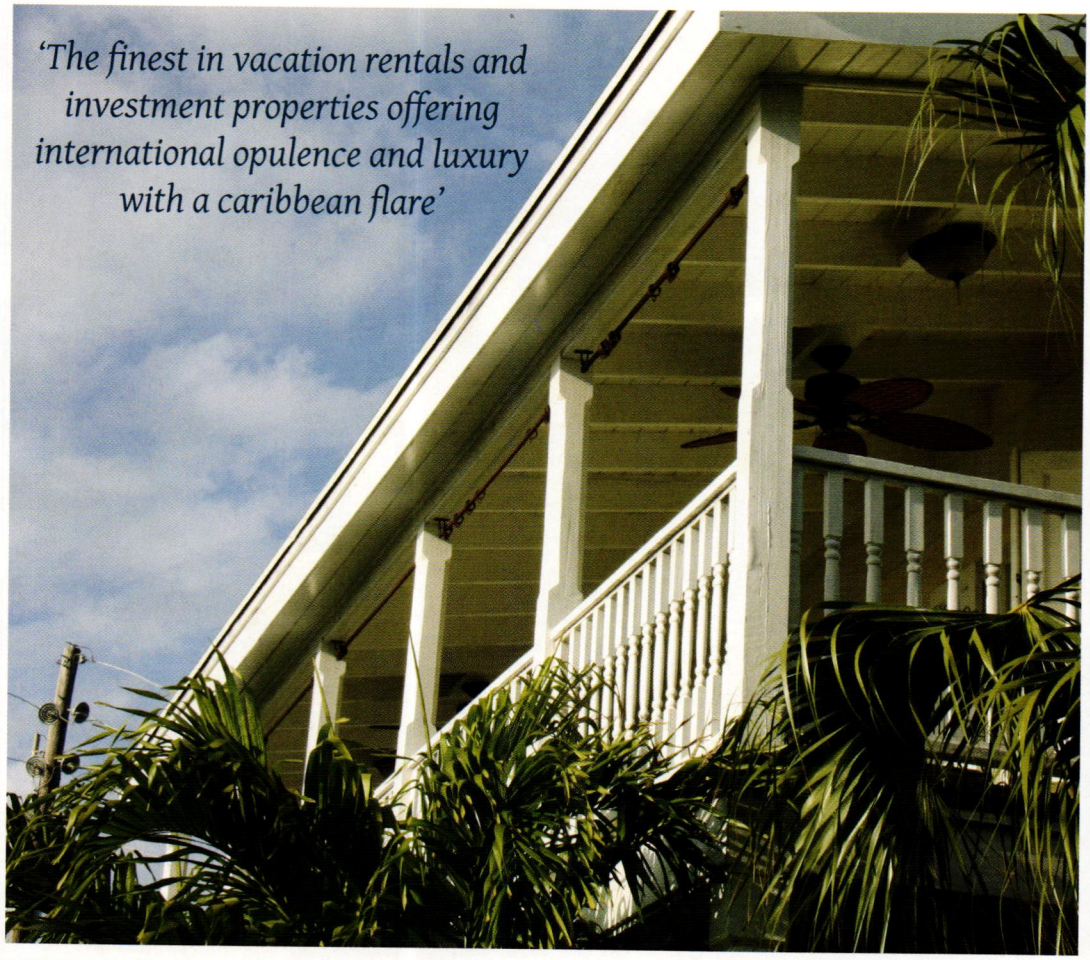

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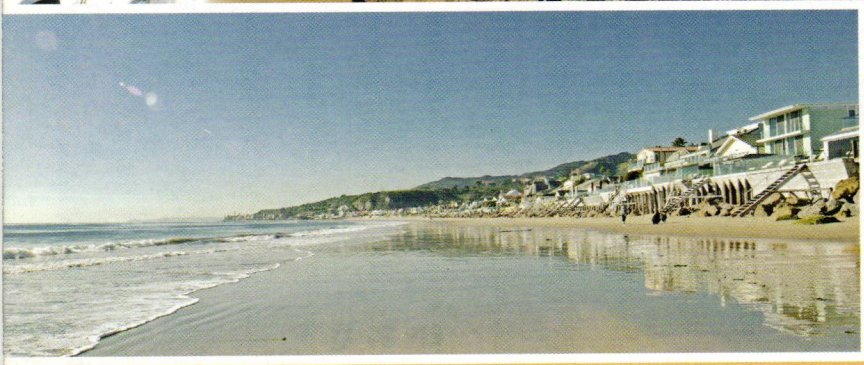

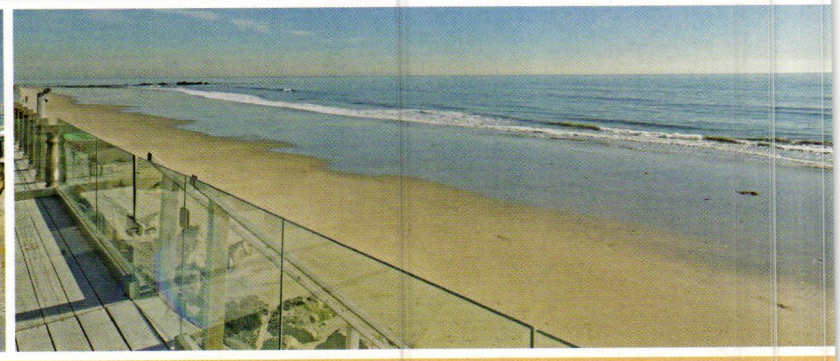

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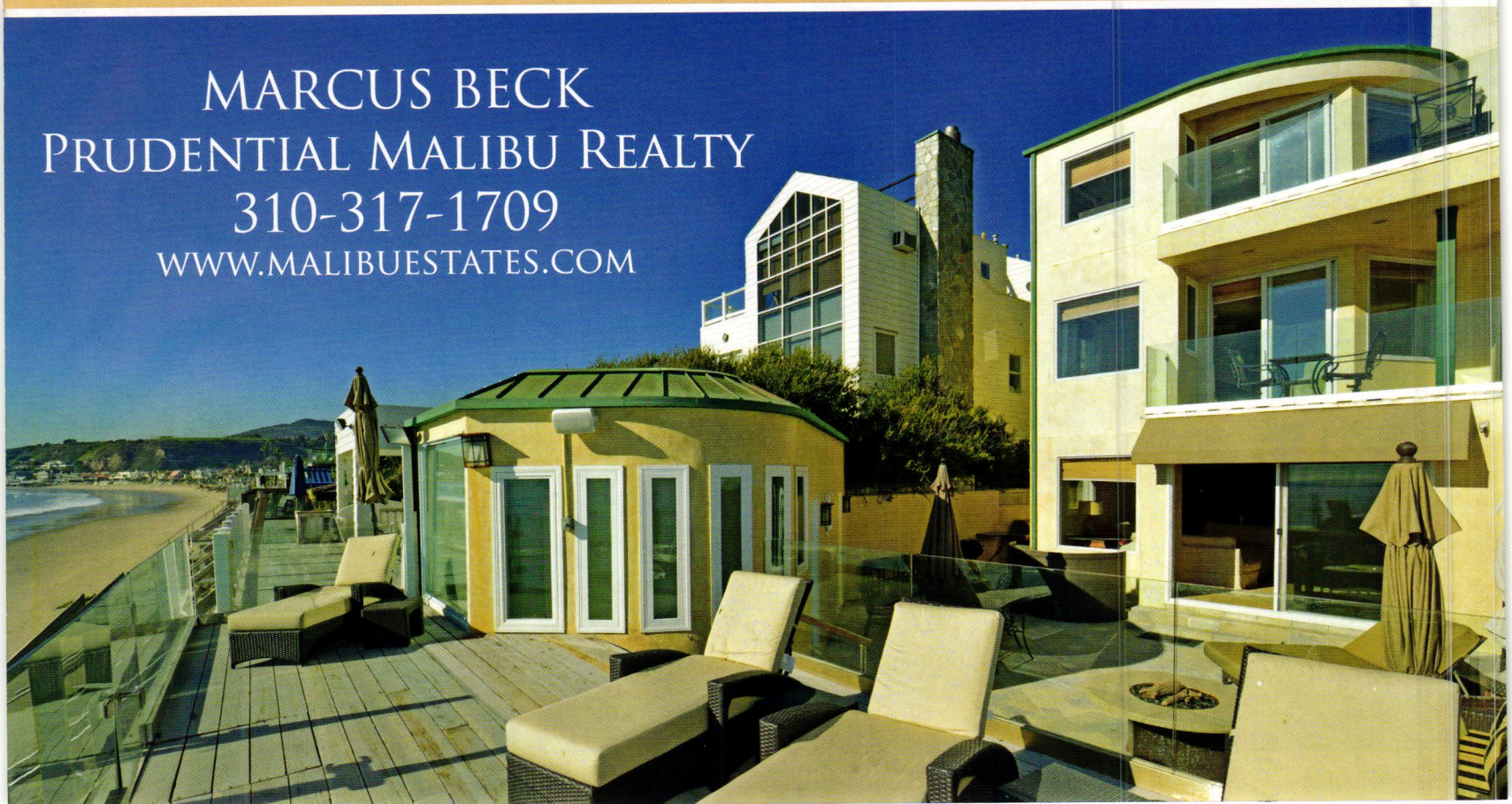

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