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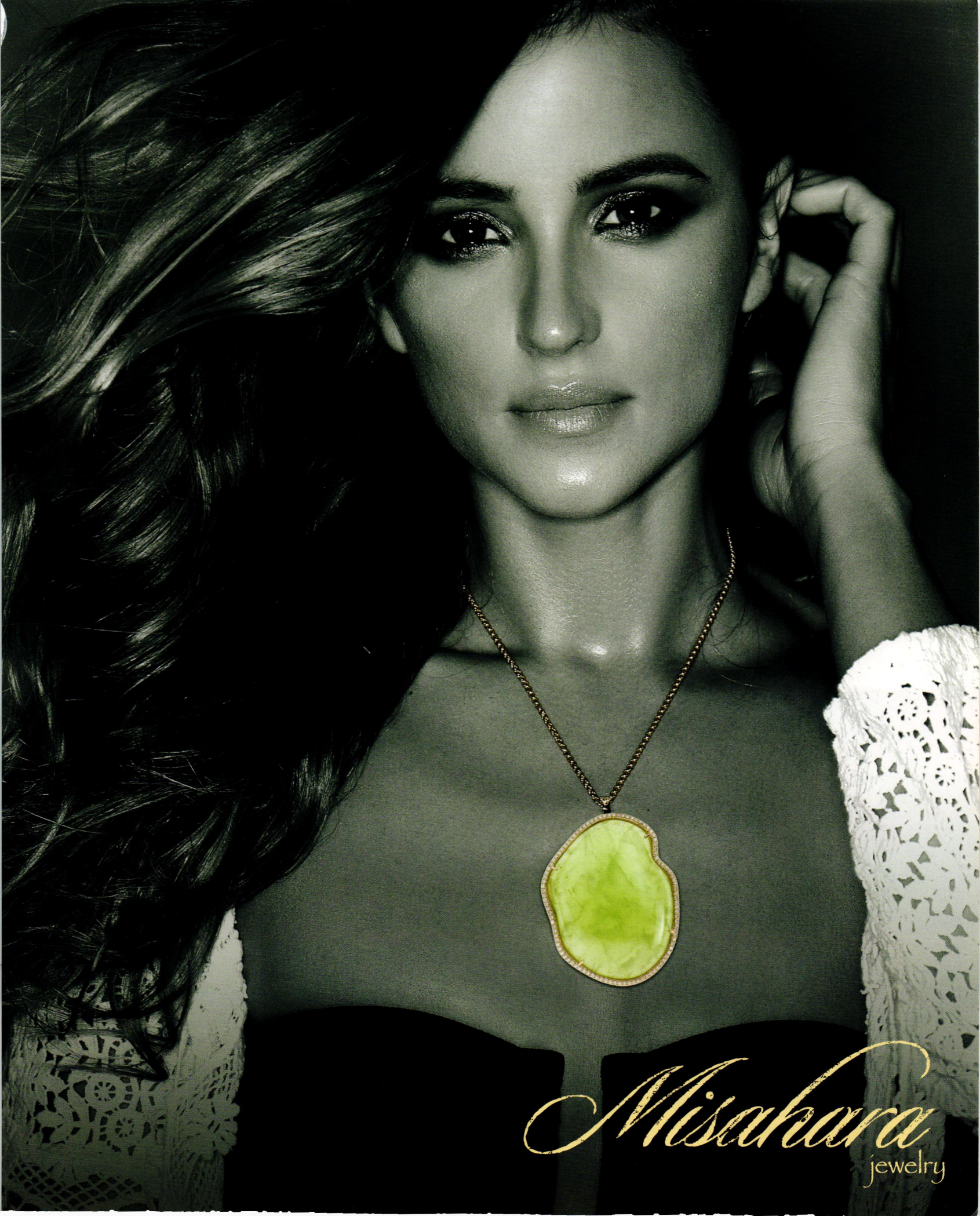
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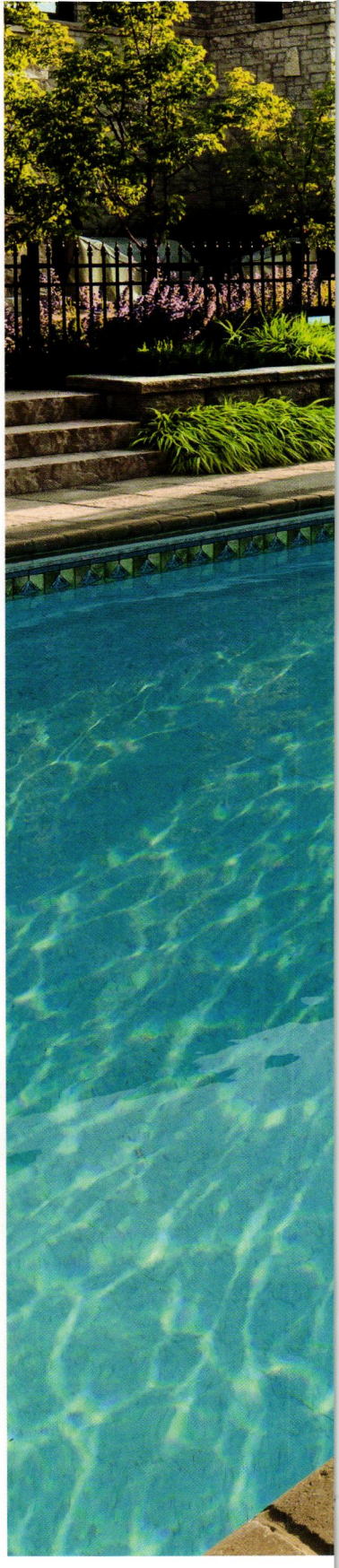

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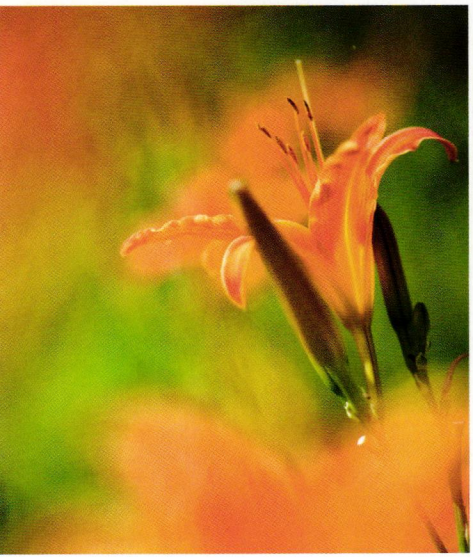

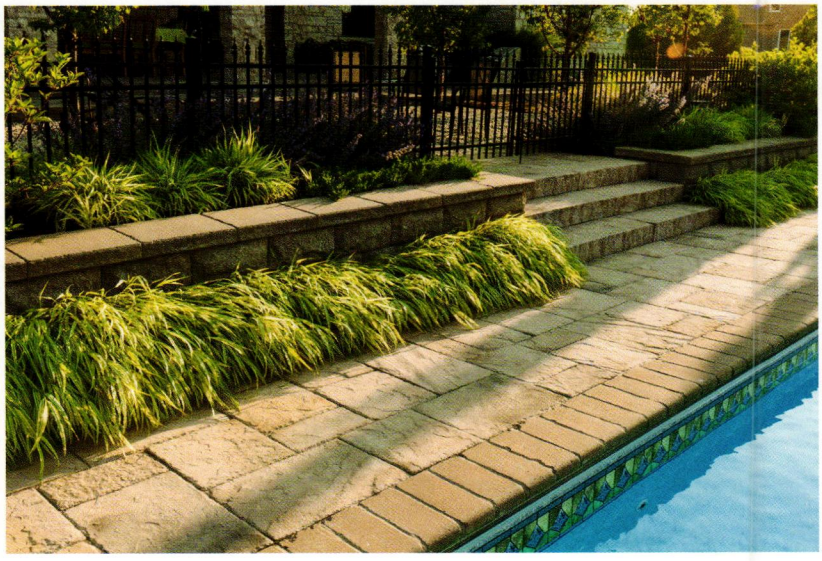

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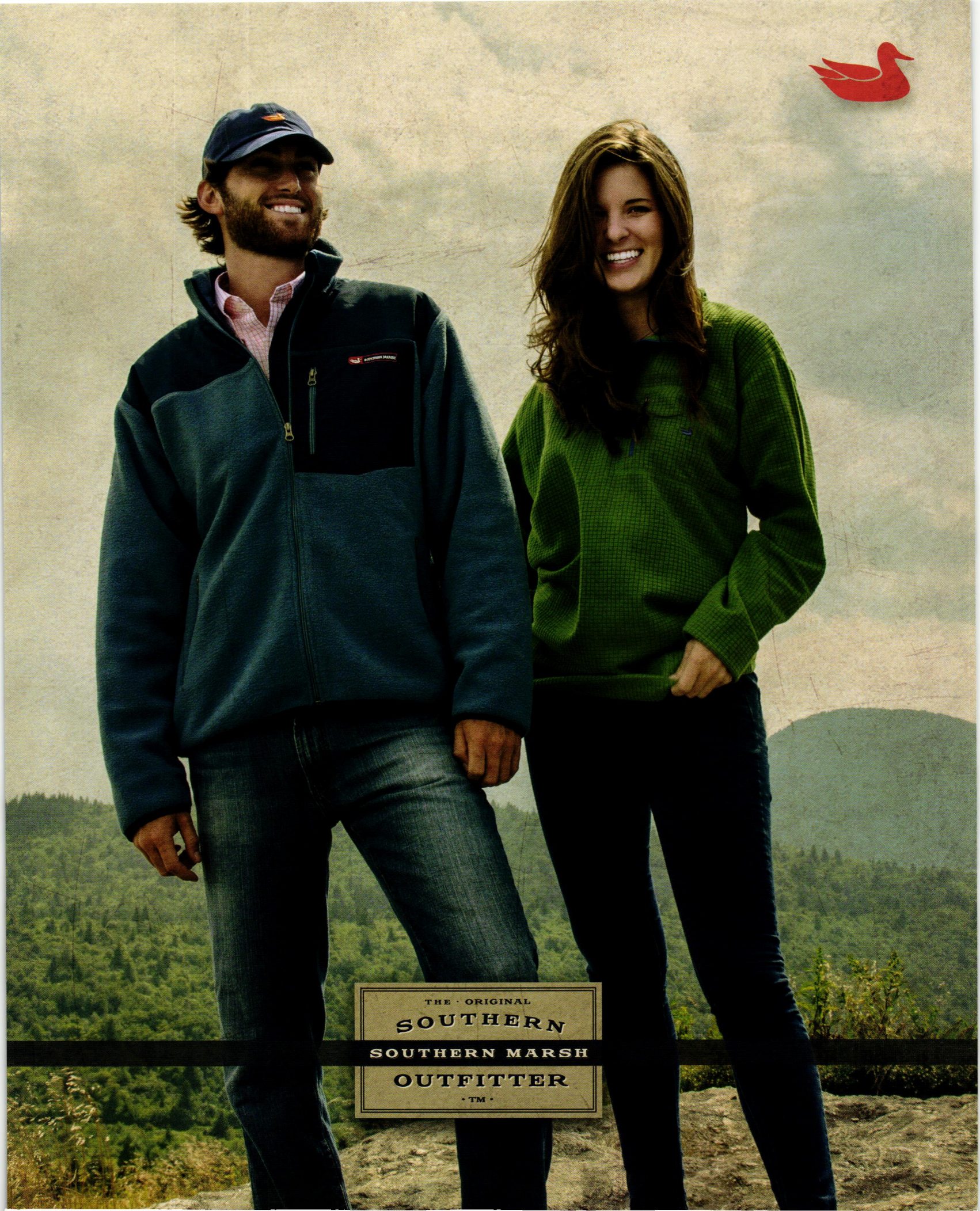
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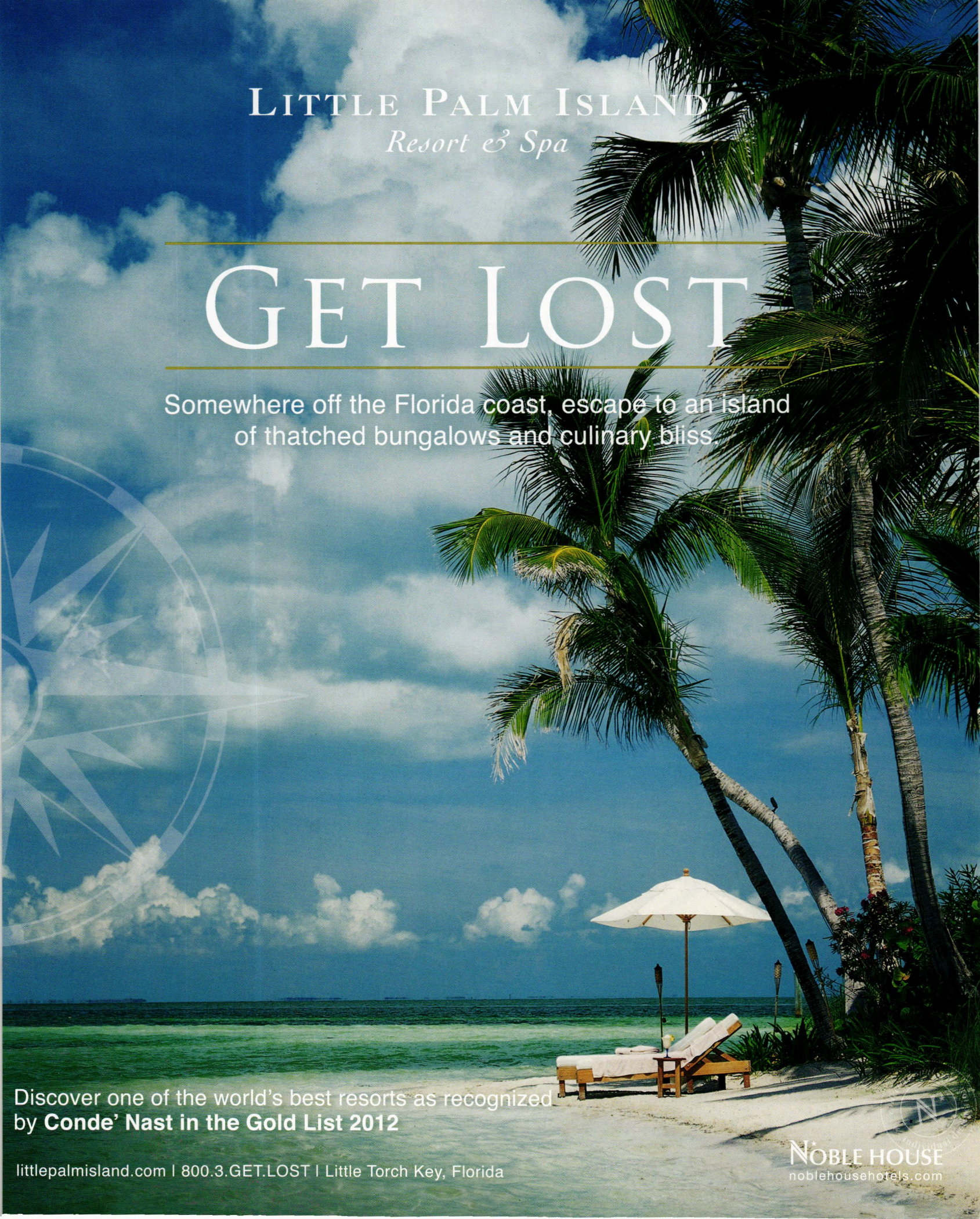
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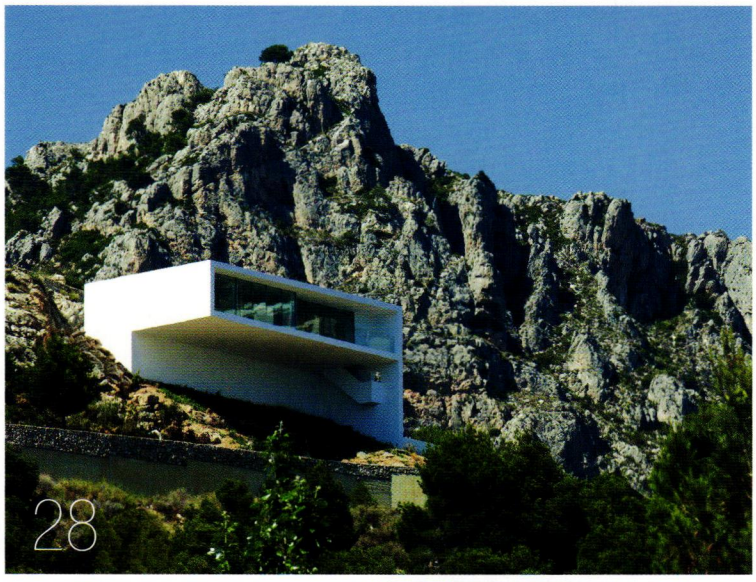

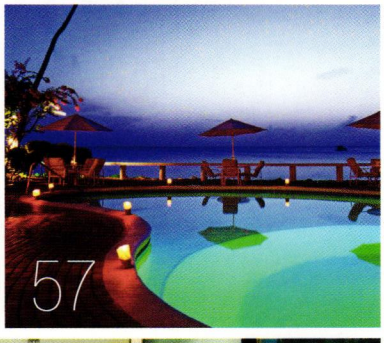

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Luxe Living at The Palms Private Residence Club

Just in time for the resort's peak season, we revisit The Palms Private Residence Club on Costa Rica's Playa Flamingo, previously highlighted for its new luxury villas. With private residence club membership, full ownership, and rentals having all been available since its opening, The Palms has a variety of options for any interested visitors. It was not until recently, however, that the property on Costa Rica's Gold Coast saw the latter two options climb in demand. Head to ***oceanhome.com/the-palms-private-residence-club*** to read about the amenities that make the villas such a coveted sanctuary, and you'll be enticed to book a stay at the desirable resort to experience the leisurely lifestyle for yourself.

BARBIE'S 'DOLL-TASTIC' DREAMHOUSE

America's favorite blonde has decided that her heart belongs in Malibu after all. Barbie listed her iconic pink 'oceanfront' Dreamhouse for $25 million last year to travel around the world, but then decided to stay put and renovate instead. To see Barbie's 'doll-tastic' new Dreamhouse, and all its luxurious features, head to ***oceanhomemag.com/barbie-dreamhouse***.

DESIGNER DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Come and meet the *Ocean Home* team at two exciting design and landscape events. Premiering **October 3-6** at the Barker Hangar in Santa Monica, CA, **WestEdge** is a new design fair featuring a curated selection of 150 leading national and international brands offering design inspiration for interior and exterior environments, ***westedgedesignfair.com***.

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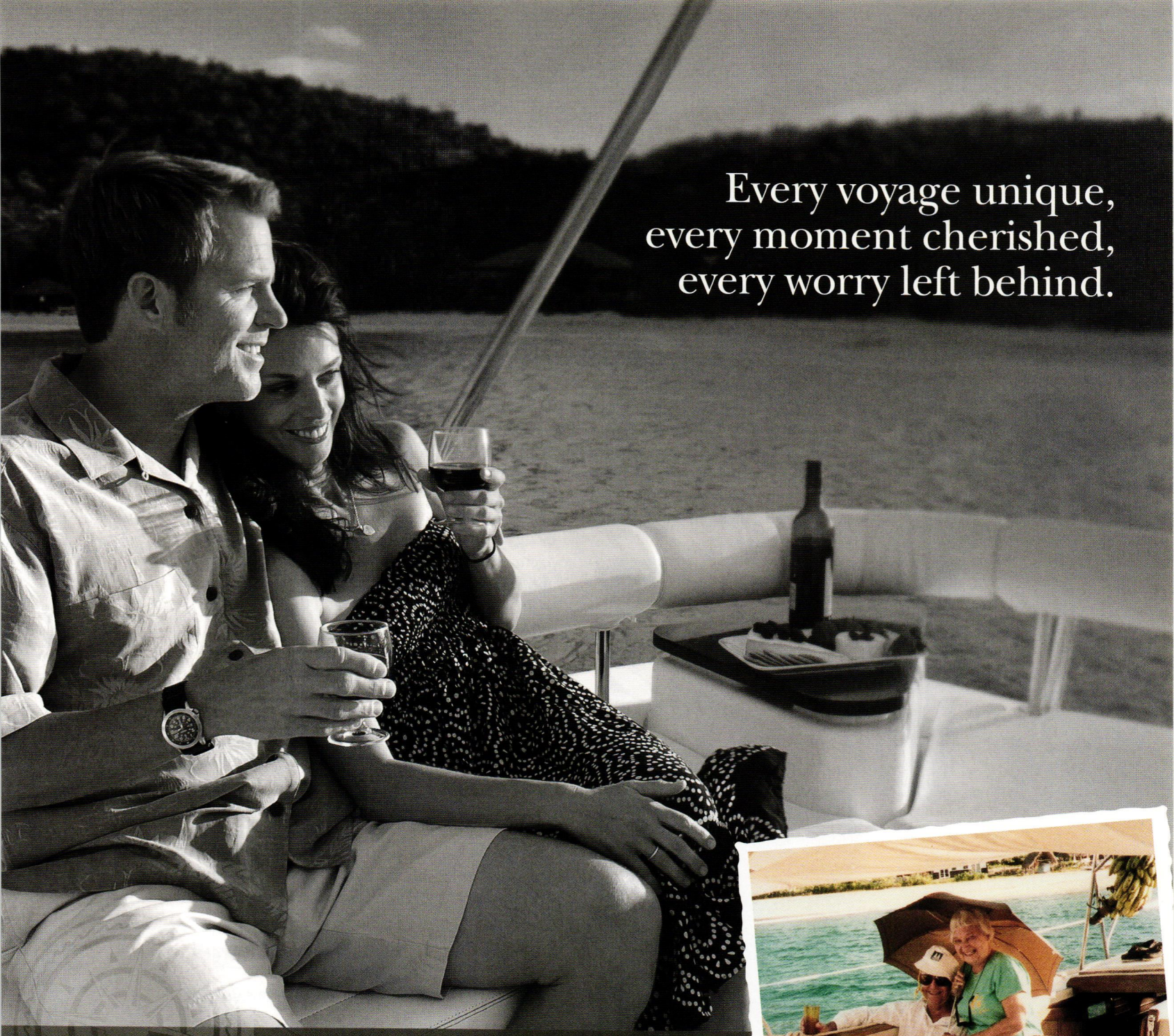

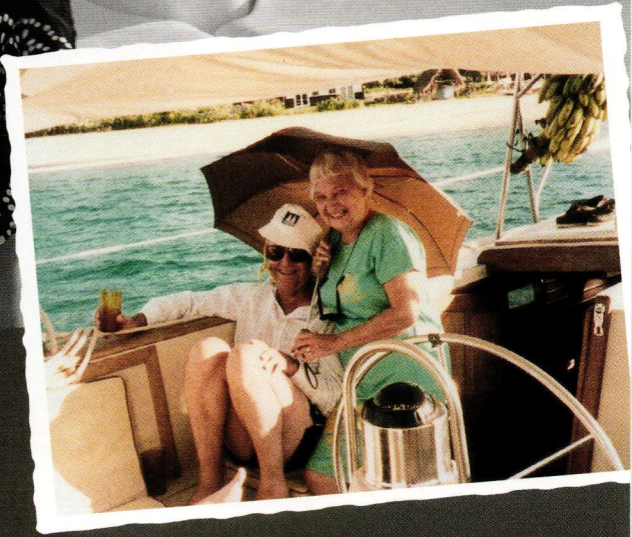

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Andrew Conway pictured at his home in Boston, MA.

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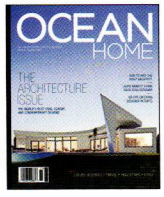

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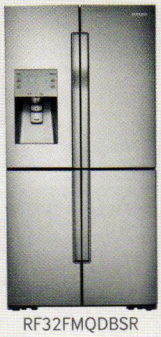

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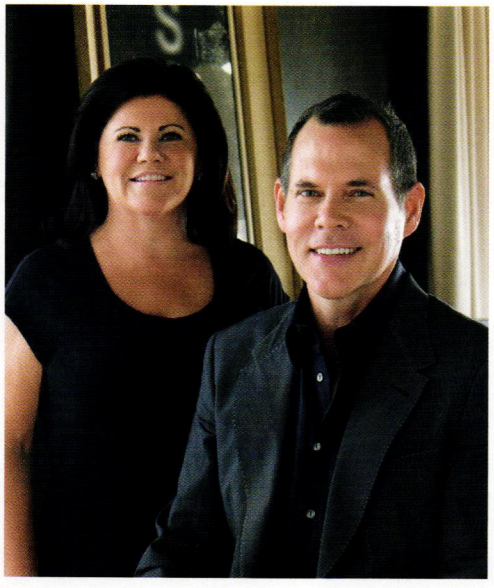
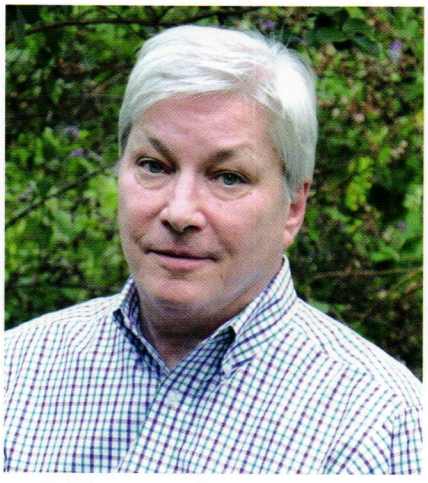
Jeffrey and Deborah Fisher

Making their debut as *Ocean Home*'s new interior design experts (page 100), Jeffrey and Deborah Fisher have been at the forefront of the interior design industry since launching their highly successful Jeffrey Fisher Home collection in 2000. With an office in Toronto, Canada, and a new U.S. headquarters opening in Naples, Florida in 2014, this dynamic brother and sister design duo will be regular contributors to the magazine.





J. Michael Welton

J. Michael Welton writes about architecture, art, and design for national and international publications including *The New York Times*, *The Washington Post*, and *International Herald Tribune*. He also edits and publishes an online magazine, *architectsandartisans.com*. "Miami's Paramount Bay (page 88) is a new twist on a real estate success story," he says. "Rock star Lenny Kravitz reinvigorates an iconic design by Arquitectonica, the legendary Miami architecture firm."

Peter Drennan

Based in London, Peter Drennan is a respected writer and editor whose work has been featured in *The Times* and *The Wall Street Journal*. For our Cover Story, he interviewed Mario Martins, the architect of the spectacular Casa Colunata (page 74). "I was blown away by this amazing house," says Peter. "Bold, sexy, and in true harmony with its environment, this is the statement house you always imagined you'd own."

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Cutting-edge ocean home architecture deserves an equally forward-thinking approach to interior design, and there's no shortage of innovative, trend-aware companies rising to the challenge.

One of *Ocean Home*'s recent discoveries is Trove, headquartered on West 29th Street in New York City's Chelsea, which is riding the crest of a new wave of eye-catching wallpaper designs, many of which are a perfect match with contemporary ocean home aesthetics.

This serene and exquisite design, called Sargasso, speaks to the universal beauty and power of the sea which plays such a powerful (and sometimes destructive) role in all our lives.

Named for the Sargasso Sea, a 'sea' without a shore in the middle of the Atlantic Ocean, this lovely wallpaper in five colorways is one of a collection of Trove wall coverings which prove that ocean home design knows no boundaries, *troveline.com*.

words by **Andrea Collins**

THE GUITAR MAN

A NAUTICAL INSPIRED GUITAR IS A HARMONIOUS BLEND OF DESIGN AND MASTER CRAFTSMANSHIP

Tall ships, acoustic guitars, and innovative design may not be conventional bedfellows, but when they come together in unison, the results can be stunning.

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Owner Matt McPherson's abiding love of the ocean, especially New England's historic tall ships, has inspired him to create a unique Nautical Guitar, blending cutting-edge design and technology with classic craftsmanship and detail.

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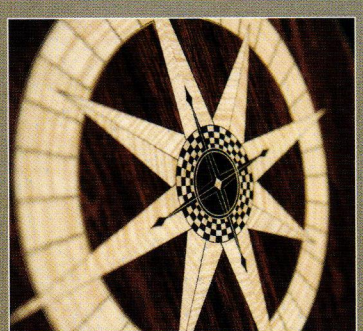
"Tall ships have captivated people for centuries," says McPherson, "and we wanted to honor that legacy with a one-of-a-kind guitar." Valued at $50,000, it's certain to become a collectors' item, *mcphersonguitars.com*.

words by **Julia Johnson**



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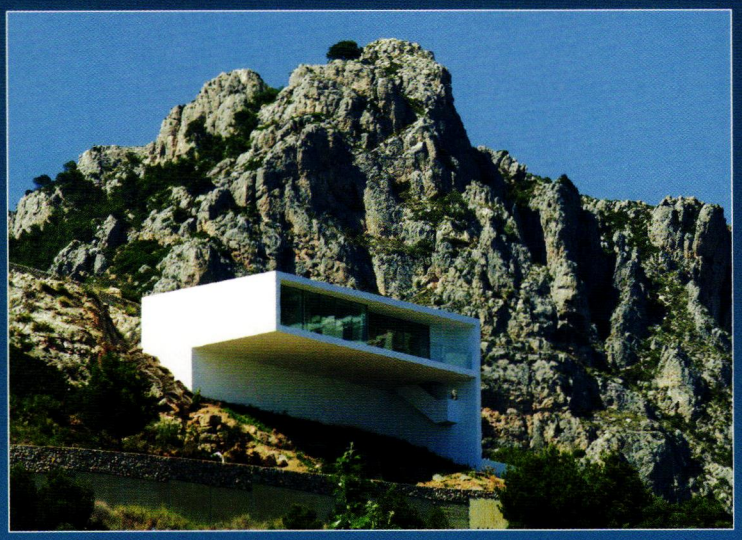


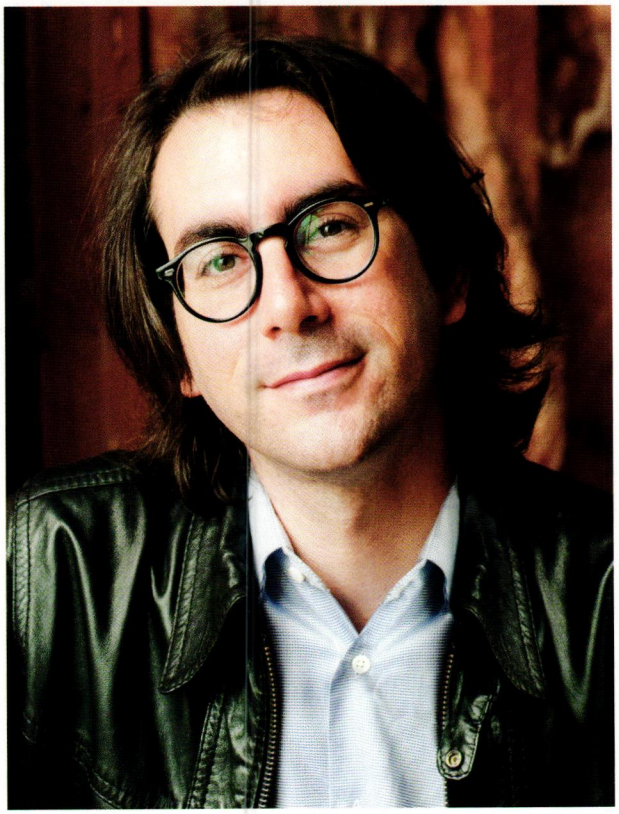
HOUSE ON THE CLIFF

COSTA BLANCA, SPAIN

High noon on Spain's beautiful Costa Blanca and life at the House on the Cliff is as it should be. The work of innovative Spanish studio Fran Silvestre Arquitectos, this unique ocean home, near Alicante, is designed as a single monolithic structure, protruding from a cliff and looking serenely towards the Mediterranean Sea. The sleek exterior, a concrete edifice covered by a white lime stucco as a nod to local traditional architecture, contrasts sharply with the rugged coastline. Living areas and bedrooms are contained in the upper level, complete with a balcony affording panoramic water views, while a staircase descends across an exterior wall to an infinity pool, *fransilvestrenavarro.com*.

words by **Peter Drennan**
photograph by **Diego Opazo**

Venice Visionary
Dan Brunn's Flip Flop House in Venice Beach, Los Angeles.



OUT OF THE BOX

A RISING STAR ARCHITECT USES UNORTHODOX METHODS TO CREATE EYE-CATCHING DESIGNS

words by **David Eisen**

Dan Brunn is a Lego devotee. He takes to the multi-colored and sturdy building bricks with the same gusto as a child would to a new toy fire truck–prodding them, banging them around, pushing them to their limits.

Brunn isn't a child, though. He's a rising star architect, and he's stamping his unique and contemporary design aesthetic on California's iconic Pacific coastline, building trend-setting homes for design-conscious clients in Los Angeles and San Francisco.

Still, he loves his Lego. "It all started in childhood," he says of his enduring enthusiasm for the ever-popular Danish export. "I used to love building everything from cars to cities, and even though it's considered a children's toy, I still use Lego today to present to clients."

His seemingly unorthodox pitches have worked. Two of his recent projects, at Venice Beach in Los Angeles, and in the Bay Area of San Francisco, call to mind the

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distinctness of a Frank Lloyd Wright or Mies van der Rohe home–and more than for their names alone.

Like Wright's cantilevered Fallingwater, or Mies' glass-on-stilts Farnsworth House, Brunn's stylish and contemporary Flip Flop and Fold Up houses have a shape, flow, and design that's both visually arresting and not easily forgotten.

Innovative yet lasting design lie at the foundations of Dan Brunn Architecture, which operates from an office on Wilshire Boulevard in Los Angeles and another in his native Tel Aviv. "It's what I'm aiming for," he says. "I want to create and develop memorable work."

Consider Flip Flop's deliberately extended balconies, facing directly onto L.A.'s popular Venice Beach. "They have to do with reaching inside outside," Brunn says, alluding to Wright's use of positive and negative space.

"I try to carve out from a box everything else that you'd be inhabiting inside the box. My architecture is very much about choreography and walking through a space to a certain tempo."

Another example of this comes shining through his Fold Up house, located in the Bay Area of San Francisco. Here, the house is all about the center core–the stairs.

"Instead of placing them in a manner where you would face the beach, they are positioned at 90 degrees," he says. "It makes the user walk around the house, and always appreciate the ocean, but also have a sense of self. It's not only about the view but about the person within the view."

Heady stuff, but it fits the 35-year-old Brunn's curious nature and global perspective. Born in Tel Aviv, his family moved to the United States while he was still in elementary school and playing with Lego.

His innate creative spirit fueled a Bachelor of Architecture degree from USC, followed by a move east to attend the Harvard Graduate School of Design, and back west again to launch his own architecture practice.

Brunn describes his architectural style as inspired by Bauhaus or the International Style, and he's always thinking outside the box.

Out of the Box
Brunn has a sharp eye for contemporary oceanfront living.

At Flip Flop house, for example, he installed a stylish reflecting pond on the ground floor, which combined with the ocean breezes, releases cool air up through the house via a 'siphon' effect.

Other design innovations include outdoor heating (a must for balconies, says Brunn) and home automation. "Modern technology permeates design," he says. "The question is, how do we integrate it, not should we?"

Brunn also takes a whimsical approach to design, and almost always tries to add a fun element to his projects. "My Dad wishes I was on Saturday Night Live," he says. (Impressions are a forte of his.)

And while Brunn is an avid musician who composes rock music and fronts a band, much of his inspiration comes from travel.

A key element in the design of his widely acclaimed and award-winning CaesarStone Showroom, located in San Francisco, was taken from a sculpture he once saw while touring in Brazil.

"I like to appreciate what other architects don't go to see, something mundane," he says. "And when it comes time to start designing, I have that recollection and draw inspiration from it." *danbrunn.com.* OH

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A LEADING ROLE

CHOOSING THE RIGHT ARCHITECT IS THE KEY TO SUCCESS IN ANY HOME DESIGN PROJECT

by **Andrew Conway**

Building or remodeling your own home can be one of the most exciting and rewarding life experiences, but it can also be a complex and daunting challenge. Finding, choosing, and working with the right team of professionals is the key element of any home design project, and the secret to success lies firmly in the business and personal relationships between owner and architect.

An architect plays a pivotal role in the planning, organization, and management process–professionally, creatively and sustainably–and it's essential to put considerable time and effort into choosing the right person for the job. Thankfully, help is at hand.

The American Institute of Architects (AIA), based in Washington, D.C., is not only the ideal place to start your search but is an invaluable network of professionals, services, and resources which can help guide and support you through your home building or remodeling project.

Founded in 1857, the association represents more than 83,500 licensed architects and industry professionals across the United States, many of whom are at the forefront of the ever-changing trends, innovations, rules, and regulations which drive the complex and fast-moving world of architecture.

"An architect is a bit like the director of a movie," says John Isch, a principal of Cincinnati based RWA Architects, and current chair of CRAN, the AIA's influential Custom Residential Architects Network–a "knowledge community" of 1,500-plus members at the leading edge of custom residential architecture.

"Of all the people involved in the construction of a building," he adds, "the architect really is the only one to have the most holistic viewpoint of the entire process. We're considering everything from the aesthetics to health, safety, and welfare issues, the product selection, sustainability, and economics, and managing all those things simultaneously."

A good architect, says Isch, should be the client's advocate at all times, helping an owner to make decisions, managing the outcomes, communicating quickly and clearly, and being a responsive and flexible intermediary and problem solver as issues arise. "The client must always come first," he adds.

Isch warns against what he calls "imposters" who are not registered but still portray themselves as architects, and advises working only with architects who are members of AIA. "They're the ones who are really trying to develop themselves, to elevate their game, and who are passionate about the profession," he adds.

Working Together
It's crucial to ask the right questions of your architect.

Isch asserts clients who choose AIA member architects also benefit greatly from the association's expansive support network, adding: "If you're not a member of AIA, you're really a voice of one." Members must also adhere to the AIA's strict Code of Ethics and Professional Conduct, assuring clients of their dedication to the highest standards of professional practice.

The AIA can also save homeowners time and money with an array of free, downloadable online documents, such as *You and Your Architect*, offering guidance on how to find the right architect and establish solid working relationships, *aia.com*. O|H

See next page for 25 key questions to ask your architect.

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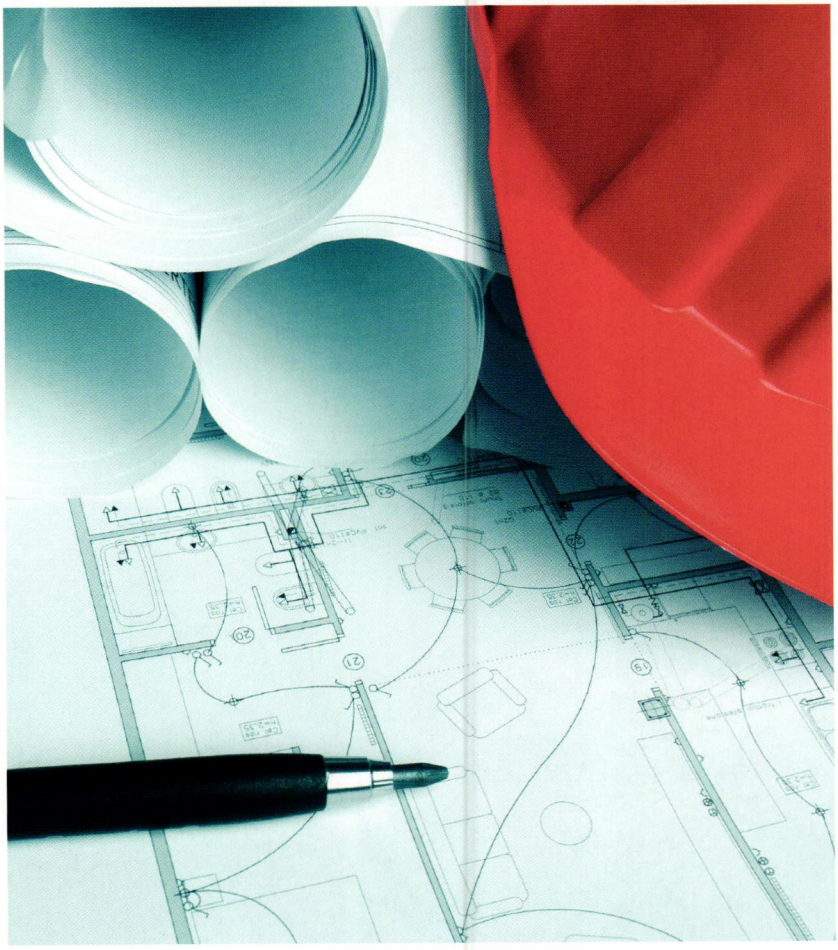
25 KEY QUESTIONS TO ASK YOUR ARCHITECT WHEN STARTING A MAJOR HOUSE BUILD OR RENOVATION

Every architecture firm brings its own combination of skills, expertise, interests and values to its projects. The challenge is to find the one that aligns most closely with your project's needs. Here are some crucial questions to address when meeting with a prospective architect:



Experience

- What is your design philosophy?
- What sets your firm apart from other architects with similar experience?
- Do you have experience with the building type and size of my project?
- Will you share with me a portfolio of similar projects and provide a list of client references?
- Who from the architecture firm will I be dealing with on a regular basis? Is this the person who will design my project?

My Project

- Are you interested enough in this project to make it a priority?
- What challenges do you foresee for my project?
- What do you see as the important issues or considerations in my project?
- What is your estimated timetable for my project?
- What means will you use to collect information about my needs, goals, etc.?
- How will you help me to fully understand the scope and sequence of the project? Will you utilize models, drawings, or computer animation?

Design

- What are the steps in the design process, and how are they organized?
- What criteria will be used to establish priorities and make design decisions?
- What do you expect me to provide?
- How disruptive will construction be?
- What role do you have during construction? Am I expected to work with the contractor directly?

Green Design

- Do you have experience with "green" or sustainable design?
- Do you regularly integrate low or no cost sustainable design strategies into projects?
- Considering the many areas that may be affected by sustainable design, how will you determine which options to pursue?
- If sustainable design technologies are implemented, do upfront costs exist that may affect the construction budget? What are the expected pay back times?

Fees

- How do you establish fees?
- In anticipation of a formal proposal with costs, what would you expect your fee to be for this project?
- What is included in your basic services, and what services would incur additional fees?
- If the scope of the project changes later in the project, will there be additional fees? How will these fees be justified? How will this be communicated to me?
- What is your track record with completing a project within the original budget?

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HOME GROWN ROOFS

TURNING YOUR OCEAN HOME ROOF INTO AN ECO-GARDEN IS NOW AN EXCITING REALITY

words by **David Eisen**

The 'green roof' has long been the realm of commercial buildings and, to the untrained observer, is something of a vague concept–an altitudinal vegetative space, perhaps, or maybe an elevated garden.

A green roof does indeed exist out of the line of sight of the grounded eye, but that's not to say out of sight is out of mind. This curious, yet fascinating, innovation is going through an evolution of sorts, expanding from large commercial spaces atop offices, hotels, city halls, and factories to home grown residential rooftops.

So what exactly is a green roof? Here's the scientific definition: a series of layers including a waterproof membrane, root barrier, drainage mat, erosion control fabric, lightweight engineered soil, and vegetation. All well and good so far, but in layman terms, a green roof is just that–a green space which can be designed to grow any combination of vegetation from plants to shrubbery, even produce.

Both aesthetically pleasing and environmentally sound, green roofs reduce stormwater run-off and energy consumption, two environmental bonuses best witnessed atop Chicago's City Hall, where an expansive green roof helps to cool the iconic and monumental building. New York's always trendy Brooklyn is also bedding in as a green roof hotspot, with success stories like Brooklyn Grange billing itself confidently as a commercial urban farm.

One of the firms leading the charge into residential green roofs is Apex Green Roofs of Somerville, Mass., which has maintained the green roof at Boston's Four Seasons Hotel, and constructed green roofs for homes in nearby Cambridge, and also Gloucester, just north of the city.

Apex owner Charles Sinkler says while Europe has been a pioneer in residential green roof construction, public interest has been steadily rising here in the United States over the past five years.

"The rise in popularity of green roofs is largely a combination of the green movement and the stormwater issue," he says, citing local governments in German cities which began charging building owners for stormwater run-off which was seen as a leading cause of pollution.

"A green roof is not only good for the environment," says Sinkler, "but home owners can create something aesthetically pleasing, and it is proven to at least double the life expectancy of a roof."

There are two types of green roofs–extensive and intensive. The latter are essentially elevated parks, able to sustain shrubs, trees, walkways, and benches due to their complex structural support, irrigation, drainage, and

Going Green
A green roof not only looks good, but can save you money.

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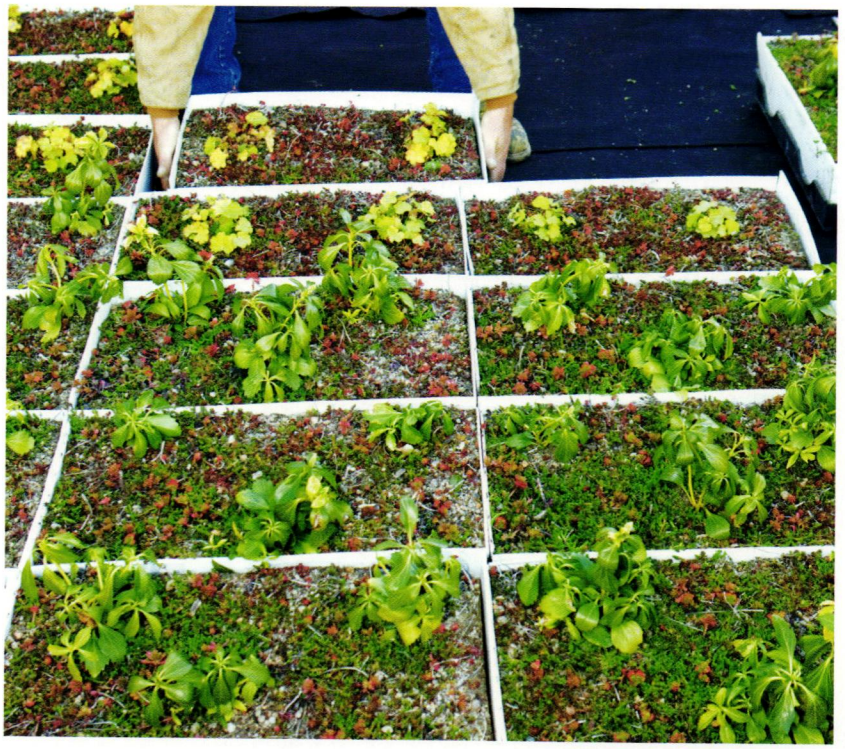
for larger plant species, including bamboo and small shrubs. "It's instant gratification," says Sinkler.

One of the cleverer green roofs Apex has done was in Southwest Harbor, Maine, for a private residence bordering Acadia National Park. The roof was built on top of the home's garage and covered with semi-intensive herbaceous perennials and shrubs, making the garage appear almost as part of the landscape.

Green roofs like these are becoming more popular with homeowners and municipalities as a way for buildings to be less visually distracting from the surrounding natural landscape.

One aspect of a green roof, however, that does induce hesitation from homeowners is potential leakage. Bear in mind that there would be an entire vegetative space, and the water needed to sustain it, atop your house.

Luckily, technology known as Electric Field Vector Mapping exists to prevent this, with the ability to locate a leak the size of a pinhole, or even a larger tear, with speed and accuracy. A green roof may not be for everyone, but it's certainly a concept that's firmly on the rise. *apexgreenroofs.com.* **O|H**



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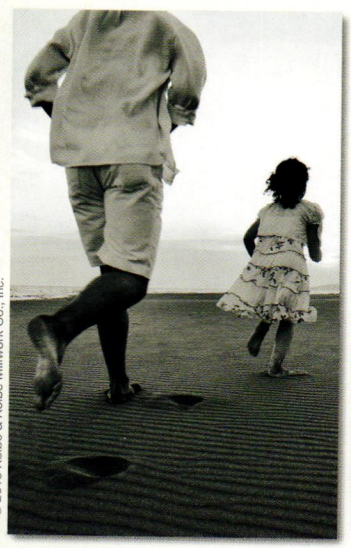

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Facing the Stono Inlet, with views of the Kiawah and Stono Rivers on one side and the Atlantic Ocean on the other, this one-of-a-kind retreat on Kiawah Island is a masterpiece of design. Envisioned by the respected architectural firm Shope Reno Wharton of Norwalk, Connecticut, this spectacular estate has been featured widely in leading architectural publications where it was lauded as an oeuvre in custom building for its exquisite craftsmanship.

Featuring fine detailing executed by Kiawah master builder Russ Cooper and his team of craftsmen, this graceful structure is covered with weathered red cedar shingle and shake along with handmade Savannah Grey brick. It includes a five-car garage and separate guest quarters with a fitness facility by the pool.

The 15,000 square feet main home has an additional

5,000 square feet of outdoor living area in the form of ipe decking, pavilions, porches, balconies, and an infinity pool. Superb Tischler und Sohn windows from Germany, fenestrated to take advantage of every moment of sunlight, fill each room with the radiance so particular to this romantic sea island, near historic Charleston. Also on the property is a guest house with a full kitchen, fitness and media rooms, a bedroom with sitting area, and two full baths.

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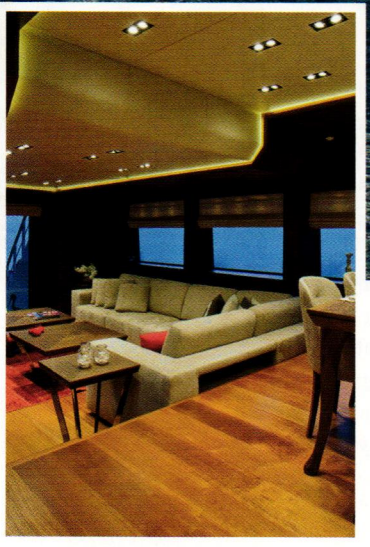

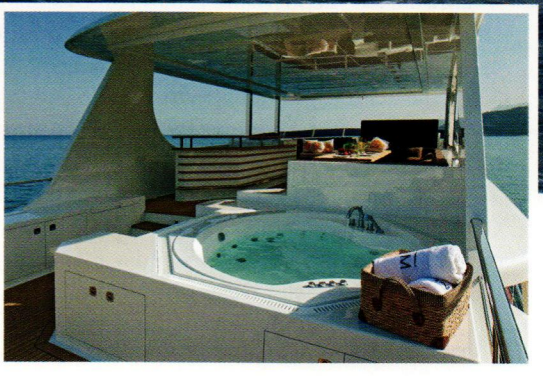

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The home's gracious interiors were conceived by Atlanta-based Jacquelynne P. Lanham Designs, which emulated the island's color palette to yield a sophisticated, inviting aesthetic. The seven-bedroom, 12-bath abode resonates with Lanham's signature style and features fine woodwork–flooring and paneling–in multiple burnished hardwoods like mahogany, walnut and old oak.

Lush landscaped gardens, designed and realized by Oehme van Sweden of Washington, D.C., transition to ever-changing marsh grasses and a generous private boat dock at Kiawah's westernmost tip. The extensive 11.7 acre grounds include two additional home sites.

This property's singular character is achieved by the graceful balance of exacting features and easy Carolina Lowcountry charm. Its setting is made up of mature live oaks, leafy palmettos, and tall pines amid the sea grasses of the Stono Inlet and Kiawah River.

In every respect, this private site on exclusive, long-revered Kiawah consummately showcases the island's most distinguished home. **OH**

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words by **David Eisen**

Exterior lighting is as much about function as it is about form. Like any light, its main job is to illuminate and to provide clarity and definition to a space, but it's as much a part of the overall home experience as any interior lighting.

So says Simon Berry, director of Singapore based Illuminate Lighting Design. "Often a client will become so involved with the interior lighting element that the exterior lighting gets overshadowed," he says. "Yet the exterior is the journey to the interior, so it is an equally important part of the experience."

Exterior lighting unquestionably makes a statement, its purpose to accentuate the architectural design and landscape of a home. Without thoughtful and dynamic exterior lighting, a home loses a chance to shine when the sun goes down. "What we are really talking about is kerb appeal after dark," said Randall Whitehead of San Francisco based Randall Whitehead Lighting Solutions. "No matter how well a home is maintained or how beautifully it's landscaped, if it is not illuminated at all or illuminated poorly, all the homeowner's hard work is lost after dark."

So what makes good exterior lighting? It's about positioning, for one. "You have to think of the landscape as a stage," says Berry. Take a home with water views, for example. "If you are lucky enough to have a direct view of the sea, then this is clearly the focal point and the light should lead the eye to this finale," he says. "If you keep the light low to the ground, and uplight trees, that will frame the view." Avoiding direct light is another key. "You should only be able to see the lit effect, not the source that is creating it," Berry adds.

According to Whitehead, the biggest design trend in landscape lighting is what is being widely dubbed "the moonlighting effect". This is where lights are mounted on the upper branches of tall trees or underneath the eaves of the main house to create shadow patterns onto the pathways, as if light were passing through the leaves or branches of the tree. "This is a very naturalistic way of creating exterior lighting," he says.

Of course, no lighting discussion is complete without tackling energy efficiency. Today, it's all about three letters: LED. "With a variety of LED colors available, not only can you illuminate the greenery in gardens, you can also do a fine job of illuminating fountains and pools," says Whitehead.

There's also the cost factor. "The advantage of LEDs over their incandescent counterparts is that they use much less energy," Whitehead continues. While a standard bulb will last between 2,500 and 3,500 hours, LEDs will last in the range of 25,000 hours.

"Though there will be a higher initial cost for the components, the energy savings can be seen immediately," he adds. "Homeowners will get their investment back in an average of three to four years," *illuminateld.com, randallwhitehead.com.* O|H

Perfectly Lit
Shining examples of exterior lighting by Randall Whitehead

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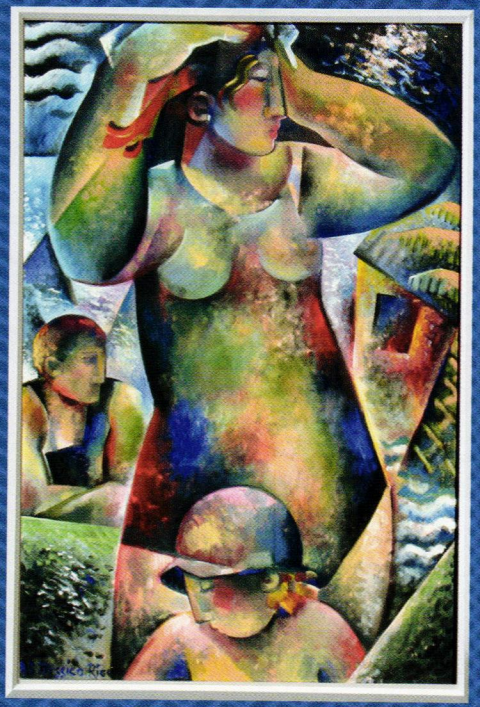

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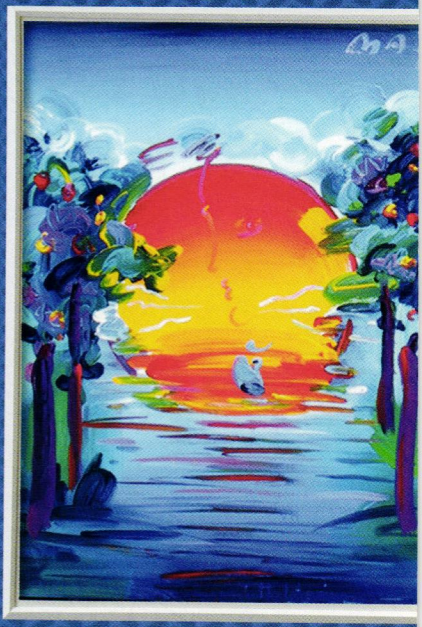

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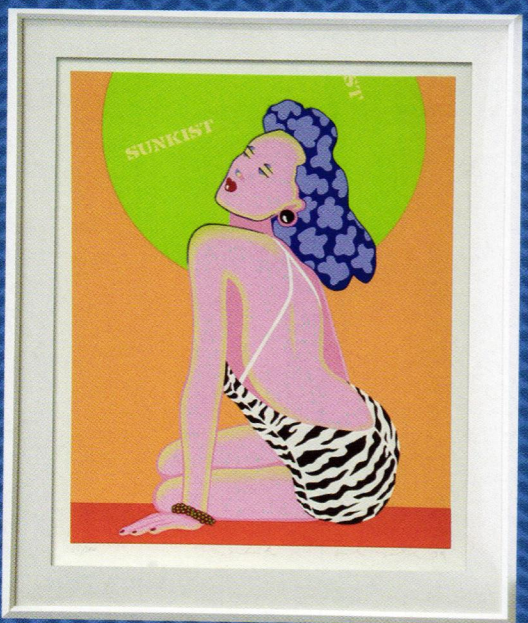

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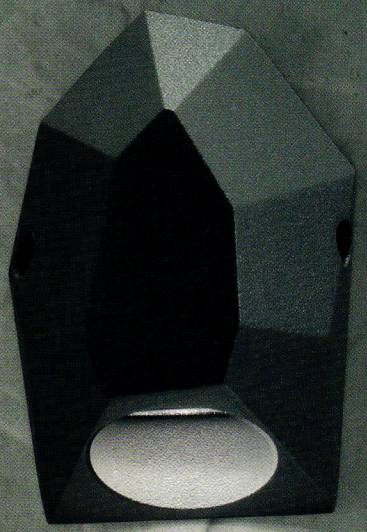
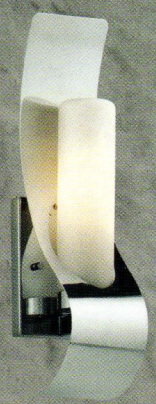
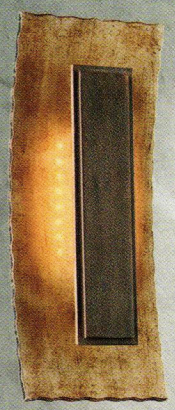


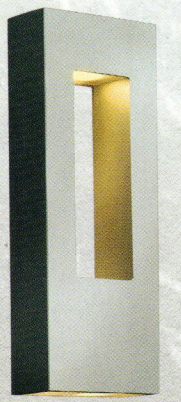
Asperitas, by Axo
Asperitas is a cast-aluminum outdoor wall light with a wrinkled, gray-painted finish, featuring a 1 by 3-watt LED bulb. The volume is made of irregular, faceted planes, which provides a controlled but natural lighting effect. Designed by Axo Light USA's chief designer Manuel Vivian, *axolightusa.com.*



Zolder, by Kichler
This stylish light is available in two sizes, and in either an architectural bronze aluminum finish, or polished stainless steel. Model 49151 is 26.5 inches, model 49149 is 17 inches, both with 60-watt krypton bulbs. The stainless steel finish withstands salt air and extreme coastal weather conditions, *kichler.com.*

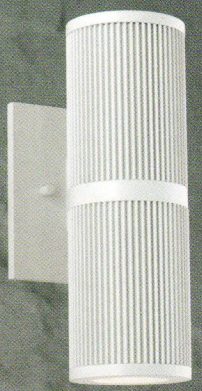


Ginza, by Troy
This solid aluminum fixture features LED lighting, calm Zen-inspired lines and is designed with a warm silver and forged bronze finish. The ADA-compliant piece is made in America, and available in three wall mount sizes with varying sizes of LEDs, *troy-lighting.com.*



Atlantis, by Hinkley
Winner of the esteemed "Lighting for Tomorrow" award, the Atlantis wall lantern creates urbane and elegant outdoor lighting. Constructed of solid aluminum and compliant with Dark Sky, this fixture is a subtle style-maker in any oceanside retreat. Available in satin black, satin white, titanium, and bronze finish, *hinkleylighting.com.*

Bangle, by Corbett
The Bangle tube-shaped exterior two-light lantern features handcrafted iron circles in a modern bronze finish with a cream ice diffuser. It's also available in a silver-leaf finish with an antique mist diffuser. The actual size is 8 x 19.5 inches, *corbettlighting.com.*



Silo, by CSL
Silo adds a touch of sleek, contemporary style. The ridged design in the die-cast, aluminum cylindrical wall-mount fixture creates visual interest, while delivering clear illumination through the LED light source. It's available in a satin aluminum, bronze or white finish, and in single 10-watt and dual 20-watt LED lighting versions, *csllighting.com.*

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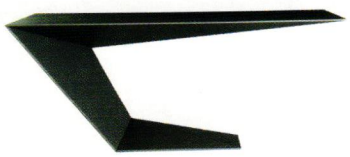
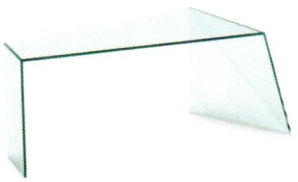
words by **Deborah Geiger**

Spitfire Desk, by Furnitureland South
Inspired by the pioneering spirit of early aviators, and the courage of wartime airborne heroes, the sleek aluminium surface and half-moon contours of this eye-catching desk create the perfect work bureau for any high-flying executive, ***furniturelandsouth.com.***



Furtif Desk, by Roche Bobois
Frank Lloyd Wright would have loved the Furtif, a futuristic and geometric tour de force of architectural desk design that's just as well suited to a boardroom as the flight deck of the Starship Enterprise. Crafted of composite panel, it's available in Alpi gray oak finish or solid or metallic lacquers, ***roche-bobois.com.***



Penrose Desk, by DDC
Ultra-modern glass and gravity are the only materials used to create the Penrose, an architectural triumph of transparency with clean lines and proportions, designed as a "functional metaphor of mankind's challenge to exceed nature and its balance by using glass", ***ddcnyc.com.***

Antenna Desk, by Knoll
The crisp, all-white lines of Knoll's unique Antenna Desk will add a cutting-edge to any ocean home office. The simple but stunning design, made of steel and cast aluminum, makes for an efficient and streamlined desk workspace, suiting any home or office architectural style, ***knoll.com.***

Maverick Writing Table, by Dakota Jackson
Hand-polished walnut and English sycamore are paired with shiny steel pedestal legs to create the Maverick, a sweeping architectural statement, lending symmetry and high style to everyday work. Side drawers offer neat storage – the ideal desk for running a home or corporation, ***dakotajackson.com.***

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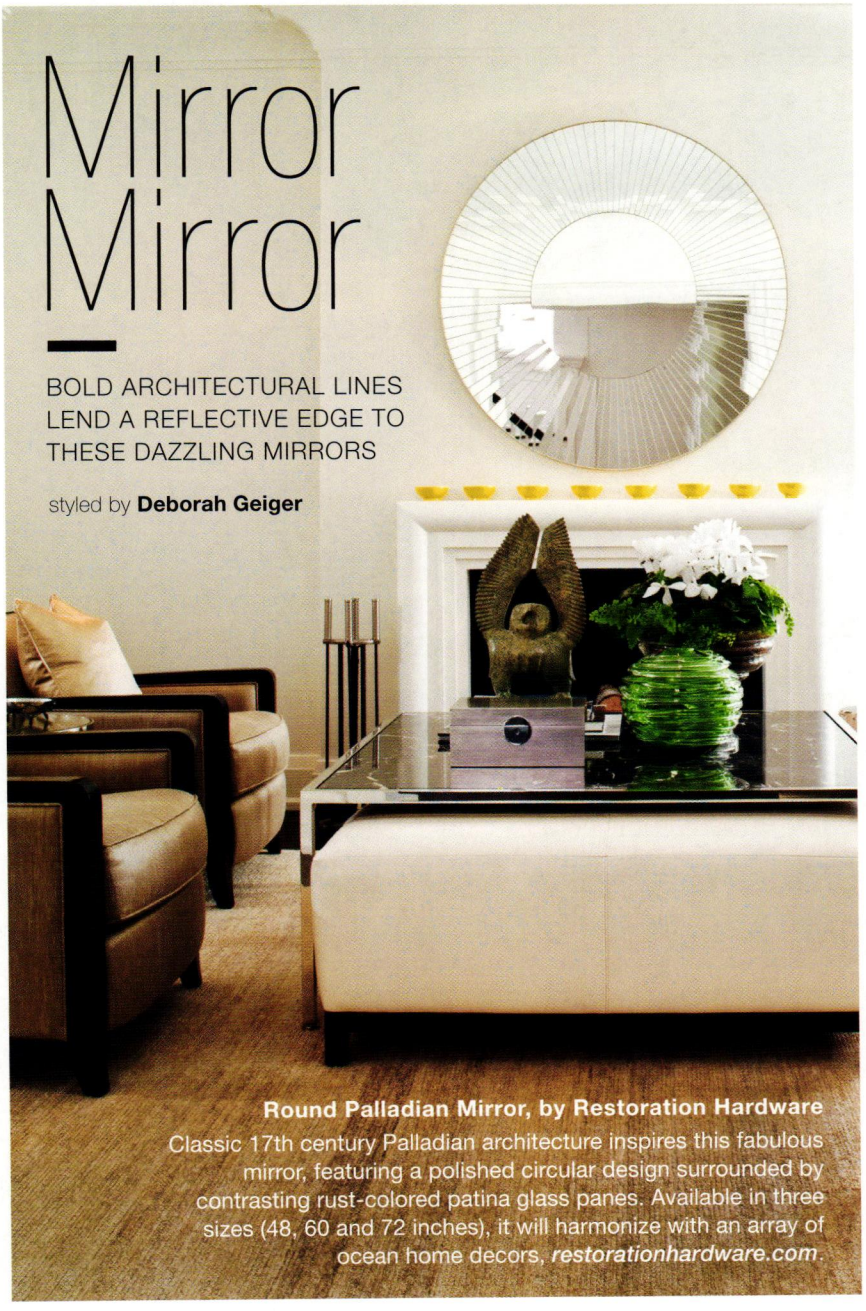
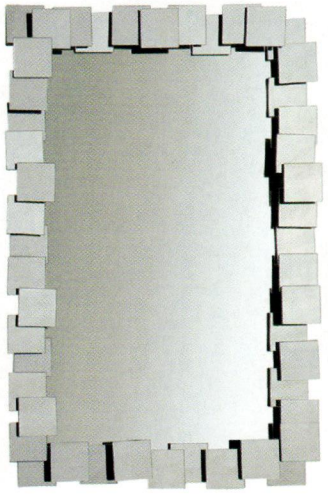
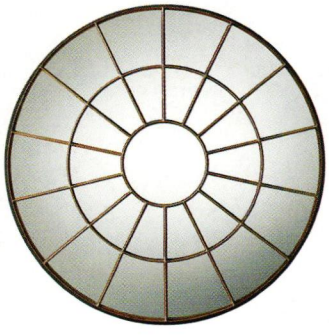


Round Palladian Mirror, by Restoration Hardware
Classic 17th century Palladian architecture inspires this fabulous mirror, featuring a polished circular design surrounded by contrasting rust-colored patina glass panes. Available in three sizes (48, 60 and 72 inches), it will harmonize with an array of ocean home decors, ***restorationhardware.com***.

Guilt Mirror, by Koket
This eye-catching 63-inch, convex-style mirror, with a dramatic sunburst of hammered and textured metals in matte gold, silver or copper colors, will add drama and imagination to any space from an entrance hallway to a master bedroom, ***bykoket.com***.

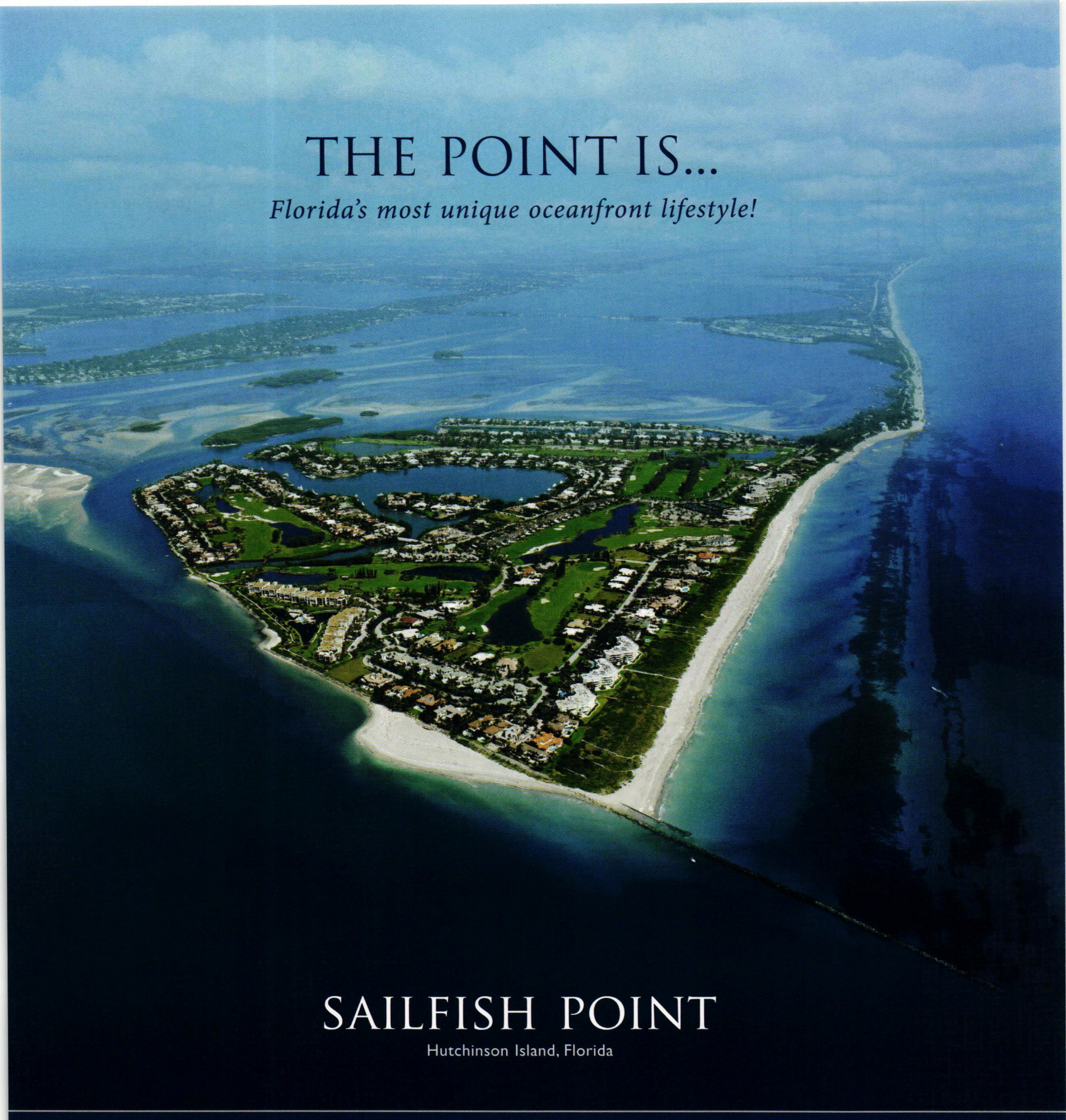


Whitley Wall Mirror, by Ren-Wil
The modern, high-style composition of the Whitley Mirror, a 36 x 24-inch rectangular design framed by small, polished square mirrors, is ideal for an entrance or hallway. Adding visual interest and a fresh, contemporary flair has never been so easy, ***renwil.com***.



Helios Mirror, by Powell & Bonnell
Named for Greek mythology's personification of the sun, the 46-inch Helios Mirror is a true reflection of decadence and practicality. More than 100 clear glass mosaic facets surround the silver-gilded mirror front, adding a touch of chic style and sophistication, ***dennismiller.com***.

French Baroque Mirror, by 1stdibs
More than six feet in height and 40 inches in length, this imposing, cast-bronze, Louis XIV-style antique Baroque mirror (circa 1845) is a masterpiece of traditional design and craftsmanship. Adorned with icons and foliate swags, this investment piece truly drips with decadence, ***1stdibs.com***.



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Out of the Blue

FORGET BLACK. THIS DEEP OCEAN BLUE IS THE ESSENCE OF FALL SOPHISTICATION

words by **Karina Timmel**

The combination of lapis lazuli and pearl on these chic **Rosena Sammi Sita Goddess Earrings** is the epitome of style—dress them up with a flowing bohemian maxi dress or down with a pair of white jeans, ***rosenasammi.com.***

Don this statement **Belle Etoile Italian Enamel Ring** on the opposite hand of your wedding ring to elevate the look of your everyday ensemble. Its sophisticated swirl pattern and rhinestones add a touch of whimsy, ***belleetoilejewelry.com.***

Nail polish is a great way to stay on trend without going overboard. **Butter LONDON Rock Your Nail Lacquer** in Indigo Punk is a bold, electric blue shade that offers a gorgeous contrast to an all-black or neutral-toned outfit, ***butterlondon.com.***

No need to juggle Champagne, canapés and your purse at a stylish fall party. This sleek **Yliana Yepez Mini Giovanna Black Clutch** in Anthracite Blue comes with a hands-free, cross-body strap, ***ylianayepez.com.***

An elegant, one-shoulder number, this **Katharine Kidd dress** with a forgiving draped skirt is just the thing for upcoming holiday cocktail parties and fundraising galas alike. The luxurious stretch silk charmeuse fabric feels comfortable and relaxed, ***katharinekidd.com.***

WELL MANORED

ON THE SUNNY SHORES OF BARBADOS, COBBLERS COVE IS THE ESSENCE OF WEST INDIES HOSPITALITY

words by **Lindsay Lambert**

Barbados possesses a certain casual elegance that's seldom found elsewhere in the Caribbean, and that vibe is beautifully brought to life at Cobblers Cove in Speightstown, a beachfront boutique hotel that is equal parts refined (the product of its English heritage) and relaxed (a reflection of its breezy West Indies setting).

Comprising just 40 suites set amid tropical gardens and far removed from the clamor of tourist traffic, Cobblers Cove feels less like a resort than a cozy island home (or English manor, to be exact). The atmosphere is so serene, in fact, that you might find tearing yourself away from its gentle embrace all but impossible during your stay.

In the spirit of true tranquility and relaxation, guests won't find TVs in their suites (though WiFi is available for those who can't bear to be totally disconnected). Instead,

Warm Welcome The architecture and landscaped gardens of Cobblers Cove will put guests in instant relaxation mode.

private patios outfitted with lounge chairs and in-room bookshelves stocked with popular volumes encourage guests to kick back with a good read–or dream, if a nap in the breeze is more their speed. To make the most of the property's tucked-away and oceanfront setting, full shutter-style walls retract, letting the sea breezes and birdsong in.

When guests aren't unwinding in the privacy of their suites, they can lounge poolside on the patio, charter a boat for a day of fishing, diving or waterskiing, or paddle a kayak or try other non-motorized watersports around the property's periphery. The beach at Cobblers Cove is home to a living reef, which, combined with its consistently calm, clear water, makes it a prime spot for snorkeling.

Among Cobblers Cove's standout features is Chef Michael Harrison's excellent cuisine, which, coupled with the hotel's luxe offerings and amenities, helped earn it a place in the prestigious Relais & Châteaux group.

Guests can enjoy Harrison's award-winning fare in high style at The Terrace Restaurant, which is open for breakfast, lunch, and dinner, or in a more casual mode at the poolside bar. Harrison and his culinary team maintain close relationships with local farmers and fishmongers, resulting in the use of the island's freshest and most flavorful ingredients to prepare dishes that are artful to the eye and pleasing to the palate.

We loved the Niçoise salad so much we had it for lunch twice during our short stay. For dinner, it's impossible to go wrong with Harrison's seafood and fish dishes.

Apart from choosing which delectable dish to enjoy, the most difficult decision guests will face at Cobblers Cove is how quickly they can come back, *cobblerscove.com.* **O|H**

THE AGENDA

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Stop at **St. Nicholas Abbey**, a plantation and rum distillery, for a guided tour of its 350-year-old main house—still outfitted with the previous owners' antiques and furnishings—its gorgeous grounds, and, of course, a tasting of St. Nicholas Abbey Rum. Lunch is served on an outdoor terrace, and a short film offers an educational and sometimes humorous view into the property's colorful past, *stnicholasabbey.com.*

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GARDEN VARIETY

Flower and garden fanatics won't want to miss a visit to **Hunte's Gardens** in St. Joseph's, a wonderland of tropical and exotic blooms created by horticulture enthusiast Anthony Hunte, who is often on hand to greet and guide guests through his spectacular property. Upon concluding their tours, guests are invited to visit Hunte's historic home, which itself is filled with a menagerie of enchanting objects, *huntesgardensbarbados.com.*

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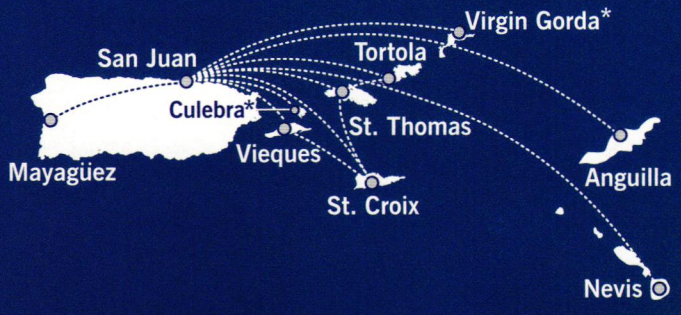

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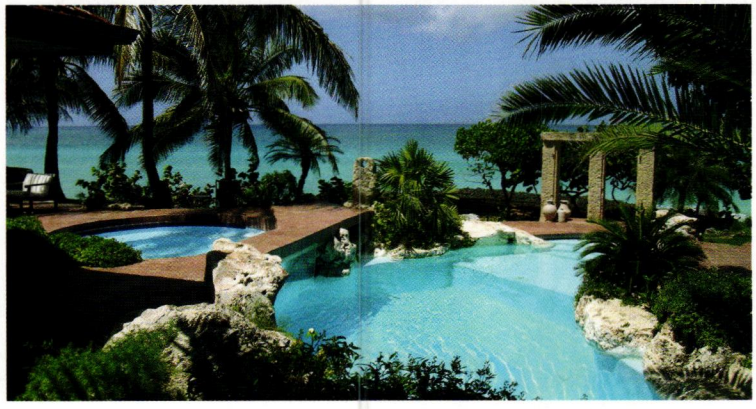

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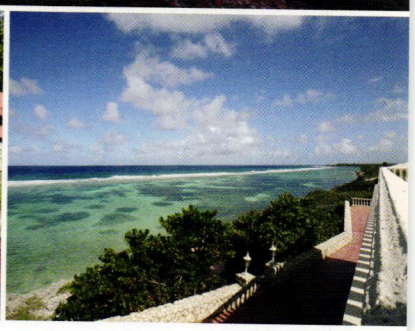

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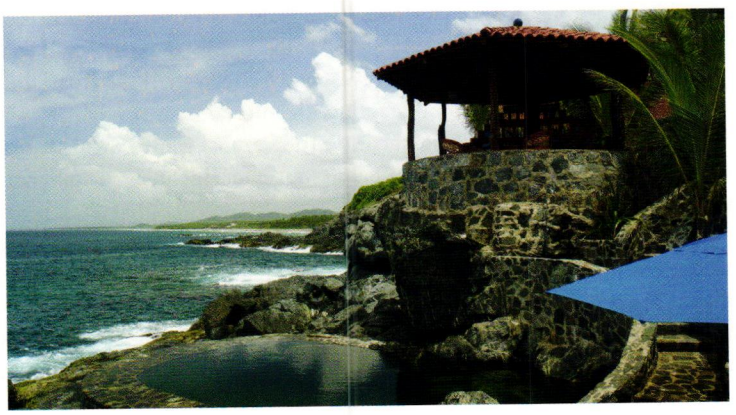

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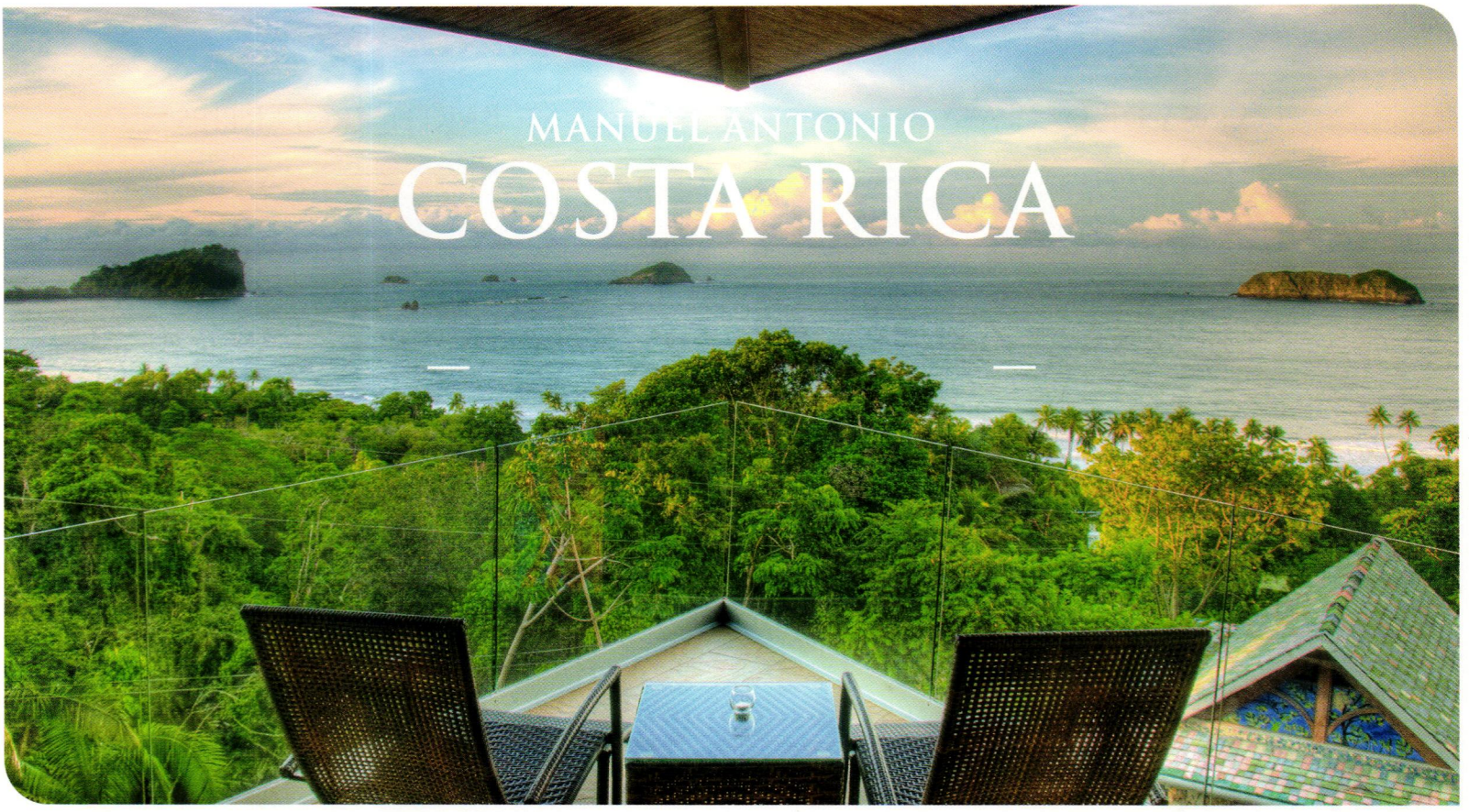

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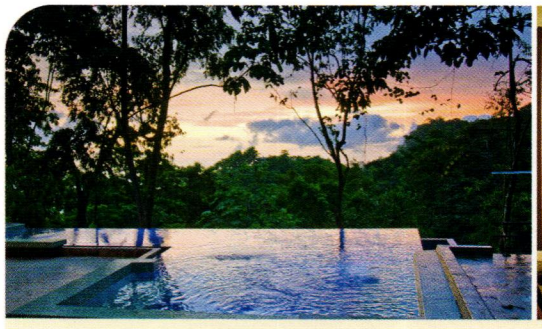
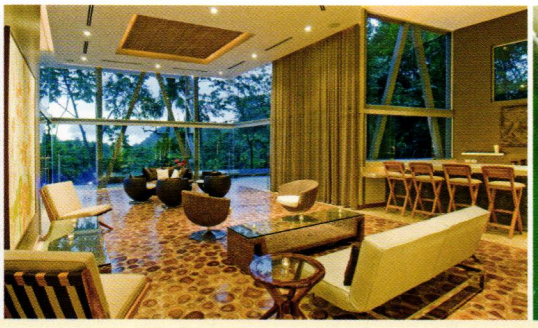

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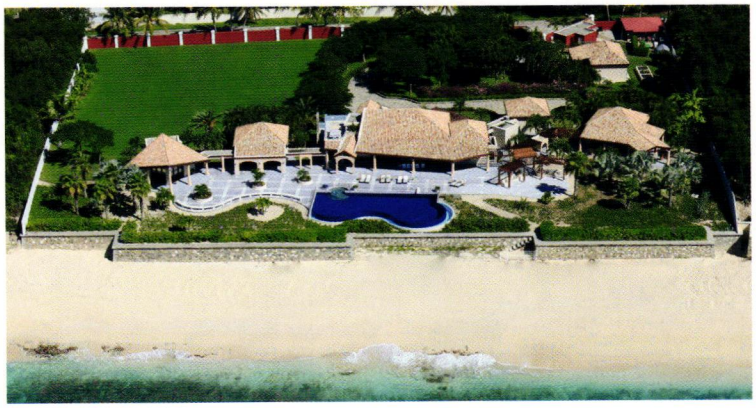

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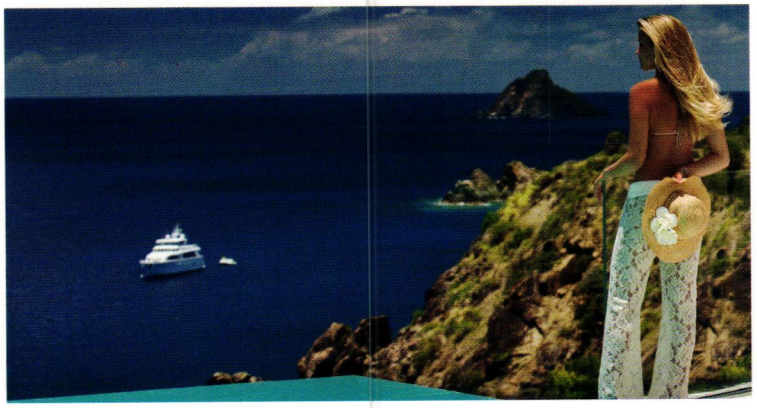

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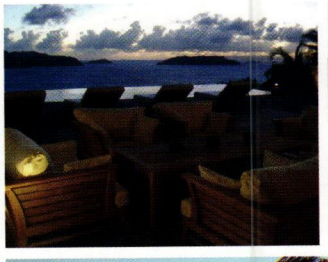

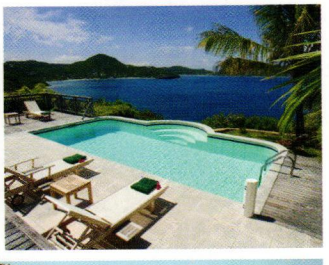

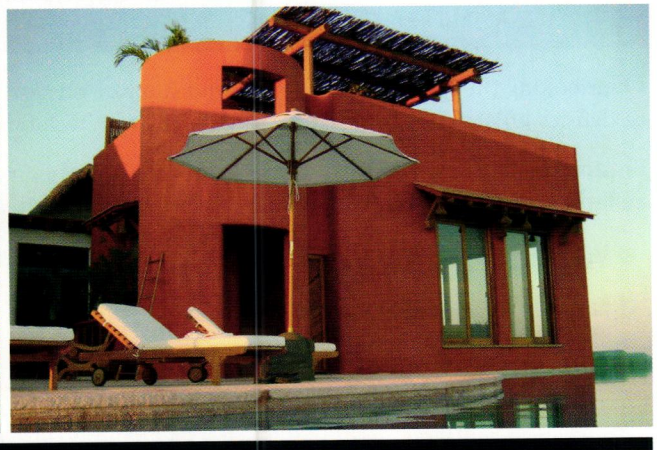

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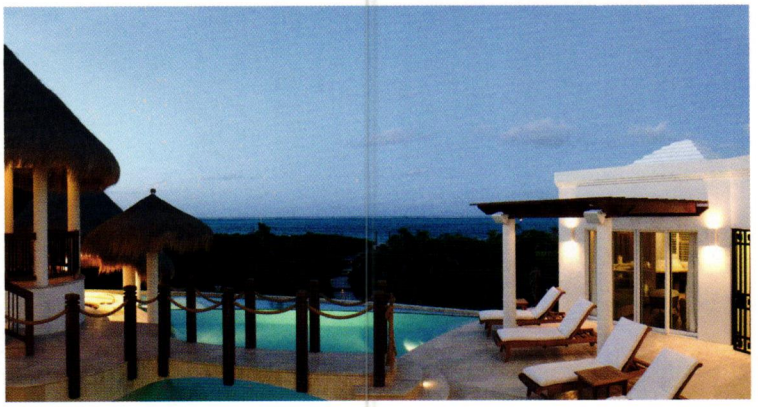
Turtle Breeze Villa



THIS award-winning Turks & Caicos resort property, designed by local architect Ron Shaw, is fast becoming a favorite among people looking for a unique vacation experience. Turtle Breeze sits on beautiful Grace Bay Beach, positioned to capture views of the stunning turquoise water surrounding these islands. The custom-built, pod-style villa has five bedrooms, an infinity pool, and separate tropical lagoon.

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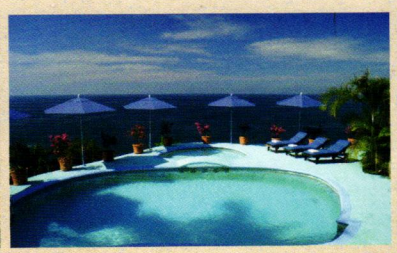

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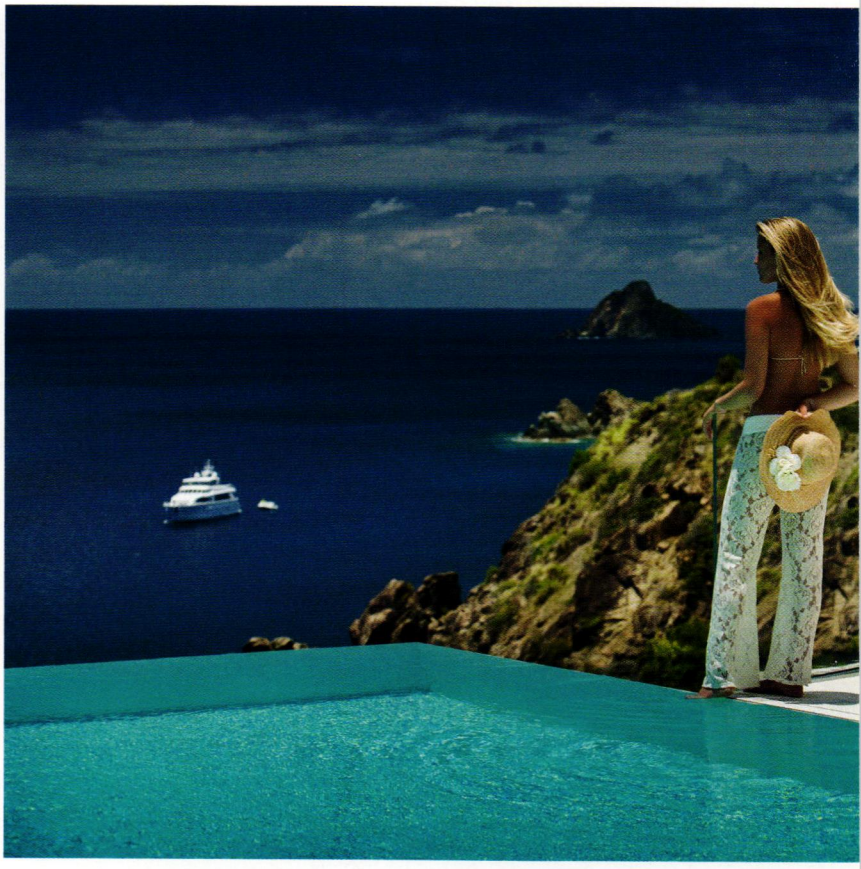

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A CONTEMPORARY OCEAN HOME ON PORTUGAL'S ALGARVE COAST FUSES ARCHITECTURE AND DESIGN IN TRULY SPECTACULAR STYLE

photographs by **Fernando Guerra**

words by **Peter Drennan**

ON PORTUGAL'S WILD ALGARVE COAST,

some 180 miles south of Lisbon, close to the point where Western Europe sinks into the Atlantic Ocean, Casa Colunata's graceful lines and crisp finish are in sharp contrast to the rugged terrain.

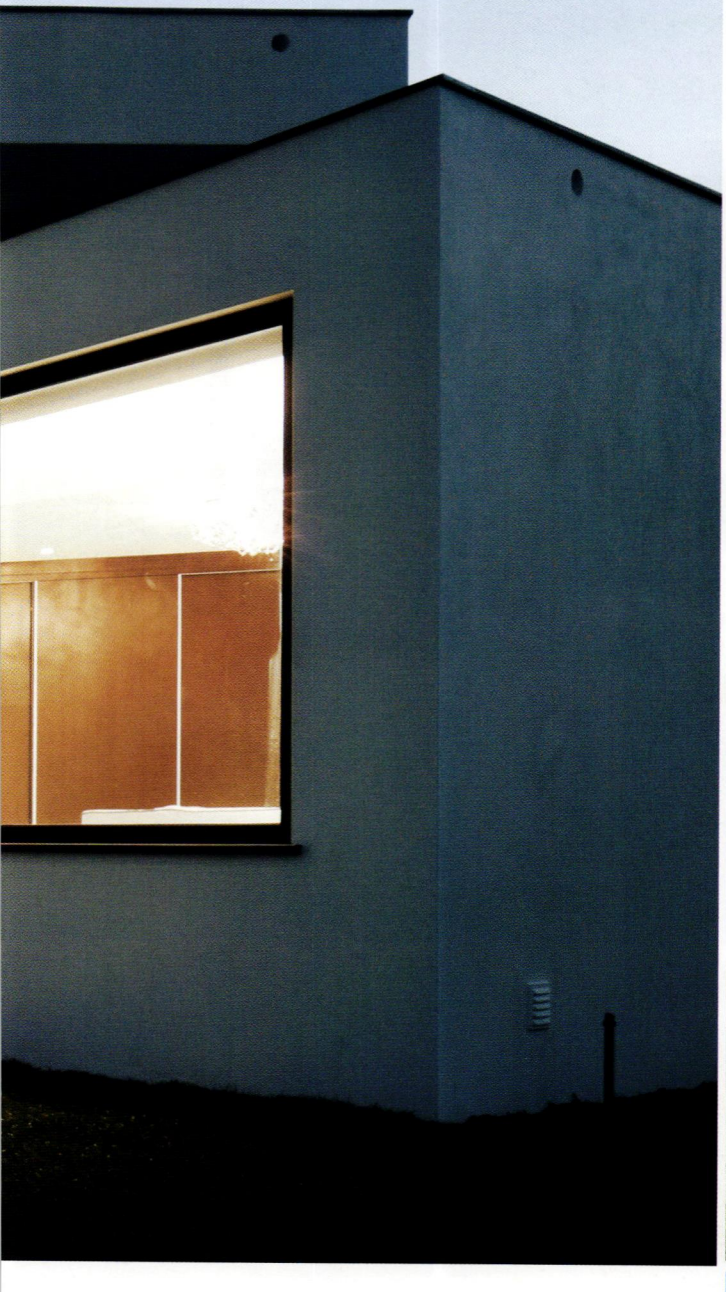
Its unabashedly contemporary design is in marked contrast, too, to the region's historical significance. Lagos is an ancient maritime town with more than 2,000 years of history, the acknowledged epicenter of Portugal's golden age of discovery.

The clean lines and structural curves of this Lagos home (the name translates from Portuguese as Colonnade House, a nod to the previous occupant of the site) embrace panoramic views over one of Europe's most beautiful coastlines.

The modernist house design, a broadly semi-circular structure, affords total privacy for the home's generous outdoor living spaces without obstructing the main site lines–and outdoor living along with captivating sea views are what this striking home are all about.

Designing a cutting-edge ocean home in this location presented an interesting set of design priorities. The concept was to build a contemporary house open to the sea, but protected from the wind. "Like a person opening their arms to the ocean," says Mário Martins, eponymous founder of Mário Martins Atelier, the innovative Lagos based architectural studio behind the design.

"The central terrace is the main space of the house,



Shades of White
Casa Colunata brings red-hot contemporary style to Portugal's Algarve coast.

where there is a sense of privacy and the horizon is predominant. It is around this terrace that the functional organization of the house is structured, on a single floor."

Five bedrooms, each en suite, and a large living room that opens into an elegant dining area and generous kitchen deliver a sense of space and openness. A cool monochrome palette for the interior adds a sexy, stylish finish that invites in the vivid blues outside.

Floor to ceiling windows create a smooth transition from exterior to interior, and a minimalist's eye for furnishings ensures that the vista takes center stage. The built area is just under 4,000 square feet of a total plot measuring 32,000-plus square feet.

The remarkable curved structure embraces the terrace and two-tier infinity pool and invites the occupants to live seamlessly between indoors and outdoors. "The

Ocean Home Blue
The gentle curves of Casa Colunata open the pool terrace and cool interiors to the blue waters of the Mediterranean.

outdoor area is a natural extension of the house," says Martins. "The occupants are protected in the middle; it's as if they are being hugged by the building."

The angular statement arch, an architectural flourish at the eastern end of the curve, was inspired by the previous property on the site–a 1960s house with multiple arches (hence the 'colonnade' name reference). Martins refers to it as "an elegant pillar" and says it points to the black coastline rocks beyond.

Martins notes that this house–like all of his designs–is firmly rooted in a sense of place with a respect for, and connection with, the surrounding area. "I prefer to create something new, but using local materials and our culture as a base. My architecture is based in nature and the weather. I play with the natural elements."

It was fundamental to the architect, who was born and raised in the Algarve area, that local materials and building techniques were used in the construction. He notes that the house is covered in the simple white plaster typical of the region.

"Architecture doesn't need to use rich materials; the richness of architecture is shape, form and design," he says. "It is a southern house and as such the light is intense. It is this light, with its strong, distinct shadows, that gives color and meaning to the white that covers the building. The strong presence of water and surrounding landscaping accentuate the tranquility of the place."

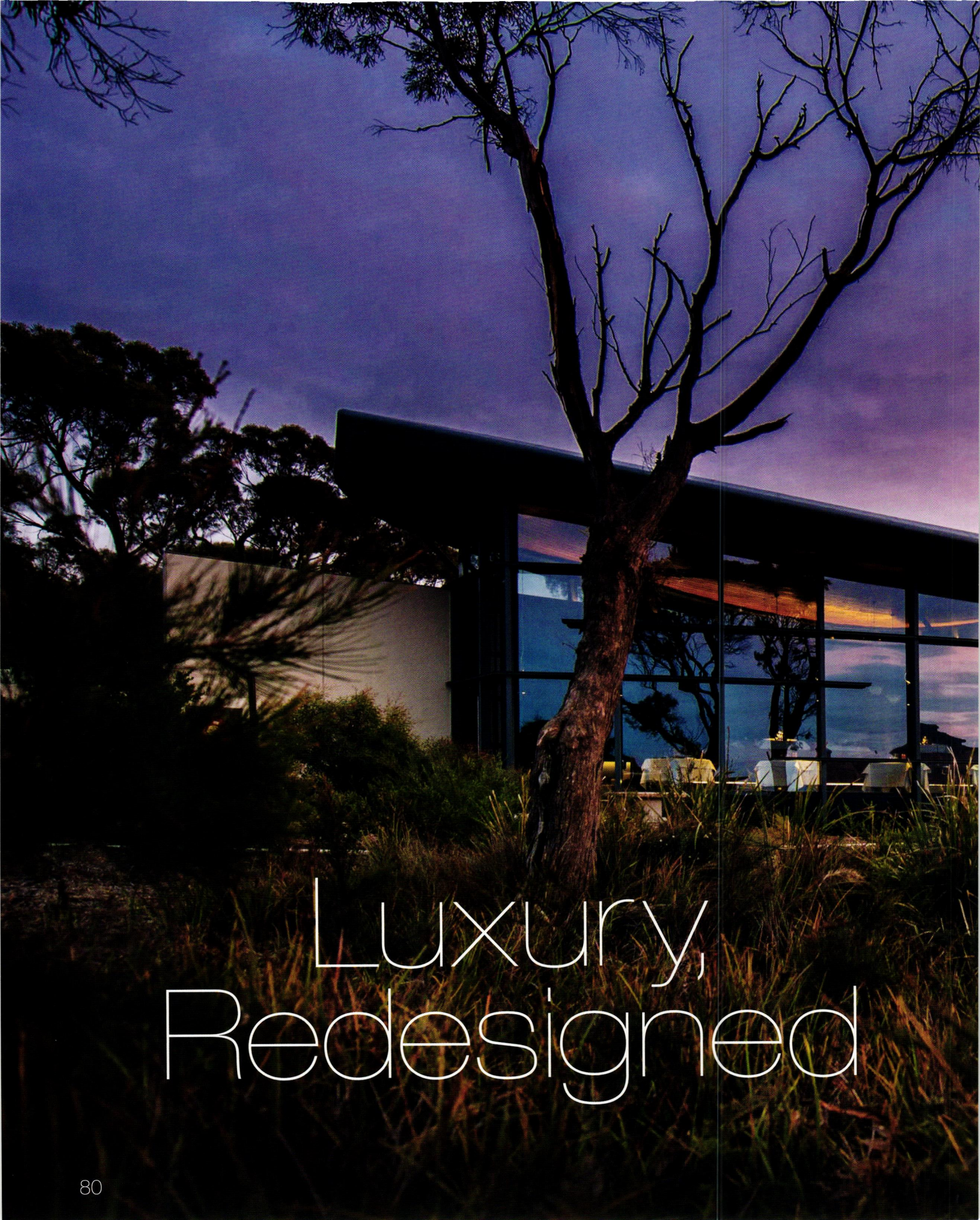
Martins says he has no particular style and doesn't follow fashion. "I go to a site and follow my feelings, a culture, and sometimes the site designs the house. I don't arrive there knowing what I am going to design. It is about the site and the natural conditions."

The Casa Colunata project was launched in 2007 and the home was a year in the design stage and took some 18 months to two years to build.

Martins acknowledges the greatest challenge was using local builders unaccustomed to a project of this type. But he's quick to add that they were more than a match for the task, and the finish is testament to their craftsmanship.

The architect elegantly avoids talking numbers–what the property cost to build and what it might be valued at today. This, he suggests respectfully, is a matter for its owners. But he does concede there has been considerable interest in buying it.

When asked whether Casa Colunata represents a watershed moment and a place among his favored designs, Martins is circumspect. "My favorite will be the next house," he says. "My challenge is to make a new house that is better than this one. This is what gives me the possibility to keep going." Watch this beautifully designed space, *mariomartins.com*. OH



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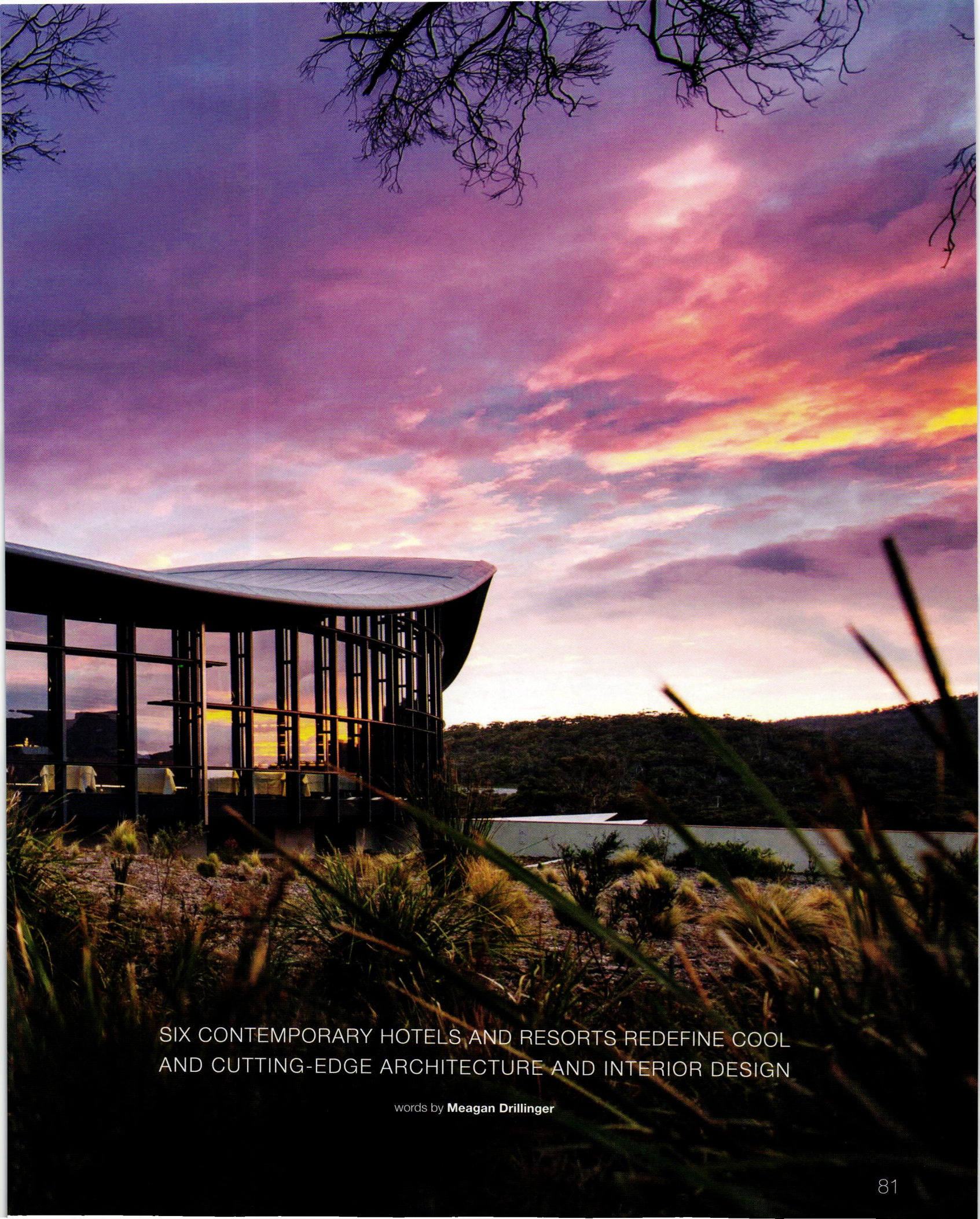

SIX CONTEMPORARY HOTELS AND RESORTS REDEFINE COOL AND CUTTING-EDGE ARCHITECTURE AND INTERIOR DESIGN

words by **Meagan Drillinger**

SAFFIRE FREYCINET
AUSTRALIA

Perched on Coles Bay overlooking the heart-achingly beautiful Freycinet Peninsula on Tasmania's east coast, Saffire Freycinet rightly takes its design cues from the surrounding sea. Hobart based Circa Morris Nunn Architects took the jaw-dropping natural landscapes and channeled them into the resort's construction, referencing sea creatures, sand dunes, and ocean waves in various architectural forms, most successfully in the wave-like roof of the main building crafted from curved Tasmanian wood beams. Inside, the 20 suites and private pavilions, day spa, restaurant and lounge are designed to maximize the views of the ocean and The Hazards, a spectacular rock formation which rises dramatically over the bay, *saffire-freycinet.com.au.*

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THE SINGULAR PATAGONIA

CHILE

With a nod to its century-old history and a glance toward modern luxury, The Singular Patagonia in Puerto Natales is a blend of minimalist chic and classic European style. Built in 1915 as a cold-storage plant to service Chile's sheep farming industry, the old industrial structure was cleverly transformed into a cool, cutting-edge luxe hotel by Chilean architect Pedro Kovacic. Today, The Singular has 54 guest rooms and three suites, all with floor-to-ceiling windows looking out to the fjords and snowcapped peaks of Patagonia. The former tannery is now the dining room and bar, while the reception area is in the old engine room, *thesingular.com*.

PARK HYATT HADAHAA
MALDIVES

One of only four luxury resorts in the exquisite Gaafu Alifu Atoll, Park Hyatt Maldives Hadahaa is as secluded and exclusive as you can get. The vision of Singapore based SCDA Architects, the design is modern and minimalist with extensive use of natural and organic materials such as coconut and local hardwoods. The imposing and eye-catching dhoni-style lounge took four months to build and is an icon of the resort. An hour by air from the capital Malé, Park Hyatt Maldives offers 50 luxurious villas, including 14 Park Water Villas perched above the turquoise waters of the Indian Ocean, two gourmet restaurants, and the excellent Vidhun Spa, *maldives.hadahaa.park.hyatt.com.*

CASA DE LA FLORA

THAILAND

A visually striking yet understated beachfront resort, Casa de la Flora is perched on the shores of the Andaman Sea in Khao Lak, about 500 miles south of Bangkok. Architects Vasu Virajsilp and Boonlert Deeyuen, founders of VaSLab Architects, wanted to construct their vision of "Brutalism"—a concept from the modernist architectural movement—fusing concrete and other raw building materials with the natural tropical setting and blurring the lines between indoor and outdoor spaces. One of Thailand's on-trend Design Hotels, the resort has 36 pod-like suites, all with private pools and patios or balconies, along with an infinity-edge pool, Spa La Casa, and La Aranya restaurant, *designhotels.com*.

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SLS HOTEL SOUTH BEACH
MIAMI

Miami's South Beach scene is a dizzying array of sexy, design-driven hotels, but the new SLS Hotel South Beach sets itself apart from the rest. An Art Deco inspired sanctuary of sophistication and playfulness, this 140-room boutique hotel on Collins Avenue takes guests on a fabulous journey through Miami, Latin America, the Mediterranean, and Asia with its eclectic interior design aesthetic. The vision of creative titans Sam Nazarian, Philippe Starck, and Lenny Kravitz, the hotel's highlights include 10 poolside bungalow suites and Hyde Beach, a red-hot beach, pool and cocktails space, *slshotels/southbeach.com.*

CHEWTON GLEN

ENGLAND

A quintessential country house hotel and spa in Hampshire's leafy New Forest, a stone's throw from the English Channel, the lovely Chewton Glen has, quite literally, taken to the trees. Six spectacular new Tree Houses, positioned a short distance from the main house, offer lofty, secluded perches in a total of 12 suites. Crafted by top British interior designer Martin Hulbert, the tree houses sit above the ground on reinforced stilts and are eye-level with the tops of sycamores, beech, oak, and other native trees. Inside, guests are treated to nature views through floor-to-ceiling windows, as well as wood-burning stoves, and private balconies with hot tubs, *chewtonglen.com*.

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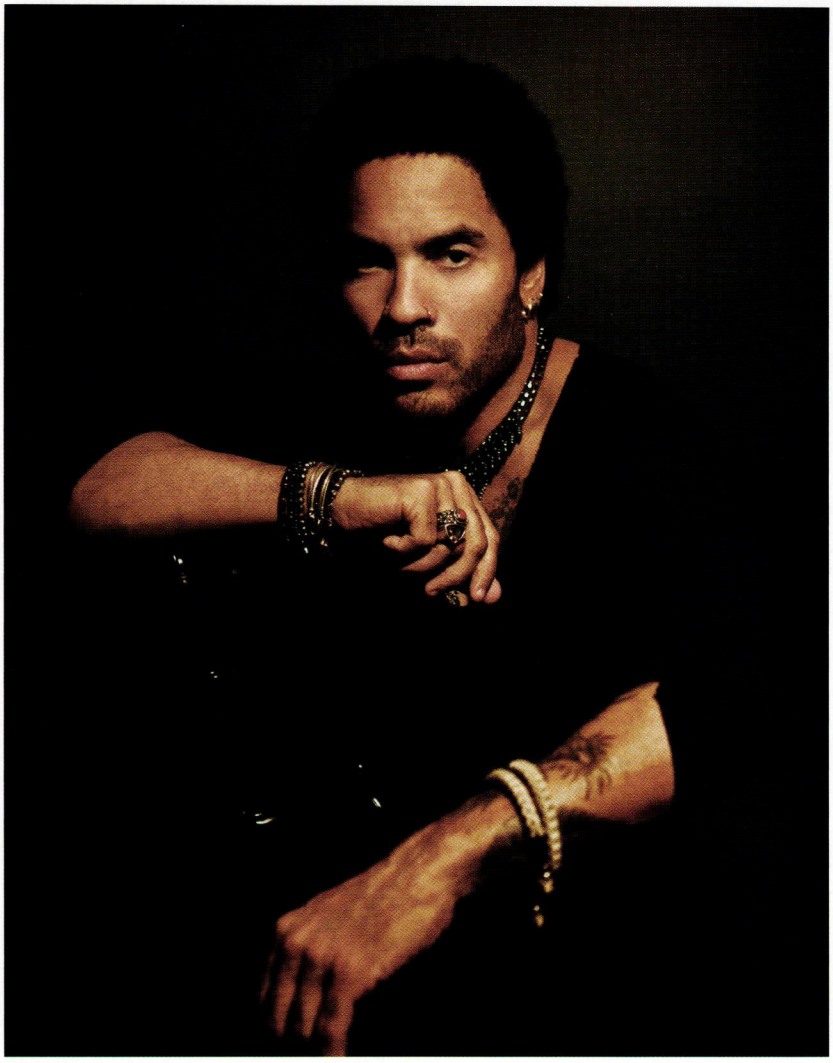


OFF THE CHARTS

SUPERSTAR LENNY KRAVITZ TURNS ROCK STAR DESIGNER AT PARAMOUNT BAY, MIAMI'S HOTTEST NEW LUXURY RESIDENTIAL ADDRESS

words by **J. Michael Welton**

JULIUS SHULMAN

In 2010, Paramount Bay was a forlorn symbol of a Florida condominium market that had taken a sharp plunge into a real estate abyss. A renewed commitment to cutting-edge design, however, has transformed it into a major success story.

Stalled out and foreclosed upon three years ago, it was an incomplete 47-story tower, with common areas that were nothing but raw and open spaces. Even its location in downtown Miami, east of I-95 and overlooking Biscayne Bay, was questioned at the time.

But Anthony Burns, senior vice president at iStar Financial, the lender, and Edgardo Defortuna, president and CEO of Fortune International, a real estate broker, would not be deterred.

They wanted to bring the iconic tower, designed by leading Miami based firm Arquitectonica, back to life. "Like any redevelopment," says Burns, "there were existing conditions to overcome."

"We had to position it in a way that the sales team could market it in the fastest way possible," adds Defortuna.

So they started completely over–with a decision first to tackle its design challenges, inside and out–including its 25,000 square feet pool deck.

They sent out a request for proposals for the $20 million renovation, and waited. Five design firms responded, but one stood out head and shoulders above the others. And it wasn't just because its front man was a rock star.

"Ultimately, we selected Kravitz Design because we were impressed with the company's edgy style of design," says Defortuna. "It offered what the building needed."

"They're world-renowned, and bring a public relations and marketing cache to the table," adds Burns.

Indeed. Lenny Kravitz is a four-time Grammy award-winning master of soul, funk, hard rock, folk rock, and R&B.

He also heads up a sophisticated design firm with plum commissions for private residences in Paris and New York, as well as for the set of the syndicated *Queen Latifah Show*, based in Culver City, CA, and re-launched in September.

At Paramount Bay, Kravitz delivered an insightful set of design solutions based on environmental considerations.

"They were looking to create a unique living experience in Miami, something that was very different from the white palette typically found in South Florida," he says. "We were inspired by the building itself, its location in Miami and its proximity to the Bay."

Miami Nice
The new-look Paramount Bay is a towering testament to modern style and luxury.

Opposite page, Kravitz's public spaces have a strong reliance on wood, brass, bronze, and marble finishes.

Burns and Defortuna wanted to sell the building's 346 units at a premium, since it's sited directly on the water at 20th Street. Backed up to an urban corridor, its front entrance is pedestrian-friendly, with lush gardens that play up to its large scale. "You're transported away from the city," Burns says. "It's an urban oasis located on Biscayne Bay."

And it's only a stone's throw from Miami Beach, the Design District, Wynwood Arts District, and much of the city's cultural epicenter along Biscayne Boulevard.

The project is one of the larger condominium buildings in Miami. Of its total of 700,000 square feet, 15,000 are reserved for commercial space and 20,000 more are common areas for residents.

Residential apartments range from 1,456 square feet for a single bedroom unit to 5,173 square feet of total living space for a penthouse.

Other on-site amenities include a beach club, private elevator foyers, swimming pools, a waterfront promenade, full-service spa and fitness center, as well as restaurants and retail shops.

Kravitz's design assignment was to transform the public and outdoor spaces into something high-end but comfortable at the same time. "When you design with Kravitz, there's a story to tell," Burns says. "There's no compromise–it's all fit and finish in Miami."

"I wanted the residents to feel a strong connection between the interior and exterior areas," Kravitz adds. "To do this, we created an interactive plaza and brought the landscape into the lobby."

When residents enter the property, they're surrounded by tropical landscaping which creates an outdoor plaza, with a sheltered path leading to a porte-cochère. Two fountains are located at the center of the drive.

Kravitz says that he's very much inspired by the architecture and design of Brazil, and he's striving to prove the point at Paramount Bay.

Huge mahogany doors at the lobby entrance open up to a soaring, 30-foot-high lobby. There's a strong reliance on wood, brass and bronze in the finish palettes, with some wall treatments in leather.

Inside, he placed a large marble concierge desk at the center of the lobby–to emphasize the service element–complementing the desk with stone terrazzo flooring and an intricate aluminum screening that borders the west wall. A live, tropical plantscape at the lobby's north end blurs the line between indoor and outdoor.

"I think the biggest challenge was the vast amount of public space that there was to create," says Kravitz. "I don't like redundancy and with that amount of space, it was a huge challenge."

A grand staircase anchors the lobby's south end and

leads to the mezzanine level. It's crafted from Paonazzo marble, accented with American walnut, framed by smoky-gray glass, and then lined with a bronze handrail. Like the plantscape, seating is built into its marble base.

"The lobby was a disconnected space, and broken up," says Defortuna. "Now there's a breakfast space that opens up to the inside and outside, and the lobby spaces are almost an extension of your apartment."

Further to the north, a garden room opens to another three-tier outdoor garden with private seating, as well as access to Paramount Bay's commercial outposts, and ultimately to pedestrian sidewalks and Biscayne Bay.

"The architecture is not a generic look – it's light-colored and uber - modern," Burns says. "Kravitz is playing much more to a warm and edgy finish. There's nothing like it in Miami."

An 8,000 square feet club room is sited to overlook Biscayne Bay. It's mostly open space, but Kravitz broke it up in a number of niches for different uses. A 103-inch TV screen, almost the size of a movie theater screen, dominates one area, with comfortable seating for viewing.

Then there's the kitchen. "It's a show kitchen, but you can bring your own chef in and have a dinner party for 30," Defortuna says. "You can partition it off for lunch or dinner with friends, without feeling like you're in a huge space for 500 people to fill up."

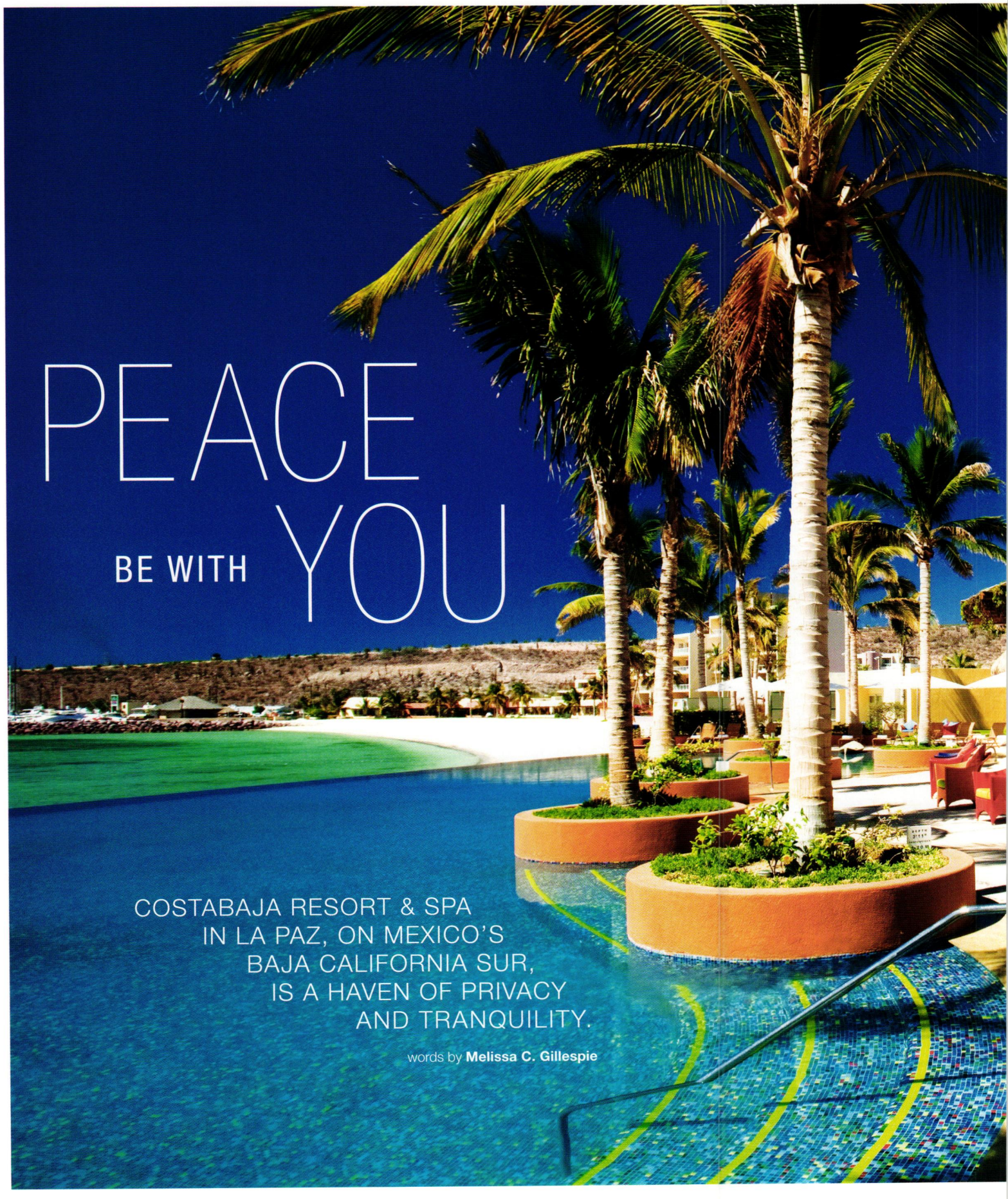
In essence, every public space in and around the three-acre site bears Kravitz's fingerprint. "Each area we created has its own unique vibe, and they flow well from one to the other," Kravitz says. "The building is very grand, but we were able to make it feel warm and inviting."

It seems a winner all the way around. Defortuna, in particular, is pleased with the design. "It's a project put together in a beautiful way," he says. "The spaces are really comfortable, but there's a coolness to them, to their layout, and to their look."

But Burn has the ultimate metric: "There are 16 units left out of 347," he says. "It's an overwhelming success."

With prices ranging from about $600,000 for a one-bedroom unit to $11,500,000 for a penthouse unit, that's a long climb up from the South Florida real estate market of 2010 – and great design led the entire way. **O|H**

Sky and Earth
Lenny Kravitz has stamped his cool design aesthetic on every element of Paramount Bay, from lofty suites to the sexy pool.



PEACE BE WITH YOU

COSTABAJA RESORT & SPA IN LA PAZ, ON MEXICO'S BAJA CALIFORNIA SUR, IS A HAVEN OF PRIVACY AND TRANQUILITY.

words by **Melissa C. Gillespie**

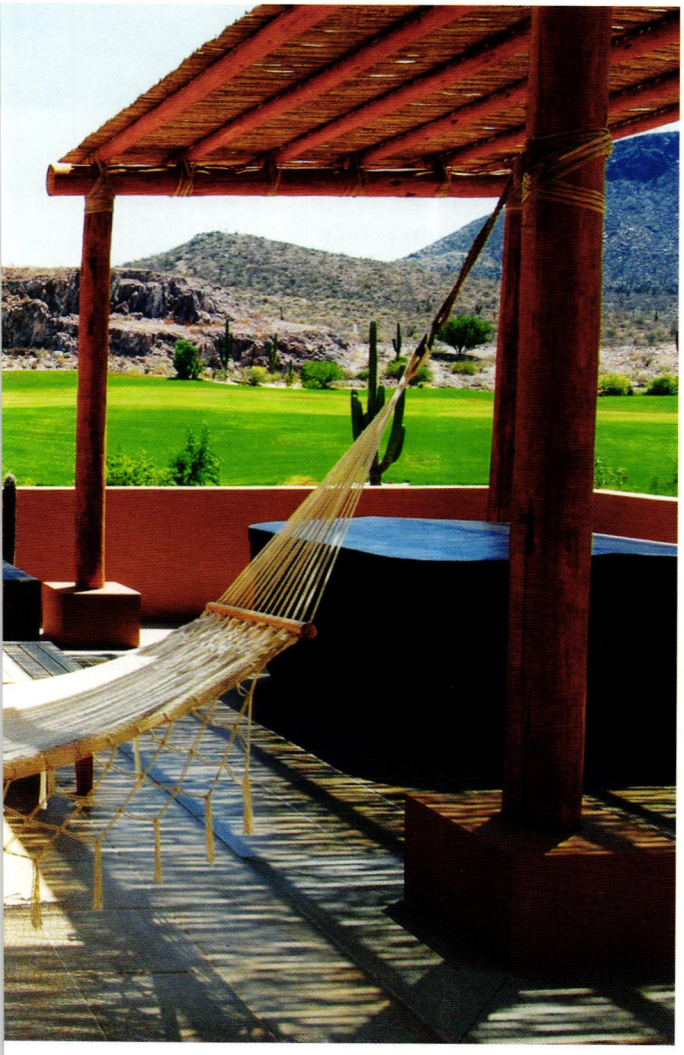
Peace. It's a rare and elusive commodity many of us seek most while vacationing, whether exploring a new destination or retreating to the familiar sanctuary of a second home. Thankfully, it's also what CostaBaja Resort & Spa offers international guests in abundance.

This alluring Mexican resort, located in La Paz (which translates from Spanish, appropriately, as "the peace"), is less than two hours north of Los Cabos. As the capital of Mexico's peninsular western state Baja California Sur, which also has the country's longest shoreline, La Paz has long been regarded as a quaint and quiet coastal getaway, famous for its stellar sport fishing on the Sea of Cortez.

But peace is now only a part of its broad appeal. CostaBaja, the first five-star resort and spa in La Paz, has set a new benchmark in luxury accommodations, world-class dining, and lavish amenities, boosting this emerging destination's prestige for savvy vacationers.

The tranquility of La Paz, however, remains intact. This richly historic and centuries-old city isn't a man-made tourist destination, asserts CostaBaja CEO Alejandro Yberri, which is what separates it from other well-trod Mexican vacation destinations. "Tourists blend in here, but they do not dominate the city," explains Yberri.

Although La Paz-Manuel de Leon Airport is highly accessible via direct flights from Los Angeles and Mexico City, you're far more likely to encounter easy-going residents in town than visiting jet-setters. And just as



Magic of Mexico
Relaxation comes quickly and easily in the calm and peaceful enclave of CostaBaja Resort & Spa.

visitors mix seamlessly with the friendly locals, the glamorous contemporary architecture and design of CostaBaja seem to meld organically with the region's natural desert-by-the-sea terrain.

Situated on 550 acres of coastal and mountain property, CostaBaja is a master planned community featuring a variety of real estate and vacation options, including a 115-room Grand Heritage-managed boutique hotel. The comfortable accommodations offer mountain, golf course and ocean views, but vacationers can also enjoy spacious marina view suites that take full visual advantage of La Paz's direct access to the Sea of Cortez.

Famously described by Jacques Cousteau as the "world's aquarium," the always sparkling gulf is the centerpiece of any stay at this lovely retreat. "Every element focuses on the water and is set into its context with sympathetic materials, massing, and design," says architect Barry Smith, who was responsible for a recent redesign of the hotel, striving to include the unique and diverse topography within the resort's embrace.

He succeeded. The hotel itself has a modern, airy feel. Inside the rooms, glass-enclosed showers and dark mahogany wood finishes contrast with the bright surroundings. To maximize space (and to sleek effect), there is no furniture. Room components like head boards, dressers, and butlers are built-in millwork.

The resort's open-air restaurants also allow visitors to soak in the Baja beauty, especially from Steinbeck's–named for the Pulitzer Prize-winning author whose famous novel *The Pearl* was inspired by a visit to La Paz. The restaurant offers a bountiful selection of ocean-fresh

fish, smoked chicken, and a myriad of tapas, plus an extensive tequila menu and full-bodied wine list sure to satisfy the discriminating oenophile.

Step outside the well-appointed accommodations and activities abound. The star attraction, of course, is the Sea of Cortez. Take a kayak trip from the beach to the nearby sea lion colony, or charter a catamaran from The Moorings at the double-basin Marina CostaBaja, accommodating 250 slips from 30 to 200 feet. For even larger vessels, captains can drop anchor just outside the marina. During our visit, *Venus*, a superyacht designed for the late Apple founder Steve Jobs, dropped anchor (the flashy 260-foot vessel is sometimes dubbed the *iYacht*.)

This lively village, designed by Mexican architect Pepe de Yturbe, is the perfect spot to listen to music while dining at one of the many marina-view restaurants. Back at the resort, dine al fresco at The Beach Club, replete with outdoor dining and lounge seating.

Find a shady spot under the palapa by the large bar, or soak in the surroundings from an infinity pool that blends perfectly with the Sea of Cortez. The signature Damiana Margarita will add a distinctly Baja flavor featuring liqueur from the Damiana, a local desert herb, in lieu of the traditional Triple Sec.

Perched above the Beach Club is another vacation gem CostaBaja Golf Club, the first Gary Player-designed golf course in Mexico. This 18-hole, par-72 course is considered challenging, but even those with a higher handicap will enjoy the views from the tees; the course has panoramic vistas of the Sea of Cortez from 14 holes. And if you'd rather leave your competitive spirit back home, unwind with a soothing massage or body treatment at the rejuvenating Espiritu Spa at CostaBaja.

If a vacation piques your interest in a more permanent (or part-time) way, CostaBaja offers luxurious homes across three very different communities, all with controlled, gated access and designs that purposefully complement the surrounding landscape. The goal was to showcase clean and contemporary style that blends Mexican architectural traditions with modern elements, says David Farca, president of ToH Design Group, the company responsible for the interior design of two communities, Las Colinas and VistaMar.

Las Colinas offers 71 one- and two-story townhomes of warm-colored stone and stucco. Nestled amid a hillside village reminiscent of Tuscany, they convey a rustic

Breaking Dawn
This lovely resort is a gateway to the azure waters of the Sea of Cortez.

Opposite page, Indoors or out, CostaBaja's chic guest facilities are designed with style.

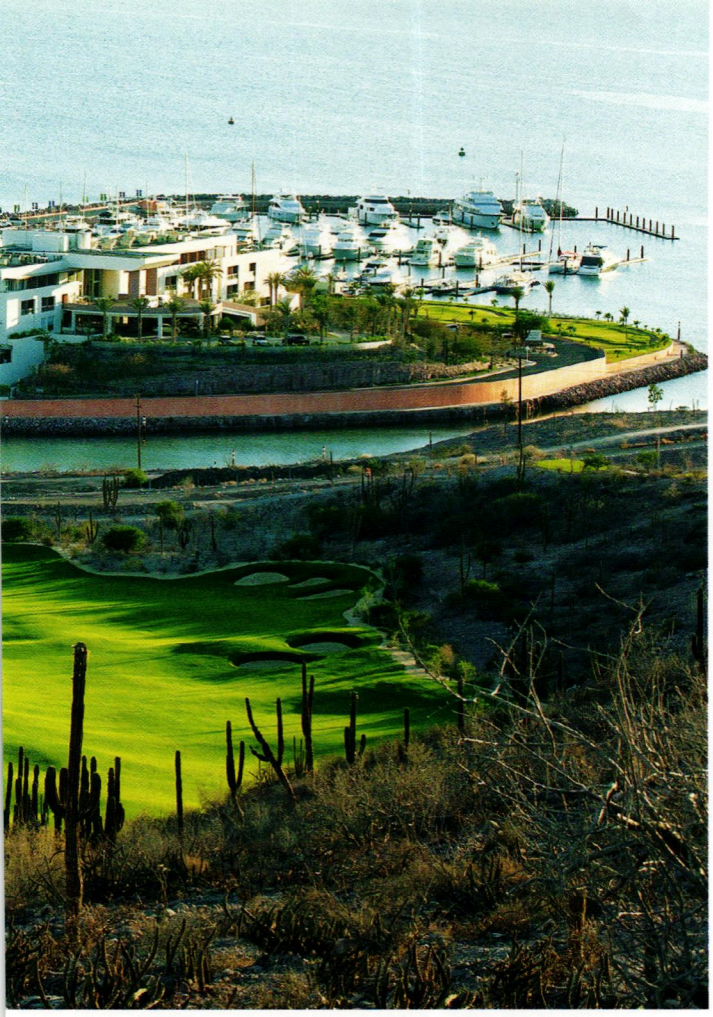
COSTABAJA'S SUSTAINABLE DESIGN

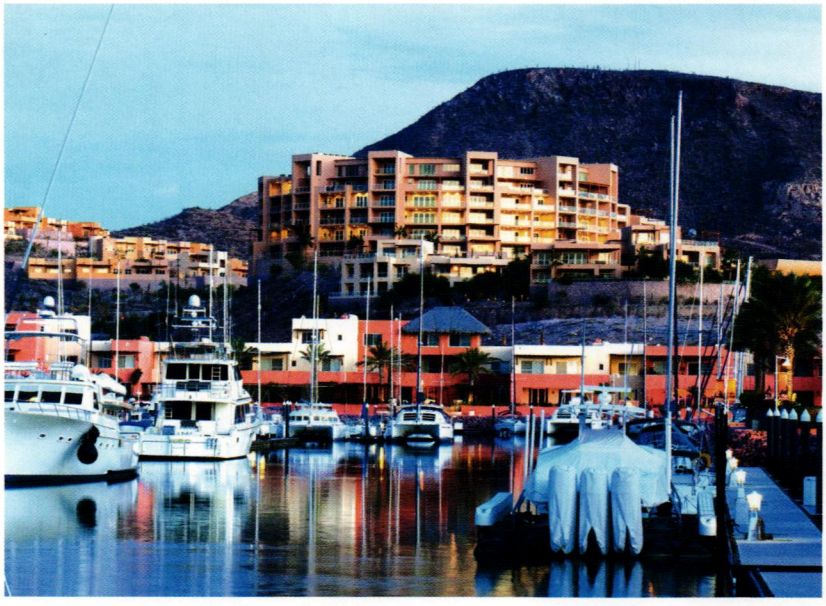
WHEN IT COMES TO GREEN INITIATIVES, COSTABAJA IS A SHOWCASE OF ENVIRONMENTAL EXCELLENCE

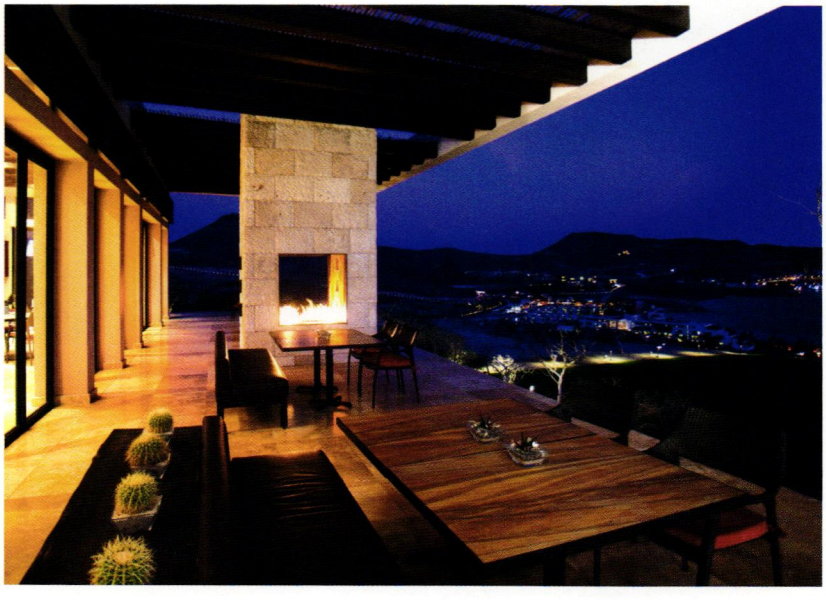
Building in Baja isn't about indiscriminate bulldozing. "At the core of CostaBaja's land development is the concerted mission to protect the ecosystem," says CEO Alejandro Yberri. But environmental conservation is no easy task when it comes to creating a large resort development like CostaBaja.

Take the marina: early construction required relocating a reef, which was carefully dismantled by underwater crews and moved to a new location outside the Bay of La Paz. There are also more than 20 species of protected indigenous plants in the area, so each plant is carefully excavated, cataloged, photographed, and moved to a new location like the on-site nursery, while others are used for landscaping.

Even the resort's golf course was carefully developed to minimize its managed turf-grass area, reducing the required use of fertilizers, herbicides, insecticides, and water. These sustainable design practices have been well rewarded—CostaBaja was awarded a coveted Certificate of Environmental Excellence by PROFEPA, Mexico's federal environmental protection agency.







yet contemporary feel. In 2012, the development added a fractional ownership opportunity to the Las Colinas community, with the launch of The Residence Club at CostaBaja. The homes range from 1,750 to 2,600 square feet, and whole ownership prices start at $558,000; 1/9th fractionals are just under $100,000.

VistaMar Residences and Casitas are CostaBaja's most luxurious properties. Set on a bluff overlooking the sea, the spacious 63 units range from 2,600 to 4,700 square feet. VistaMar features a grand arrival plaza with palapa roof and hill-hugging casitas complete with a subterranean garage. The homes range in price from $787,000 to $1.8 million.

And finally, there are Lomas de CostaBaja custom homesites, which range from 8,070 square feet to 12,378 square feet and start in the mid-$400,000s. They are situated on a highly desirable piece of property, a southwest slope above the 14th hole of the golf course, overlooking almost all of the resort, the harbor entrance, and La Paz skyline.

CostaBaja is the complete package, a planned resort community offering the best of the desert and sea, and immersing guests in privacy and luxury. The warmth of the locals, the slower pace of life, and five-star amenities come together to create a single and cohesive piece of property. And a sense of peace that, for a vacation or forever, everyone deserves to own, *costbaja.com.* **O|H**

O|H Insider

Lesson in Luxury
A stylish sitting room in a Toronto residence, designed by Jeffrey and Deborah Fisher, featuring an Allen Knight lucite and glass coffee table, four Barbara Barry Salon Chairs in custom upholstery, and custom silk draperies.

THE FISHER FILES

TOP INTERIOR DESIGN EXPERTS JEFFREY AND DEBORAH FISHER JOIN *OCEAN HOME*

words by **Andrew Conway**
photographs by **Virginia MacDonald**

Ask Jeffrey Fisher what makes an outstanding interior designer, and his answer is simple. "Someone who has remarkable observation, listening and mediation skills," he says emphatically. "Many clients can't properly articulate what they like or want, so it's important to pick up on the details of how they live in order to piece the entire puzzle together.

"And interior designers are only as good as their assembled team," he adds. "When you hire an interior designer, you're hiring their upholsterer, wallpaper hanger, painter etc., so make sure you've looked not only at their big picture but their fine details as well. It also pays to find a designer who is a good mediator because often times two people with opposing tastes are making the decisions collectively."

Wise advice from someone who has been at the forefront of the interior design industry since 2000, when he launched his highly successful Jeffrey Fisher

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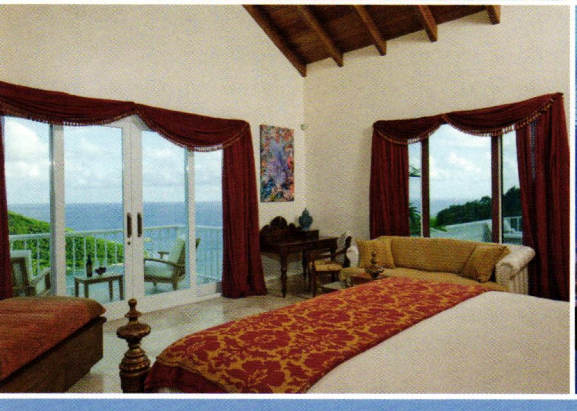

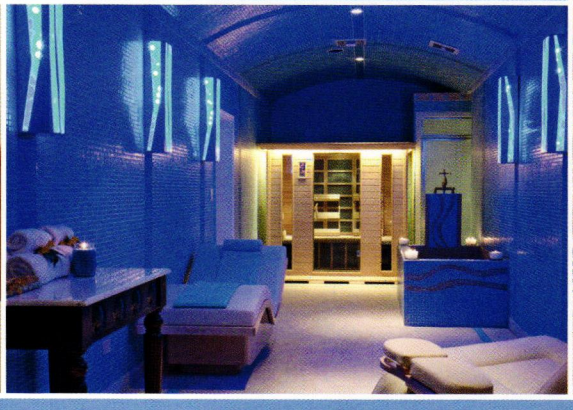

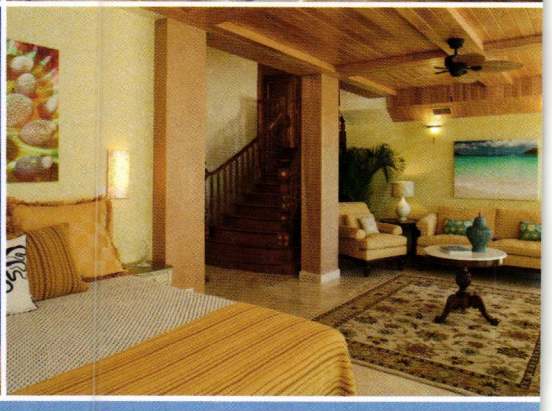

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Home collection with his sister and business partner Deborah, and now has offices in Toronto, Canada, and a new U.S. headquarters in Naples, Florida, opening in 2014.

It was the dynamic duo's unwavering eye for the big picture and fine details, not to mention their innate on-trend interior design skills, which first caught my attention when I met Jeffrey by chance at the exquisite Grand Hotel Tremezzo, on Italy's Lake Como, earlier this year.

Deep knowledge, understanding, and appreciation of the complex and ever-evolving world of interior design is a prerequisite for any luxury homes magazine editor, and I'm delighted to say I now have not one but two pairs of laser-sharp, sophisticated, and design-savvy eyes on the *Ocean Home* team.

Jeffrey's career started in the fashion industry working for Canada's leading evening wear designer Wayne Clark, before striking out on his own with his first collection in the fall of 1991. Merging his talent for fashion and love of the theater, he worked on several major Broadway musicals, but it was while working with the legendary Diahann Carroll, star of *Sunset Boulevard*, that he discovered his talent for interior design.

Kitchen Confidential
In another Toronto home, woven leather McGuire chairs surround a glass and metal table. A driftwood bead chandelier and embroidered linen valances complete the informal yet elegant kitchen.

Master Suite
Luxurious SDH bedding, an antique rug, and soothing color palette give the master bedroom the ambiance of a five-star hotel suite.

"Diahann invited me to help decorate her dining room in New York City," he recalls, "and it was then I realized my true passion for interiors." Trips to India, Hong Kong, and Bali resulted in the launch of Jeffrey Fisher Home with sister Deborah in 2000 featuring an outstanding line of luxury bedding, table linens, and fine shell accessories, which were snapped up by Saks Fifth Avenue and Neiman Marcus.

With Jeffrey's designs appearing everywhere from major trade shows to a celebrated episode of *Sex and the City* in 2003, Jeffrey later hosted his own award-winning TV show, *Arresting Design*, in Canada and later introduced his luxury bedding to *The Shopping Channel*.

Describing his aesthetic as curated eclectic modern, Jeffrey's design reputation centers on disciplined luxury and classic understated elegance. "I like clean lines and I also love things," he says, "but I don't want to feel cluttered, so I always curate my collectibles to showcase only the things I love. I was raised to believe it's better to own one good piece (of anything) than three mediocre things."

As for the importance of hiring a professional interior designer, Jeffrey is adamant. "Don't waste good money making wrong choices," he says. "You can have great taste and still make expensive mistakes when choosing finishes, furniture and fabrics for your home. Better to spend the money correctly from the start of the project as opposed to on corrections at the end." *jeffreyfisherhome.com.* **O|H**

Legends of the Fall

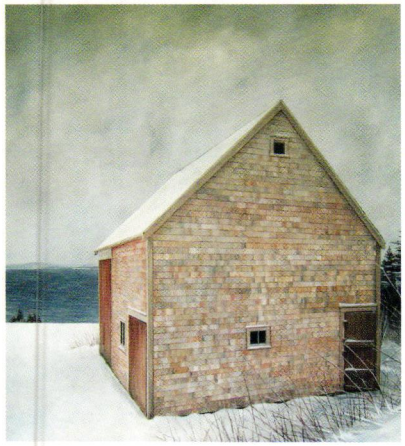
JEFFREY AND DEBORAH FISHER SELECT THEIR FIVE FABULOUS FINDS OF THE FALL SEASON

Red-hot log holder

Full credit to Deb for finding this one-of-a-kind log holder, just in time for the winter season. Created from tempered glass, the thick panes of the Vision Modern Log Holder are separated by polished steel rods at the top, center and base, allowing logs to nestle in between. I happen to think it will look beautiful as a sculptural element even if your fireplace is gas, ***fireplacemall.com***.

Best feet forward

I love a house shoe (who am I kidding - slipper) and don't care who knows it. They're the ideal footwear for home, hotel rooms, a cottage or beach house. Always on the look out for interesting additions (at last count I have a dozen pairs), I'm mad about my latest find, the classic double deerskin moccasin from Minnetonka Moccasins. Family owned since 1946, Minnetonka makes a really comfortable shoe, ***minnetonkamoccasin.com***.



Nova Scotia's art and soul

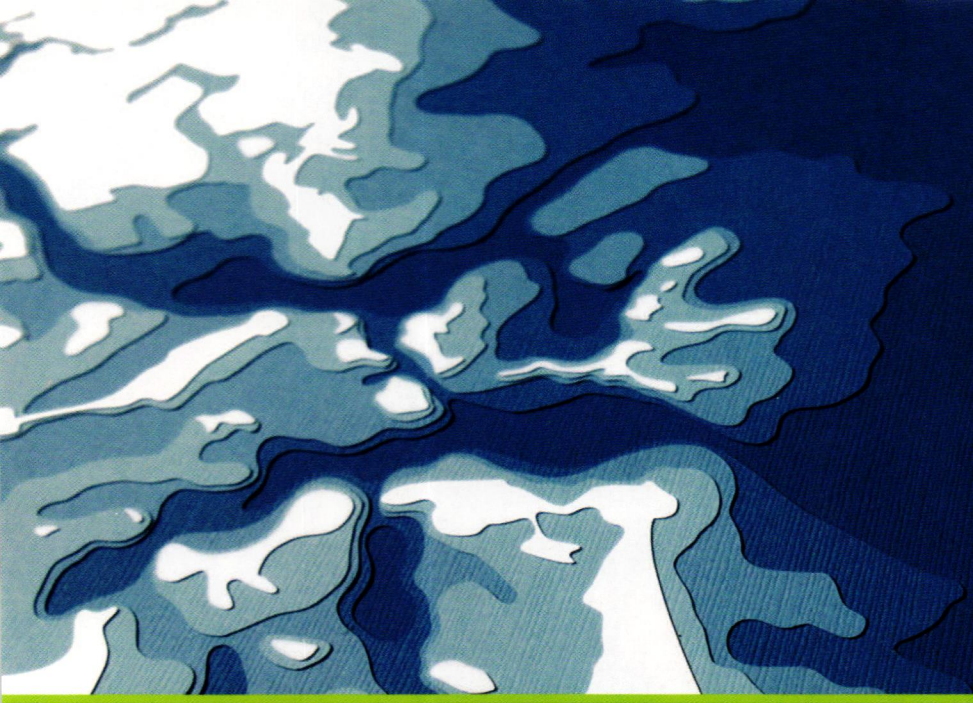
On a recent visit to Peggy's Cove, Nova Scotia, I noticed a sign for Twelve Acre Hill Gallery that led me to artist Philip Hodges. In his rustic restored woodshed-cum-gallery, Phillip sells original canvases and prints of his mainly maritime themed work. *Barn on the Bay* is the view from his gallery, but if you send him a photo of your favorite ocean vista, he will gladly paint a canvas of it, ***twelveacrehill.com***.

And so to bed

Deb and I have a passion for bedding, partly because we began our company designing decorative bedding, but even more so because of our belief in being able to change the look of your bedroom simply by changing your bed linens. Long-time fans of Dransfield & Ross, we love the Colorfield collection because the chic ombré pattern is so calming and sophisticated while the muted colors are bang on trend, ***nostalgiahome.com***.

Flawless floors

Sometimes it takes working on a design project in another location to find new and interesting products. Such is the case with Legno Bastone Wide Plank Flooring, based in Naples, FL. Deb and I particularly like this European French White Oak with a custom hand-crafted finish, and love working with father and son team Arturo and Frank Guido, who create beautiful, robust floors that will last a lifetime, ***legnobastone.com.***



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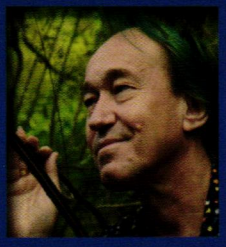

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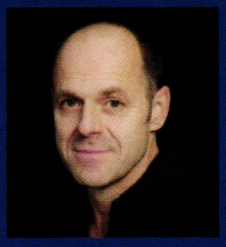

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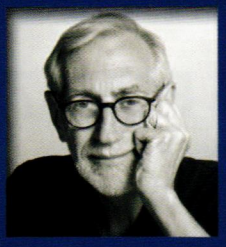

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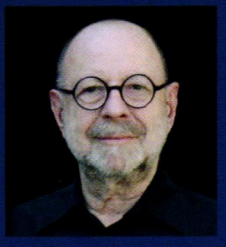

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PALM BEACH PIZZAZZ

A NEW BOOK BY CHEF ANNIE FALK WILL ADD STYLE AND GLAMOR TO YOUR DINING TABLE

words by **Karina Timmel**

When Annie Falk throws a party, she throws a party. Thanksgiving at the Falk residence, for example, is a weekend-long event with 30 or so guests being entertained at two of her Southampton homes.

A native New Yorker who moved to Palm Beach 10 years ago with her husband and two daughters, Falk is all about entertaining. Her professional background is a blend of studying culinary arts under legendary chef Roger Vergé (a protégé of Alain Ducasse) at Le Moulin de Mougins in the south of France; coordinating huge annual company events for Barbizon International; and fundraising for various philanthropic organizations, including the March of Dimes, Norton Museum of Art, Palm Beach Police Foundation, and the American Heart Association.

One non-profit in particular struck a deep chord with Falk–the Children's Home Society of Florida (CHS), which provides adoption, early childhood development and family support services. To avert cuts to the program due to its waning fiscal budget, Falk dedicated 100 percent of the proceeds of her recent first book, *Palm Beach Entertaining: Creating Occasions to Remember*, to CHS.

"I wanted to prevent cuts, in particular, to its program called Transitions Home, which aids pregnant teens and their newborns," says Falk. "This book was a natural project for me and incredibly gratifying. People are not only buying it, they are handing me a check made out to CHS at the same time."

The book is fashioned from CHS' successful annual Ultimate Dinner Party in mid-November, a progressive dinner-esque fundraiser that Falk chairs and hosts. It offers an inside look at the chic world of Palm Beach, known for its lavish lifestyle and grand parties, with more than 20 hosts opening their gilded doors to reveal entertaining secrets and 100 of their most tried-and-true recipes. Here, Falk shares three of her favorite recipes along with entertaining tips on how to throw a stress-free but crowd-pleasing Thanksgiving dinner party.

Colors of the fall
Falk uses fall colors as inspiration for her warm and inviting table settings. Left: Chef and author Annie Falk celebrates the launch of her new book, *Palm Beach Entertaining* (Rizzoli New York, $45).

Annie Falk's Fall Entertaining Tips

Set the Tone
To make your Thanksgiving table original, personal and inviting, start by mixing and matching china patterns, silverware, and smooth and textured linens. Falk suggests taking your color cues from autumn leaves, a combination of browns, burnt orange, golds and greens. Additionally, amp up the ambiance with glass hurricanes filled with candles set on top of acorns and pinecones.

Put Fresh Forward
The best meal always begins with the freshest ingredients purchased within a day or two of preparation. Check out your local farmers' market for vegetables and fruits in season, and order your bird in advance from a reputable farm.

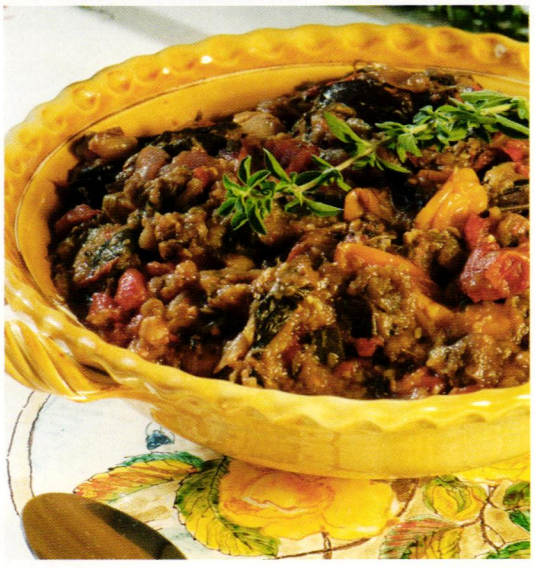
Make Substitutes
As your guest list grows, so does the list of dietary restrictions. At Falk's home, Thanksgiving is a feast that includes salads, soups and pasta, in addition to turkey, stuffing and sweet potatoes. Make sure there is always something for everyone.

Maximize the Menu
Menu cards elevate the look of any table. Falk likes to find vintage images or meaningful quotes to place at the top, and then list the menu items along with where they were procured, such as the local farm where the turkey was raised.

Place Perfection
Add a touch of elegance to each place setting by sitting in-season Bosc pears with a sprig of seasonal berries at the center of each plate. Place a gold-trimmed place card just beneath it and your menu card to the side, in a folded napkin.

Style Your Service
An easy way to elevate the look of any dish is to layer your serving plates. Try placing a glass bowl on an attractive platter and sprinkle it with shelled walnuts, hazelnuts and Brazil nuts, or edible flowers. This is especially lovely on a buffet.

Give Thanks
Thanksgiving is a time for reflecting on all your blessings from the past year with family and friends. Falk recommends beginning a fun and heart-warming ritual, such as a "gratitude journal," where you give each guest a scroll on which to write three simple things they are thankful for. Later, share the sentiments over dessert.



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RECIPES

MOSCOW MULE

1/2 lime, juiced
2 oz. vodka
8 oz. good-quality ginger beer
1 lime slice

Pour lime juice into a chilled mug or iced glass and top off with ginger beer and vodka. Garnish with a slice of lime. Yields 1 serving. Fun side note: Mark Badgley and James Mischka of Badgley Mischka donated this recipe to the book!

VEGETABLES PROVENÇAL

1 cup extra-virgin olive oil
1 large eggplant, sliced
2 medium zucchini, sliced
1 large green pepper, cored and sliced
1 large red onion, sliced
1 large yellow onion, sliced
2 large tomatoes, sliced
1 head garlic, peeled
2 Tbsps. each of finely chopped fresh parsley, tarragon, thyme and rosemary
1 Tbsp. finely chopped fresh marjoram
1 jalapeño pepper, seeded and sliced
Salt and freshly ground black pepper

Preheat the oven to 450°F. Pour 1/2 cup of olive oil into a roasting pan and add eggplant, zucchini, bell peppers, onions, tomatoes and garlic. In a medium bowl, combine parsley, tarragon, thyme, rosemary, marjoram and jalapeño. Whisk in the remaining 1/2 cup olive oil and pour the mixture over the vegetables. Season with salt and pepper. Cover with aluminum foil, place in the oven and bake for 1 hour, or until veggies are soft and cooked through. Remove foil, stir gently and return to the oven for 10 minutes for vegetables to crisp slightly. Yields 6 servings.

KIT'S PECAN PIE

1 to 1 1/2 cups coarsely chopped pecans
1 9-inch pie shell
6 Tbsps. unsalted butter, melted
1 1/4 cups light brown sugar
1 cup light or dark corn syrup
2 tsp. vanilla extract
1/2 tsp. orange zest
1/4 tsp. salt
3 large eggs, beaten
1 Tbsp. bourbon

Preheat the oven to 350°F. Spread pecans over the pie shell. Combine butter, sugar, syrup, orange zest, salt, eggs and bourbon in a large bowl. Pour the mixture over the pecans. Bake 45-50 minutes until firm around the edges and soft but set in the center. Yields 8 servings.

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WHEN it comes to ocean home interior decor and design, it pays to seek out reliable sources, expert advice, and inspired ideas. Working with the right professionals, who can seamlessly blend their in-depth knowledge and on-trend styles with your personal vision, can achieve stunning results.

Collins & DuPont, an award-wining interior design company based in Florida with more than 25 years in the industry, is passionate about creating beautiful living spaces that truly reflect its clients' lifestyles.

This recent project by Senior Interior Designer Lana Knapp (ASID) took a family coastal retreat in the tropical surroundings of the Gulf of Mexico, and created a comfortable and cozy atmosphere that's totally conducive to casual oceanfront living.

"The clients are thrilled with their new family retreat and now look forward to every visit," says Lana, who won major interior design awards for the project. *collins-dupont.com.*

Read on for more inspired ideas from other interior design experts.

Caron's Beach House

CARON White doesn't have a favorite item in her collection but she does have a firm rule she always follows. "If it's not a product we would have in our own home," she says, "we don't offer it to our customers."

With a focus on high quality designs created by leading artisans across America, San Francisco based Caron's Beach House casts a wide net for unique ocean home decor and interior design items.

Phenomenal recent growth includes the launch of a new website offering an enhanced and visually dynamic shopping experience; a new blog (*everythingcoastal.com*); and greatly expanded product offerings featuring classic and contemporary coastal rugs, lighting, pillows, and other home accessories from leading luxury brands and small artisans. *caronsbeachhouse.com.*

Kathleen Hay Designs

FOR over a decade, Kathleen Hay Designs has set a standard in the industry with sophisticated interiors that evoke a sense of place. A recipient of numerous international design awards, Hay continues to be an industry leader.

She is recognized for her sensitive approach to spatial design combined with a keen ability to balance form and function while inviting comfort. Kathleen's years of experience on both the business and creative sides of the trade give her a well-rounded perspective on industry practice and principles.

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A high-energy interior designer, Donna combines her in-depth knowledge and abiding passion for the creative design process with a calm, thoughtful and inclusive approach to every project that works well in a client and design team setting. Elle combines an artful, yet functional, sensibility. *donnaelle.com.*

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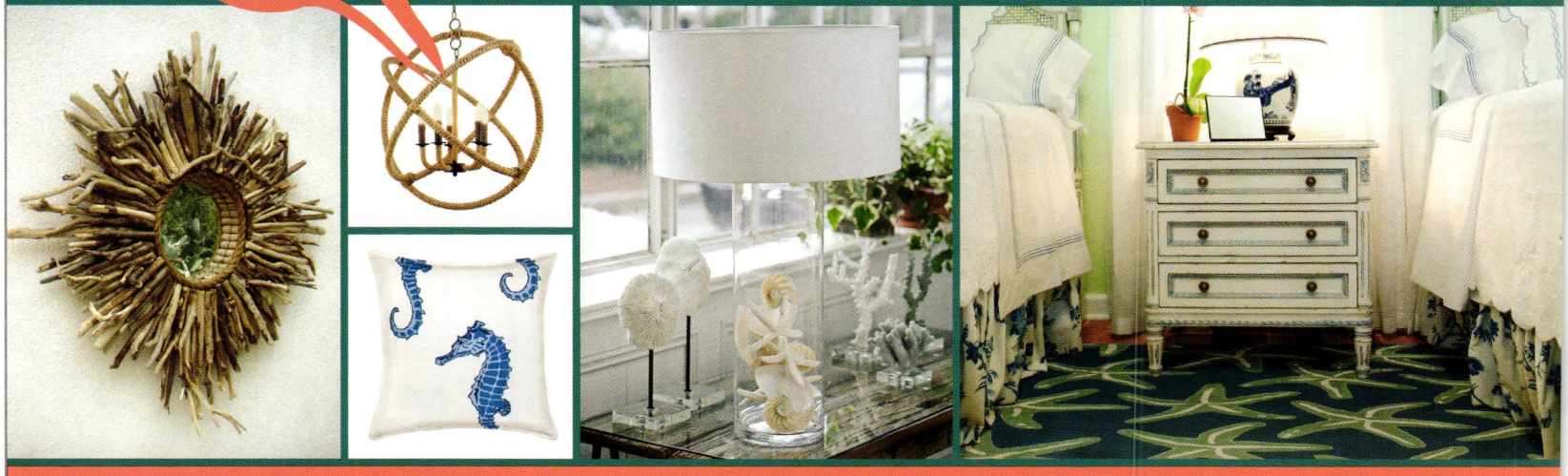

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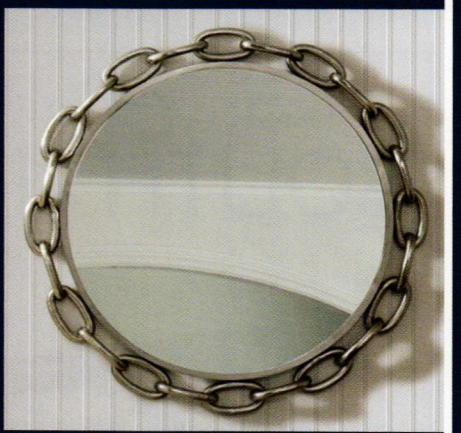

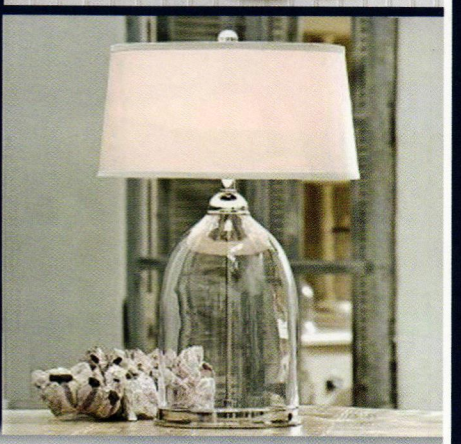

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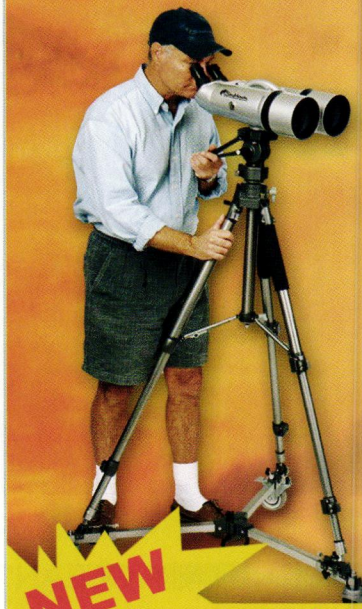

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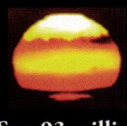
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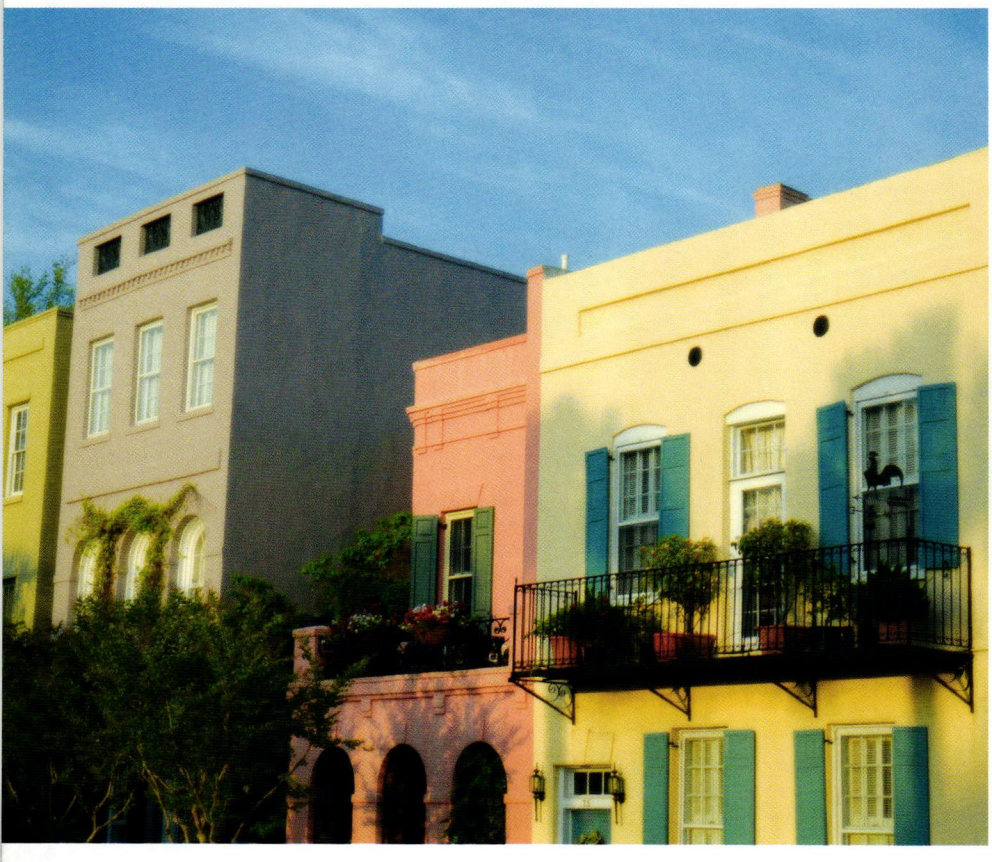


BUILT TO LAST

HISTORIC ARCHITECTURE AND CONTEMPORARY ICONS MERGE PERFECTLY IN CHARLESTON, SOUTH CAROLINA

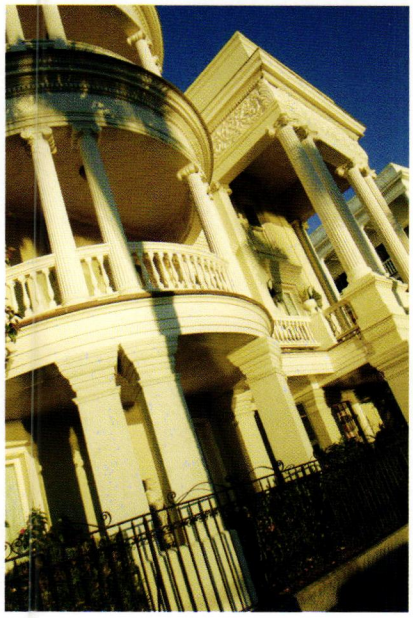
words by **Lindsay Lambert**

Think of America's most significant cities and names like New York, Los Angeles, Boston, and Miami probably come to mind. Packed with skyscrapers–beacons of commerce and business–prestigious universities, world-class medical facilities, busy ports, and bustling arts, culture, and culinary scenes, not to mention millions of residents, these metropolises are hotbeds of American progression. But on a sleepy peninsula bordered by the Ashley and Cooper Rivers and with nary a glass tower in sight, Charleston, SC., bears as much significance as any of those cities thanks to its 300 year old history and the vigor with which it's preserved.

On a walk, bike or carriage ride, or drive through the grid of Charleston's streets–lined with sturdy palmettos, meticulously kept antebellum mansions, and English-style gardens–the city could easily be a neatly preserved historical site like Colonial Williamsburg in Virginia or Abraham Lincoln's Springfield, IL, neighborhood. On the contrary, Charleston is very much a livable and exciting city, where centuries-old architecture and historical sites remind residents and visitors of its past while technology, arts, education, and a booming culinary scene propel it toward a bright and beaming future.

Settled in 1680 by English colonists on land granted by King Charles II, the then-named Charles Town became a key sea port. By the early 19th century, Charleston was among the New World's most fashionable cities, second only to New York in importance. During that period, clipper ships brought exotic cargo from China, Europe, and the West Indies, for which merchants traded items like indigo and Carolina Gold rice and cotton. In April 1861, Charleston entered into a new chapter of American history when Confederate soldiers fired on Fort Sumter in Charleston Harbor, marking the start of the Civil War. After the war and throughout the mid-1900s Charleston was short on capital, a condition that slowed its post-war recovery, but that would also prove serendipitous. Instead of razing then reconstructing its buildings, the city kept its structures intact; today, those preserved and restored homes and municipal buildings set Charleston apart as one of the most historically significant cities in the United States.

Today, every turn through the city's streets presents photo-worthy views of antebellum homes, built in Georgian, Greek Revival, Victorian,



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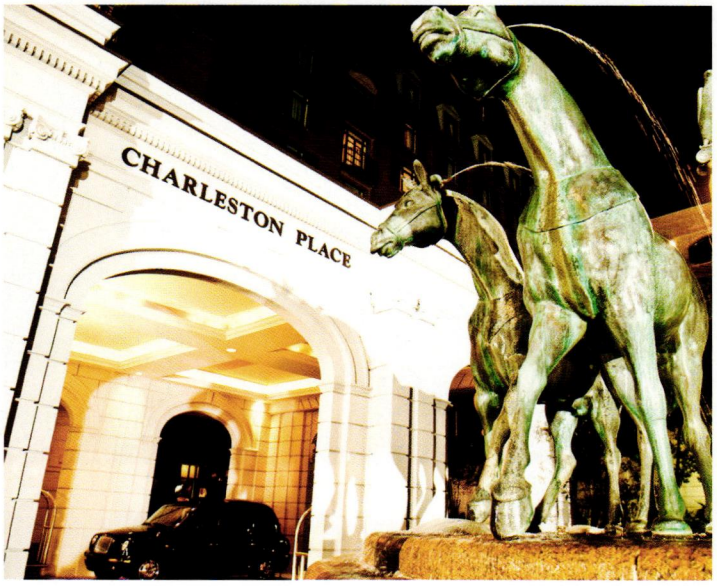
and Federal styles. Rightly so, one of the city's most popular–and photographed–tourist draws is Rainbow Row, a stretch of East Bay Street lined with pastel-colored row homes. The Battery area, on the peninsula's southern tip, presents ample opportunities for viewing more of the city's stunning signature homes.

In addition to its homes, important architecture is on display in Charleston's churches (the number of houses of worship here earned the city the nickname The Holy City) and even in the retail stores that line King Street, many of which used to be banks or old theaters.

Whether you're sitting down to supper at one of Charleston's highly-regarded restaurants, collecting designer-label shopping bags on King Street, or exploring a treasure-filled historic home on Meeting Street, locals and visitors can revel in the city's contemporary offerings while reliving its treasured history–next to no imagination required, *charlestoncvb.com*.



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THE BEAUTIFUL CHARLESTON PLACE HOTEL PUTS GUESTS IN THE CENTER OF THE CITY'S CHARMS

Visitors wanting to stay within easy reach of downtown Charleston's museums, historic sites, restaurants, and shops would be hard pressed to find a better choice than **Charleston Place Hotel**. Located between Meeting, Market, and King Streets, the elegant, 435-room Orient-Express property provides front-and-center access to Charleston's key attractions and is situated atop a luxe shopping plaza housing Louis Vuitton and St. John boutiques, among others. But Charleston Place also offers a world of high-level options all its own, from guest rooms and suites to restaurants and spa services.

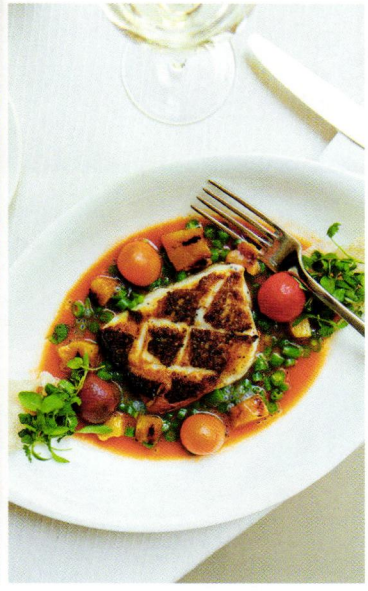
Accommodations comprise deluxe rooms and spacious suites, with a private-access Club Level offering guests exclusive concierge services and the added advantage of a lounge to enjoy breakfast, afternoon tea, evening cocktails and hors d'oeuvres. Rooms and suites feature soft, neutral décor with traditional floral accents, plus amenities like king-size beds, Italian-marble bathrooms, and large windows that open to views of the city.

Charleston is rife with hot-ticket restaurants, and Charleston Place Hotel is home to two of them. In the light-filled Palmetto Café, in which oversized windows give way to views of a blooming courtyard, guests can enjoy modern American Lowcountry fare for breakfast, lunch, and Sunday brunch.

For dinner, the AAA Four Diamond-rated Charleston Grill is the jewel in the hotel's culinary crown. Chef Michelle Weaver has steadily been gaining recognition in industry circles for her innovative approach to local delicacies, her dishes bursting with the flavors of only the freshest ingredients.

Take the Thai Fish entrée, for example, which wait staff serve with a spoon so diners don't miss a drop of the delicious broth infused with pineapple, cherry tomato, and basil. Knowledgeable staff and sommeliers are at the ready to help patrons choose well-paired labels from the restaurant's award-winning wine list.

Charleston is a walking city, and nothing combats aching feet better than a visit to the hotel's excellent spa. Services include traditional massages, facials, and body treatments, but when in Rome (or, in this case, Charleston) do as Southerners do and opt for something more Charlestonian like a skin reviving like a Magnolia Blossom Body Scrub. The spa's serene atmosphere will likely lead to multiple visits—just as the city of Charleston is sure to lure visitors time and again, ***charlestonplace.com***.



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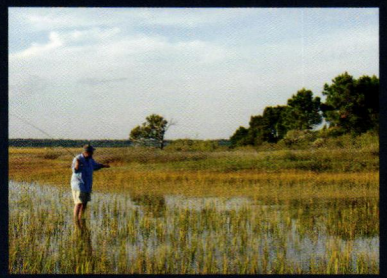

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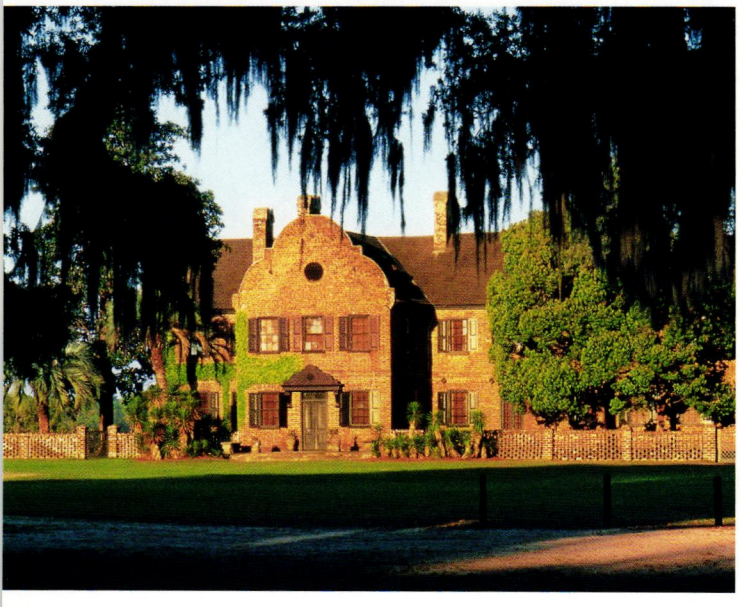

WHAT TO DO

THE BEST OF CHARLESTON

Black Cat Tours Get to know the Holy City on a guided horse-drawn carriage ride. Charleston historian and author, and Black Cat Tours owner Mark Jones and wife, Rebel Sinclair, offer visitors an in-depth introduction to the city that's lively and fun but always with reverence and respect for its significant story. *843-568-2285, blackcat-tours.com.* **Middleton Place** A National Historic Landmark located 22 miles upriver from Charleston on the Ashley River, this former rice plantation is home to America's oldest landscaped gardens, its 65 acres blanketed with camellias, azaleas, magnolias, crepe myrtles, roses, and romantic Spanish moss depending on the season. Tour the House Museum—built in 1755 and home to a vast collection of the Middleton family's silver, furniture, books, and portraits—and watch historically accurate demonstrations by weavers, blacksmiths and potters in the Plantation Stableyards. *4300 Ashley River Rd., Charleston, 843-556-6020, middletonplace.org.* **Husk** Charleston has experienced a culinary revolution of sorts over the past few years, and chef Sean Brock's Husk has emerged the breakout star. The James Beard Award-winning Brock and Chef de Cuisine Travis Grimes win the hearts and palates of food-savvy patrons with their reinterpreted Lowcountry cuisine, which changes daily—and throughout the day—based on the supply of local purveyors' ingredients. *76 Queen St., Charleston, 843-577-2500, huskrestaurant.com.*

Spoleto Festival USA For two and a half weeks each spring, Charleston's historic theaters, churches, and outdoor spaces become hosts to international and American performers of opera, dance, and theatre, and chamber, symphonic, choral, and jazz music in what is heralded as one of the world's's greatest multi-arts festivals. *spoletousa.org.* **Piccolo Spoleto Festival** Piccolo Spoleto coincides with its headlining parent event, showcasing acts from the Southeast in particular. Piccolo Spoleto's program includes visual arts exhibits, classical music, jazz, dance, theatre, poetry readings, children's activities, choral music, cultural presentations, crafts, and film. *piccolospoleto.com.* **King Street** Charleston's Rodeo Drive, King Street is divided into three distinct areas: Upper King Street (Design and Dining District); King Street Fashion District; and Lower King Street (Antiques District). The integration of modern retail stores and architecturally preserved sites makes shopping here a study in urban design. **Fort Sumter** Take a ferry from downtown Charleston to this national monument, and enjoy an educational ranger-led tour of the site of the first battle of the Civil War in April 1861. *843-883-3123, ext. 20, nps.gov/fosu.* **Gibbes Museum of Art** Located in Charleston's Historic District, the Gibbes Museum houses permanent collections of fine art, as well as changing exhibitions, and offers guided tours of the museum's works and themed walking tours in the city. 135 Meeting St., Charleston, 843-722-2706, gibbesmuseum.org. **The Gin Joint** This stylish spot offers an array of craft cocktails and elevated bar snacks (think soft pretzels with Sriracha cheese sauce and shrimp-and-grit fritters). It can get crowded and loud, but take that as a sign that these folks know what they're doing. *182 East Bay St., Charleston, 843-577-6111, theginjoint.com.* **Historic Charleston City Market** Open year-round at 188 Meeting Street, this historic market comprises four blocks of open-air buildings, where nearly 300 vendors sell everything from books and pottery to paintings, and Charleston's famous sweetgrass baskets. Evening Art Markets are held every Friday and Saturday. *188 Meeting St., Charleston, thecharlestoncitymarket.com.* **Calhoun Mansion** Toss a stone anywhere in Charleston and you'll arrive at a historic home. With 35 rooms, Japanese water gardens, and a domed stairhall ceiling, the Italianate-style Calhoun Mansion is the city's largest single family residence and, in turn, a must-see. Guided tours reveal stories behind the home's vast collection of furnishings and antiques. *14-16 Meeting St., 843-722-8205, calhounmansion.net.* O|H

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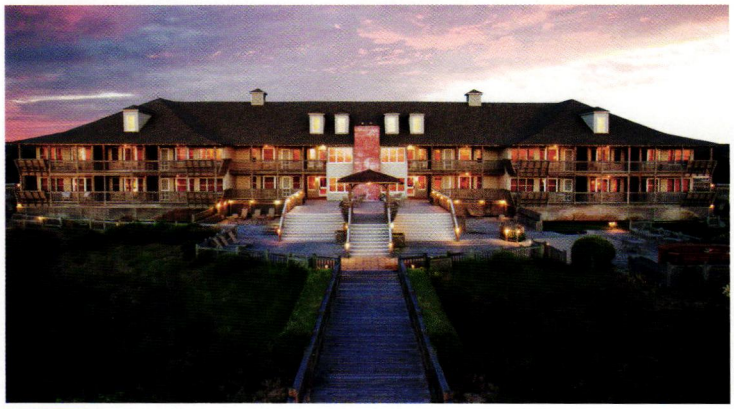

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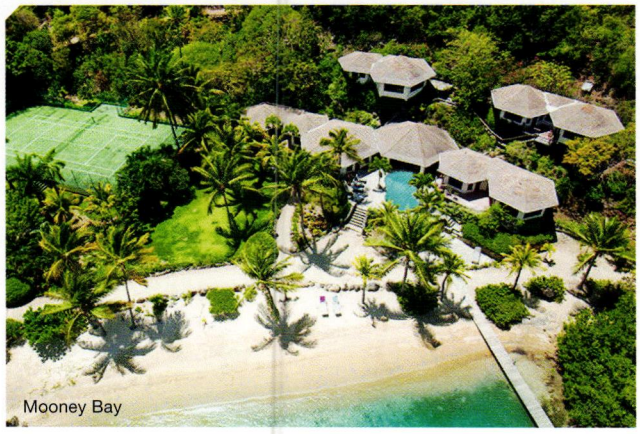

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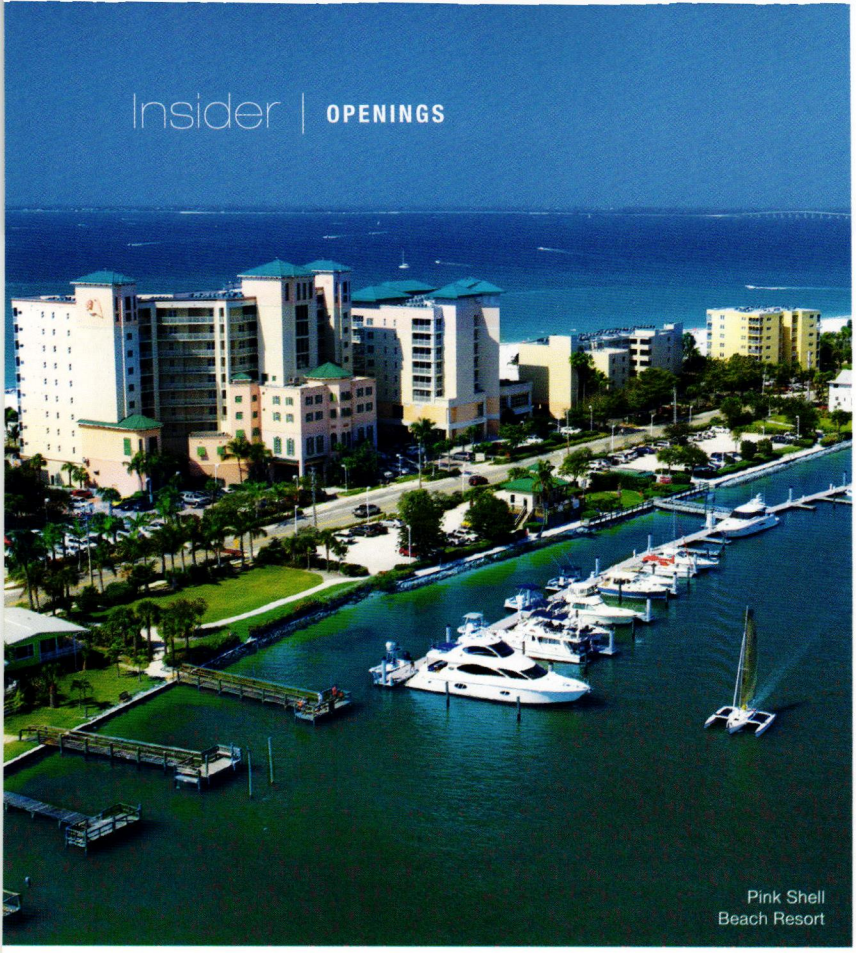

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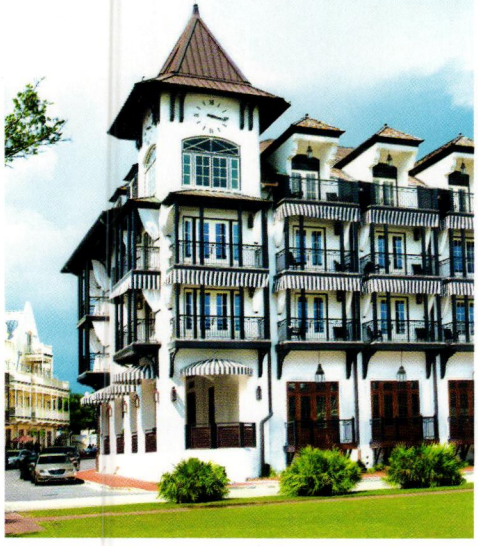
PINK SHELL BEACH RESORT, FORT MYERS BEACH, FLORIDA

Pink Shell Beach Resort & Marina has opened a new state-of-the-art marina, providing deepwater, direct, and fast access to the Gulf of Mexico. The new Fort Myers Beach, Florida, site offers pump-out services, a full-time Dock Master, trained service personnel, and supply store. Accommodating boats up to 100 feet long and offering full resort access makes the Pink Shell Beach Resort & Marina a true boating paradise. Featuring 41 floating slips, each with power pedestals, the marina can provide 30, 50, and 100 amp service, water, HD Direct TV, wireless Wi-Fi, and all slips are ADA compliant. The Pink Shell is located along a quarter mile of powder-white sands with 213 beachfront studio and condo style accommodations, overlooking the Gulf of Mexico, the barrier islands of South West Florida, Sanibel, and Captiva. When docking at the Pink Shell Marina, guests enjoy full access to Pink Shell Beach Resort, complete with concierge services, pools, fitness center, shower facilities at Aquagene Spa, free beach chairs, pool towels, laundry facilities, and game room, *pinkshell.com.*

THE PEARL, ROSEMARY BEACH, FLORIDA

New luxury hotel, **The Pearl**, offers 55 beautiful rooms in the idyllic town of Rosemary Beach, on Florida's Emerald Coast. Guests can choose from traditional rooms with one king or two queen beds; cabana rooms opening directly into a private poolside cabana and spa area; suites, some with glorious rotundas; or the signature Pearl Suite. Guests enjoy private balconies with views of the Gulf of Mexico, rainfall showers, and a complimentary iPad featuring an interactive and integrated guest services app for use during your stay. The property features a destination restaurant focused on regional cuisine of the Gulf of Mexico, a rooftop bar and lounge, spa, and pool with spacious cabanas. Rooms at The Pearl start from $279 in the low season to $459 in the peak spring and summer months. The property welcomed its first guests in July 2013, ***thepearlrb.com***.

The Pearl



Hotel Renew, Waikiki, Hawaii

A NEW BOUTIQUE HOTEL IN THE HEART OF BUSTLING WAIKIKI OFFERS A FRESH TAKE ON MODERN DESIGN

Aston Hotels & Resorts has taken over operations of **Hotel Renew** in the heart of Waikiki, just steps from the ocean. Rebranded as Hotel Renew by Aston, the property offers 72 rooms with ocean, mountain or city views, artfully designed by San Francisco designer Jiun Ho to incorporate natural elements such as sand-blasted oak woods, cool limestone, and a palette of monochromatic colors. Hotel Renew by Aston is a unique property that offers sophisticated serenity throughout its freshly designed rooms. Situated at the center of Waikiki's vibrant shopping and dining area, the boutique hotel is a retreat that promotes wellness and rejuvenation with natural elements reflecting the beauty of Hawaii. The hotel's numerous amenities include a fitness center, two resort pools, beach gear, PlayStation 3, Blu-ray consoles with unlimited movies and games, morning coffee and tea service, and a weekly cocktail mixer. Rates start at $199 per night, ***hotelrenew.com*** / ***astonhotels.com***.

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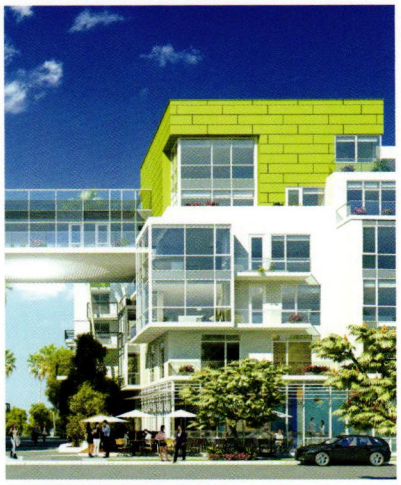

OCEAN AVENUE SOUTH, CA

The new **Ocean Avenue South**, a luxury residential development from Related California, has broken ground on Ocean Avenue in Santa Monica, California. The property will stand apart by introducing sustainable, urban beach living and a dynamic public neighborhood to the Santa Monica shore. Ocean Avenue South's two exceptional properties, The Waverly and The Seychelle, will offer 158 deluxe residences in one-, two-, and three-bedroom layouts, including 11 penthouses. Residences start at approximately 850 square feet for a one-bedroom to more than 3,300 square feet for a penthouse. Planned amenities include private balconies with ocean or mountain views, a yoga studio, pet spa, fitness centers, plus a rooftop oasis at The Seychelle with a pool, Jacuzzi, and sun deck. Ocean Avenue South will also be home to five upscale retail and restaurant outlets extending over 20,000 square feet on the ground level. The development has a move-in date of winter 2014. Prices for residences start at $800,000, *oceanavenuesouth.com*.

PARQUE TOWERS, FL

With the recently upgraded Towne Center at its core, Parque Towers at St. Tropez in Sunny Isles Beach, Florida will offer homeowners access to chic shops, bistros, bars, and cafes. When complete, the property will encompass 329 residences, ranging from 1,860 square feet of interior and exterior living space to 2,363 square feet. A number of penthouses and two-story townhomes will also be released. The property fronts the Intracoastal Waterway, with beach frontage directly across the street. Groundbreaking of the Parque Towers is anticipated for January 2014, with the grand opening projected for late 2015. Residences start at $750,000 to $1.45 million and penthouses at $3.5 million to $6 million, *parquetowers.com*.

BAHA MAR, THE BAHAMAS

Set to be the largest development in the history of the Caribbean at $3.5 billion, **Baha Mar** is under construction and well past the vision stage. Located in the Bahamian capital of Nassau, and set on 3,000 feet of uninterrupted, white sand beach, Baha Mar captures the true spirit of the region, merging an elite collection of hospitality brands with authentic Bahamian culture and architecture. When complete, Baha Mar will offer 307 distinctive luxury residences, including accommodations by Rosewood Hotels & Resorts, Hyatt Hotels, Mondrian, and the Baha Mar Casino & Hotel. Baha Mar will include 20 acres of landscaped beach and pool areas, more than 14 pools, and an eco-water park. The development will also be home to more than 30 restaurants, nightclubs, and entertainment venues, including a signature nightclub designed by Kravitz Design, the creative firm of music icon Lenny Kravitz. An 18-hole Jack Nicklaus Signature golf course is scheduled to open later this year while the full project is set to debut in late 2014. Starting prices for the residences range from $1.5 million to $1.9 million, *bahamar.com*.

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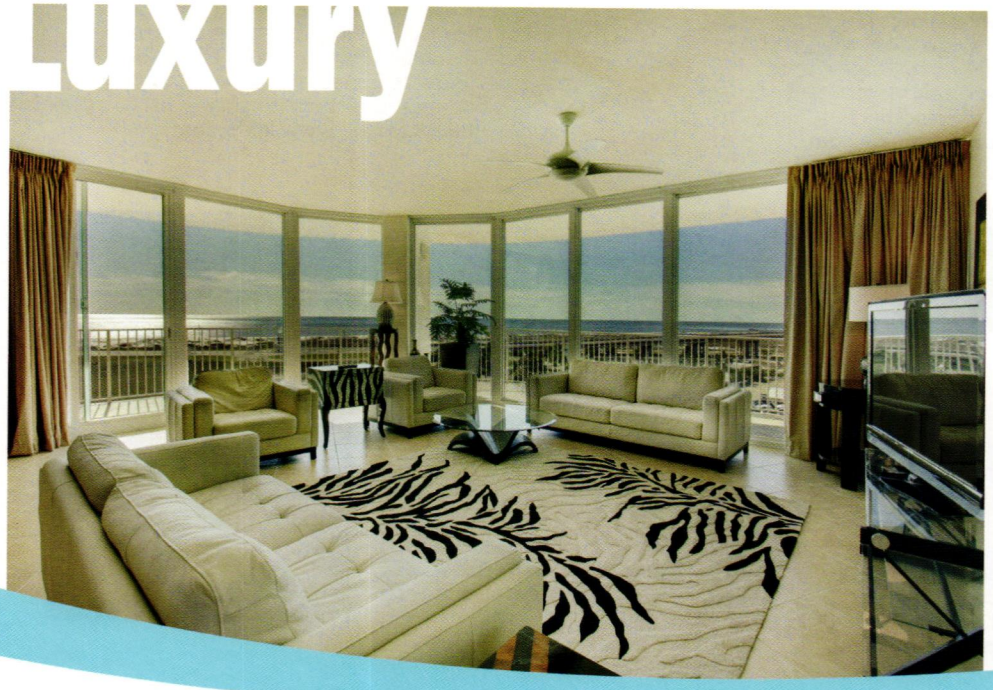

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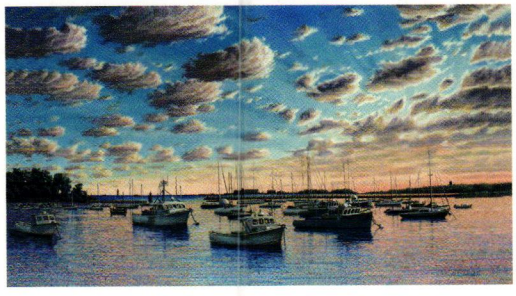

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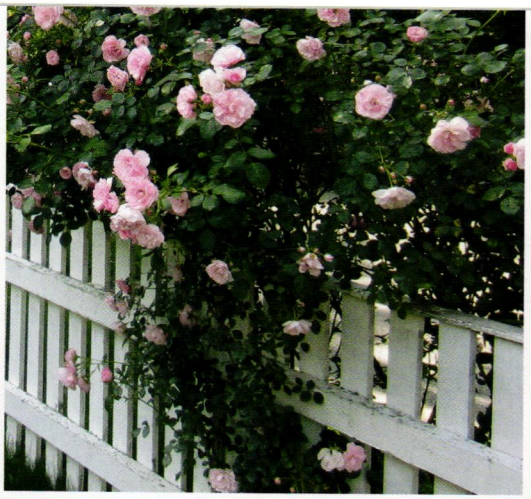

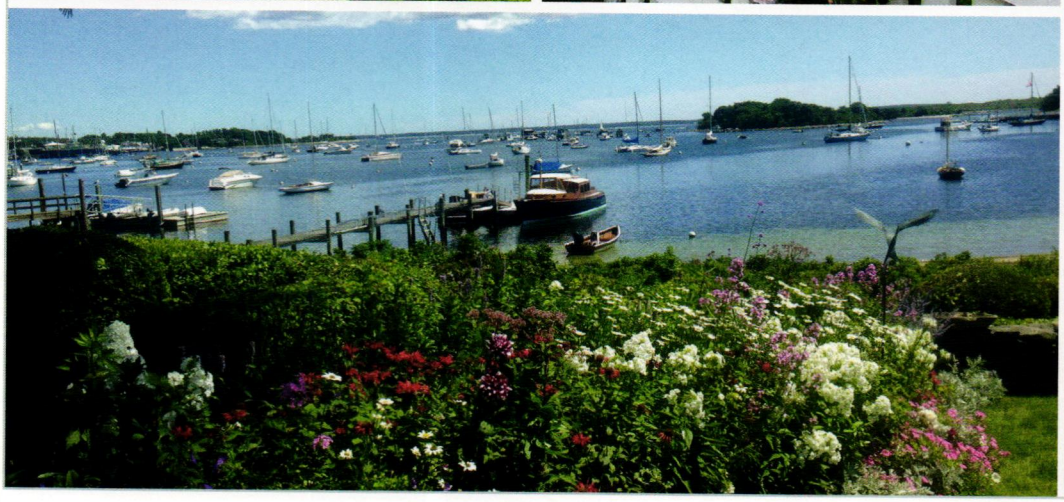

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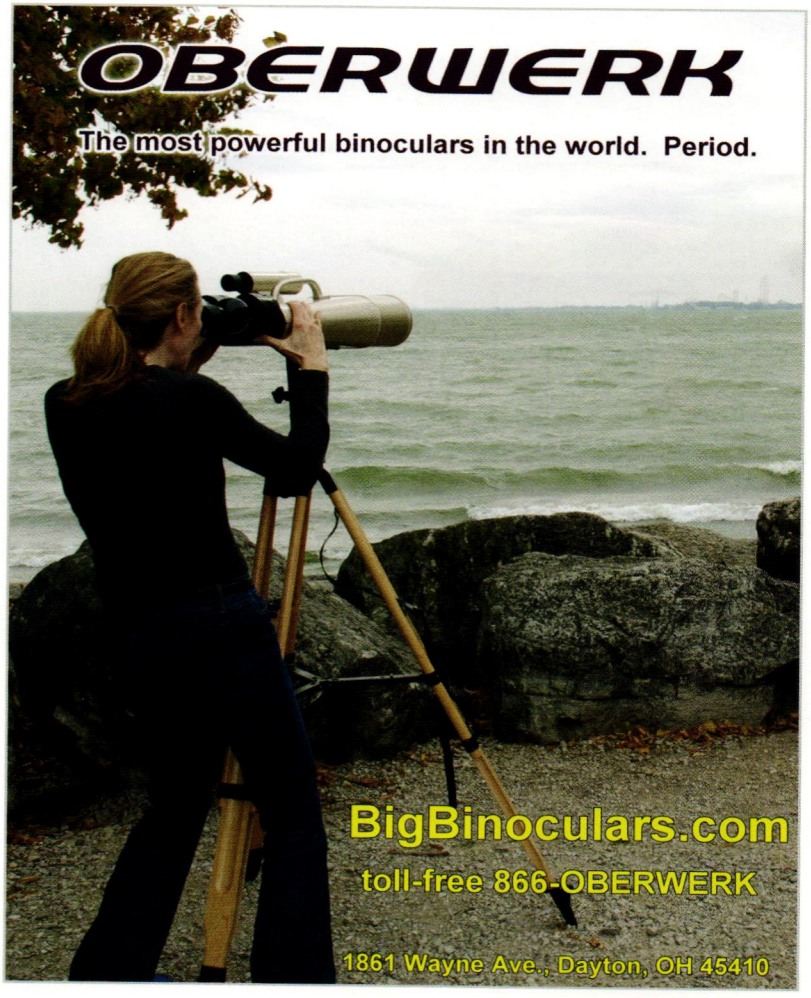

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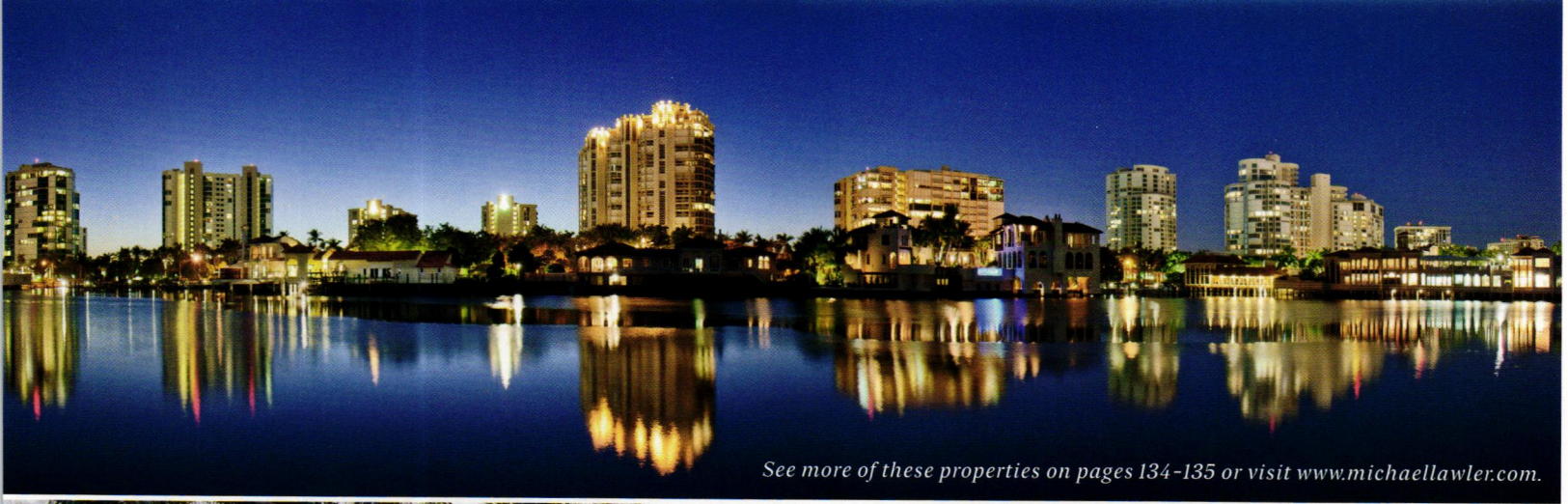

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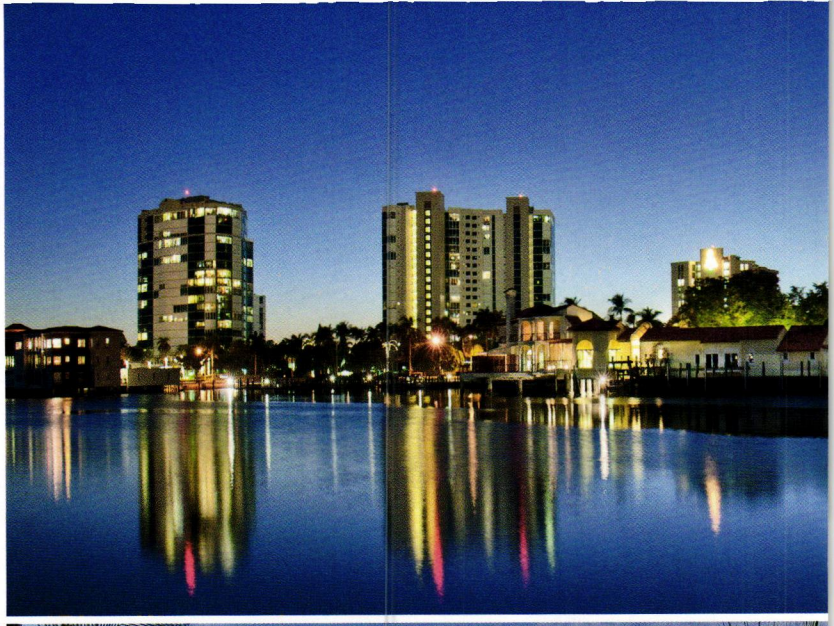

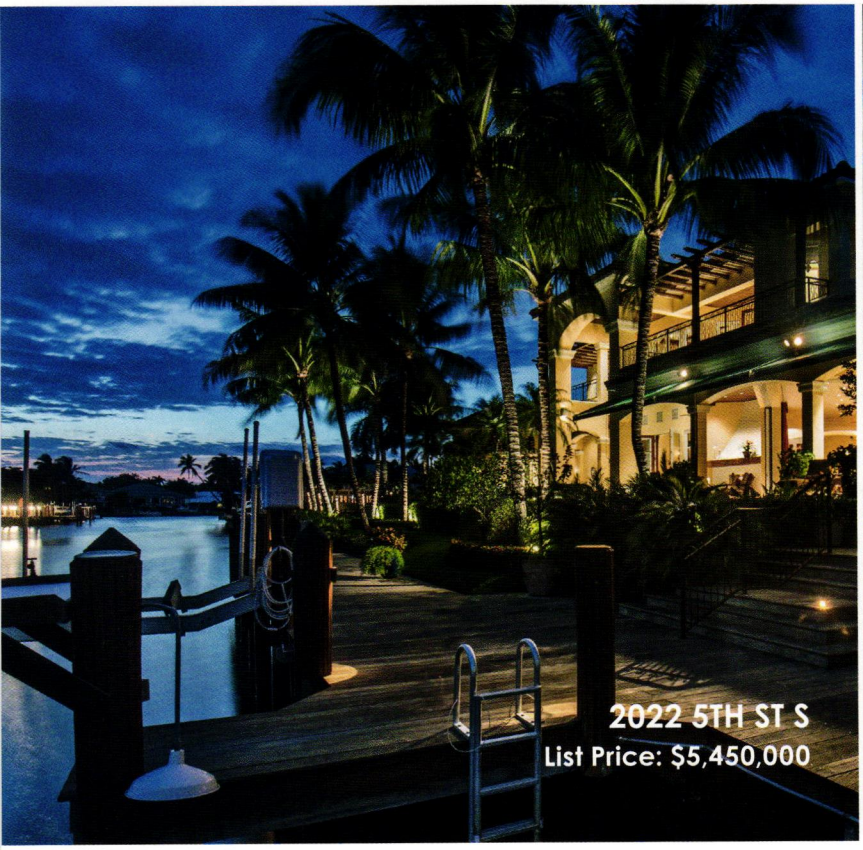

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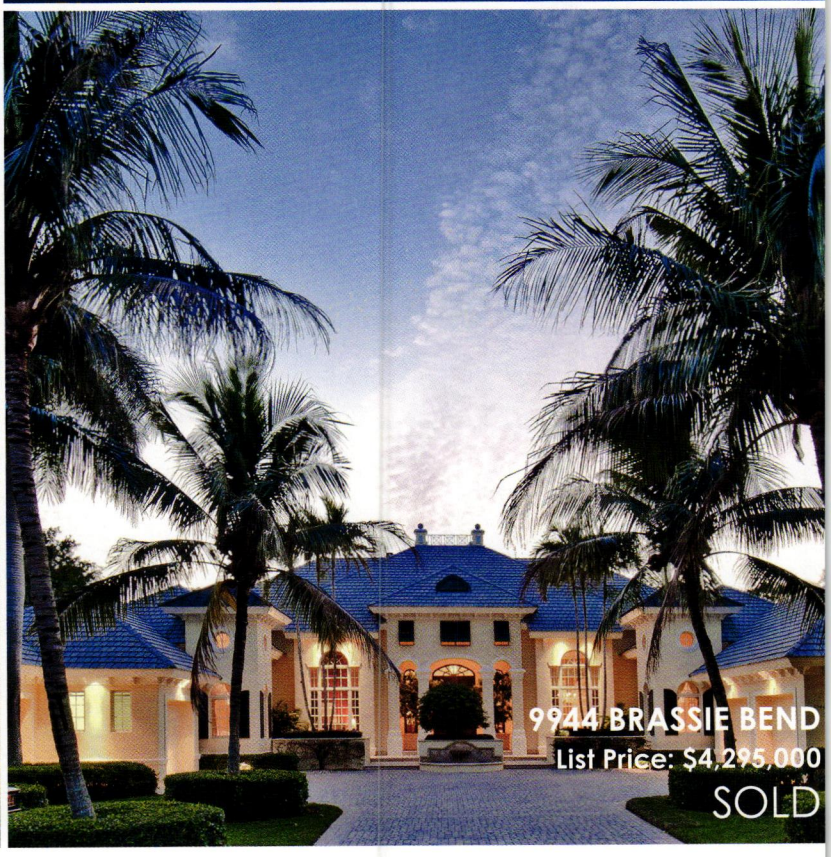

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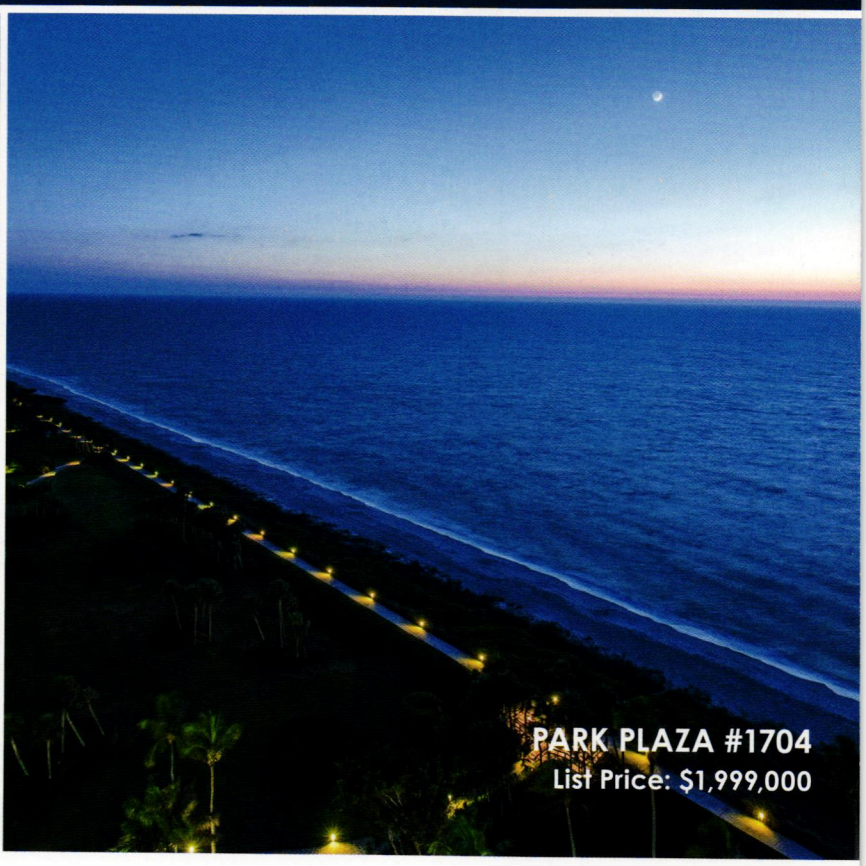

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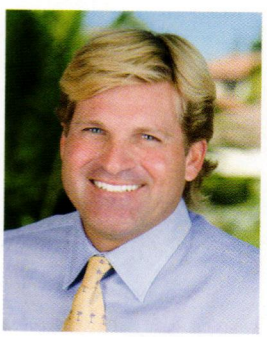

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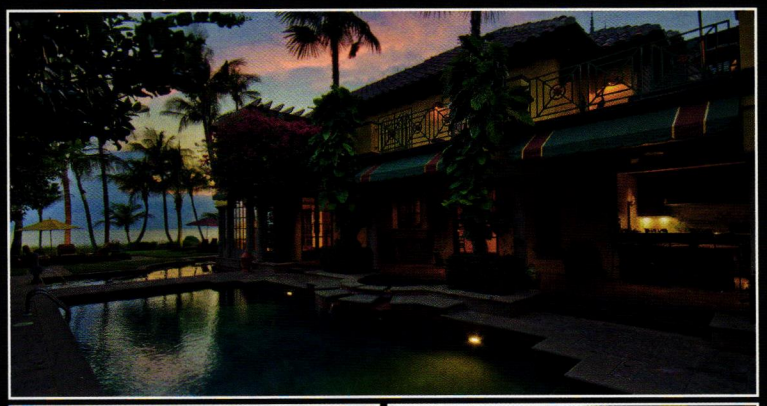

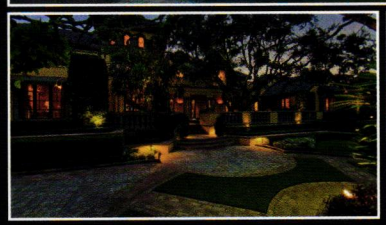

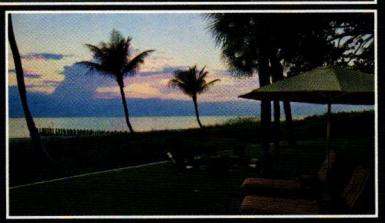

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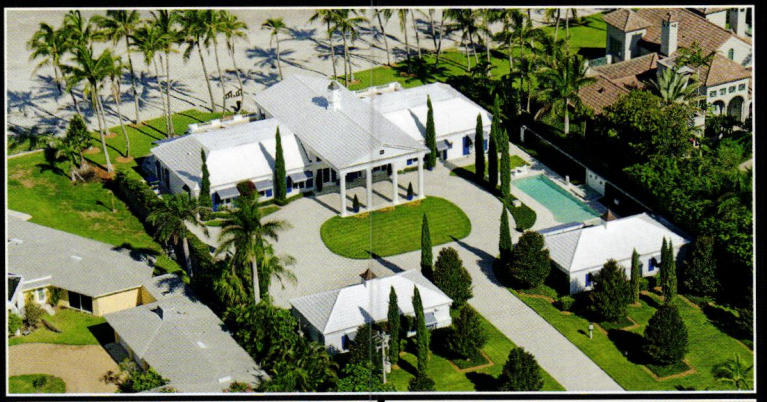

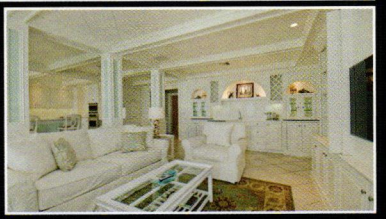

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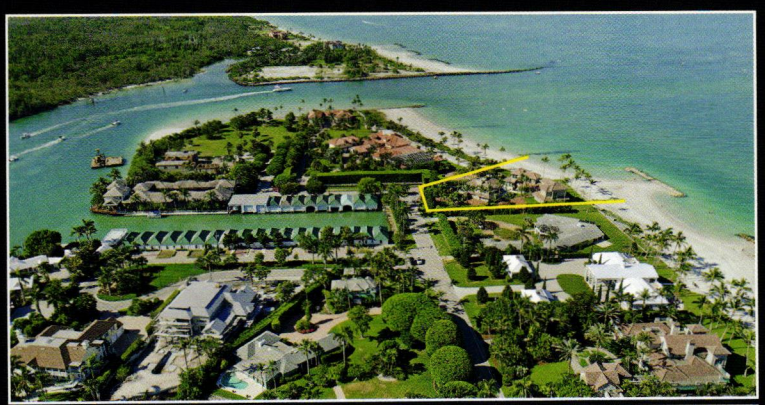

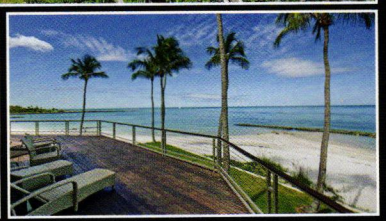

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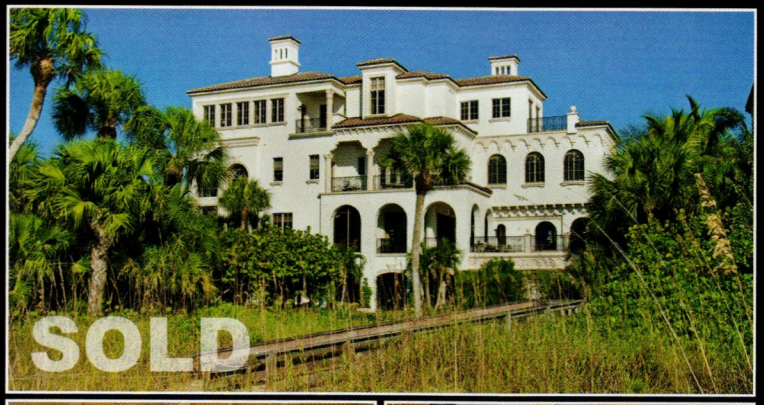

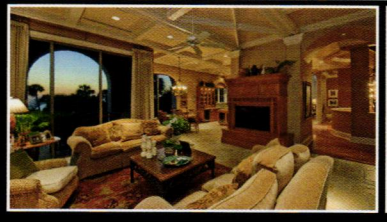

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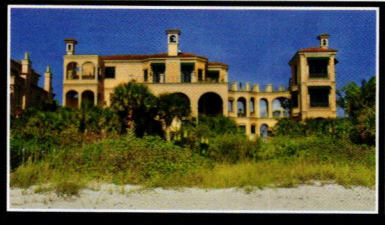

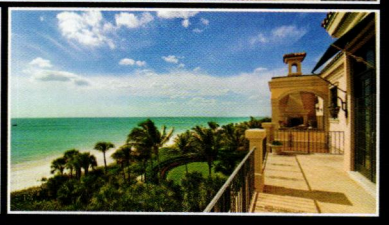

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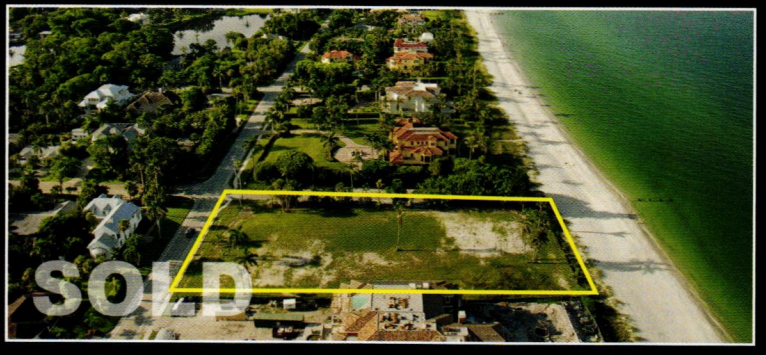

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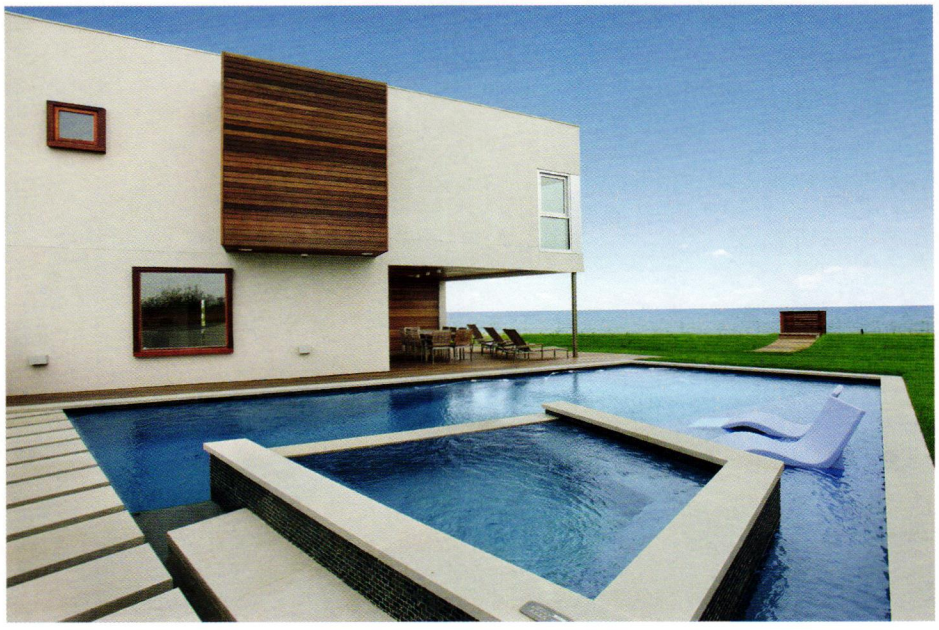

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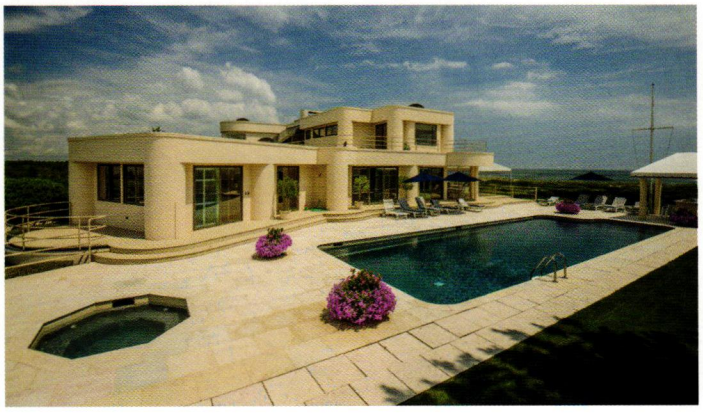

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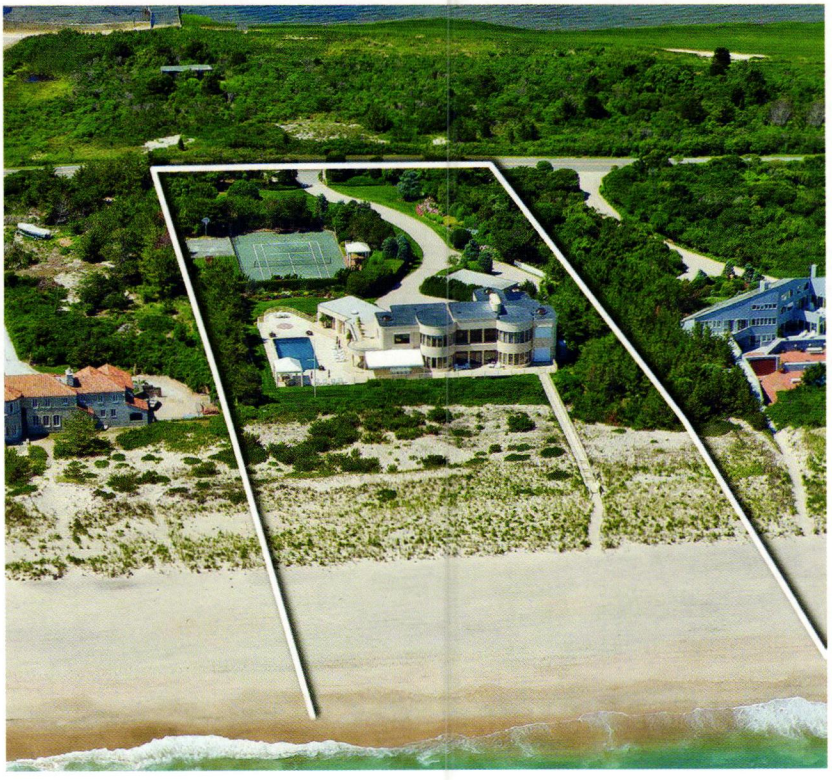

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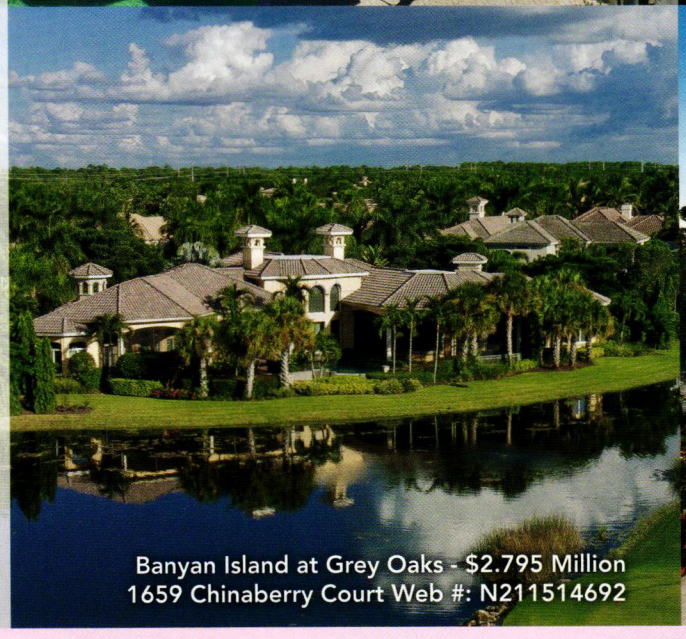

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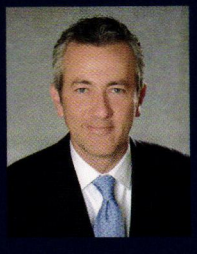

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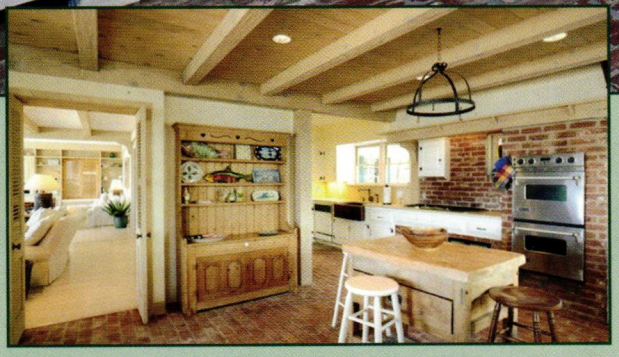

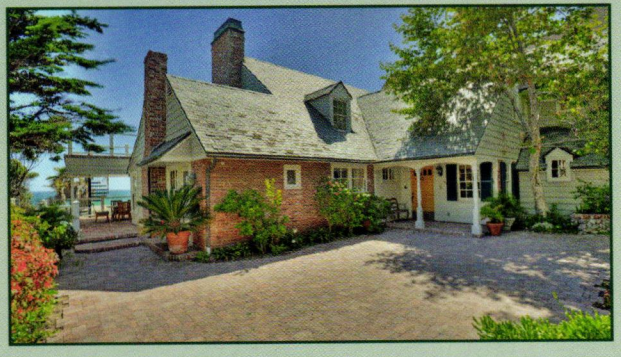

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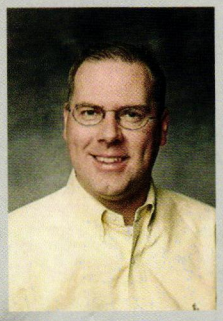

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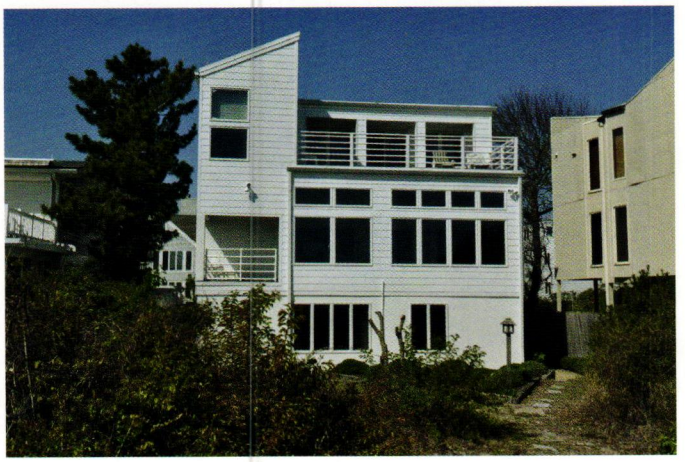

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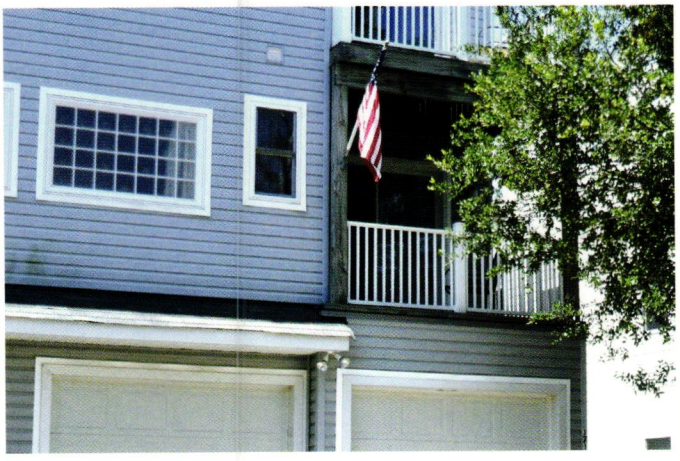

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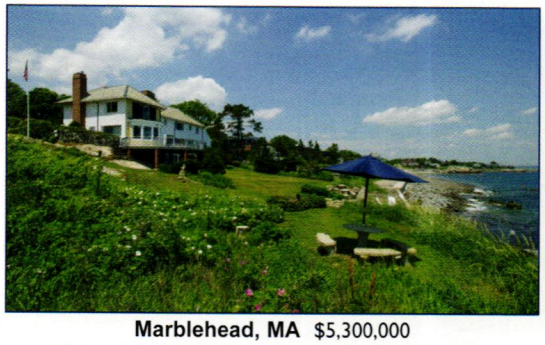

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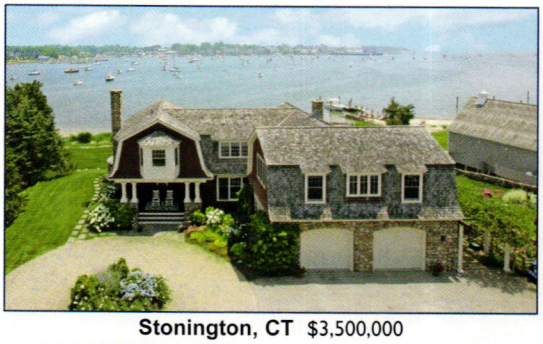

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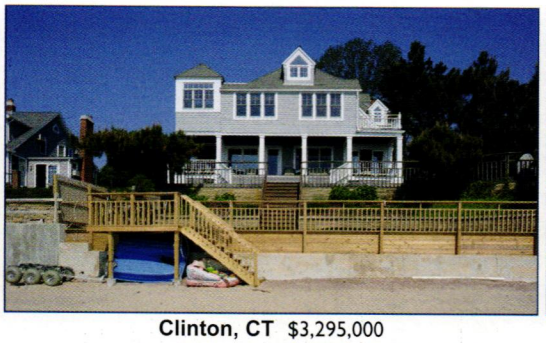

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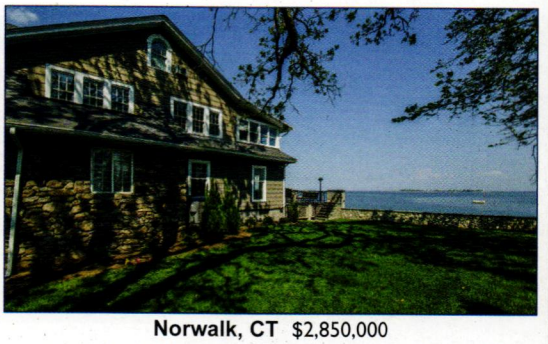

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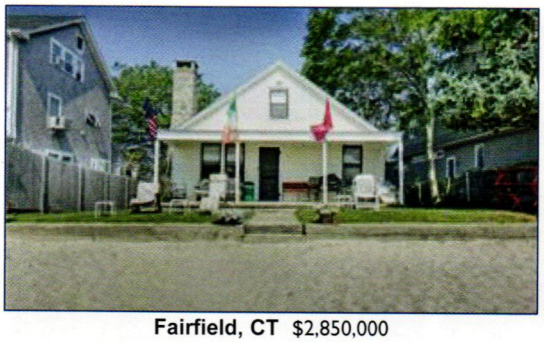

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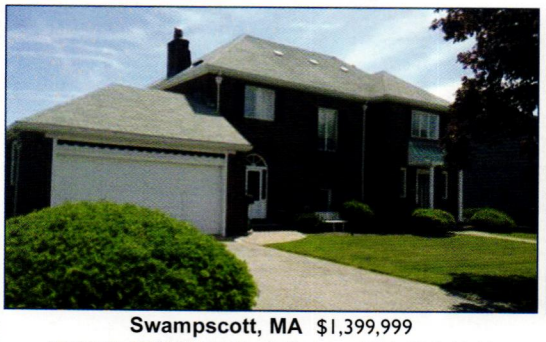

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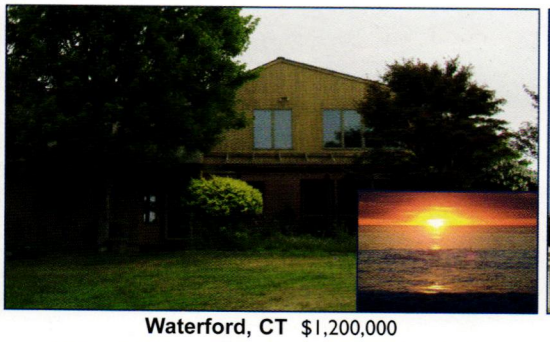

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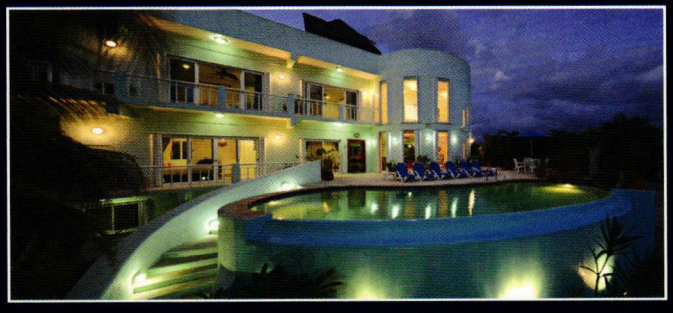

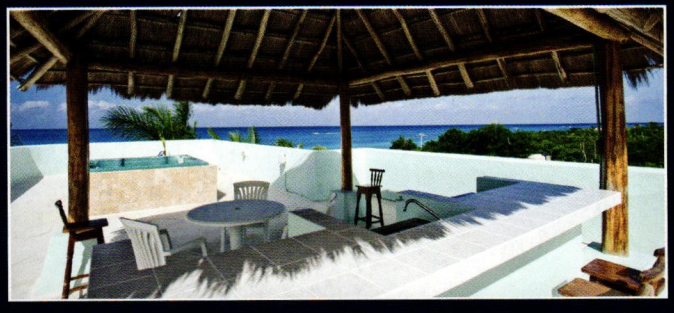

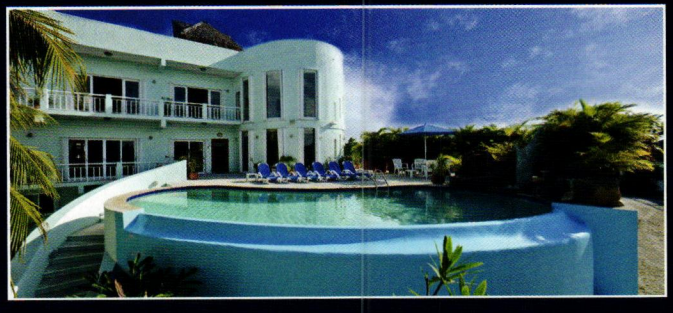

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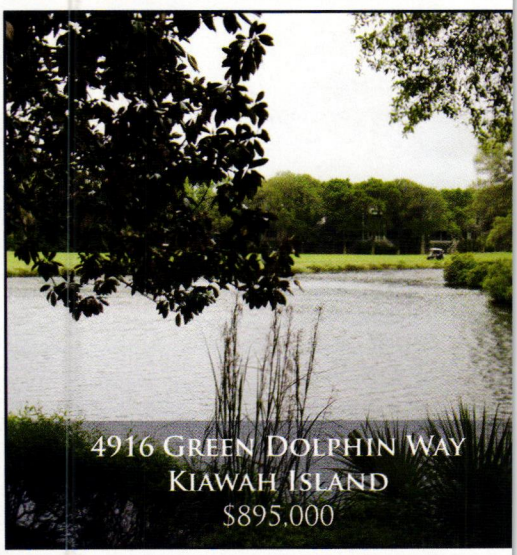

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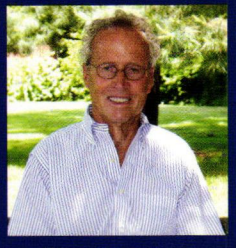
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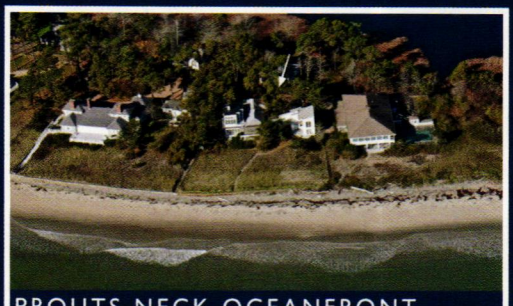

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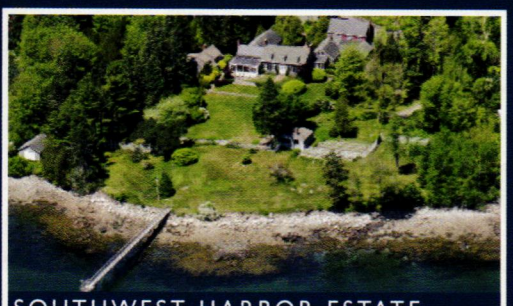

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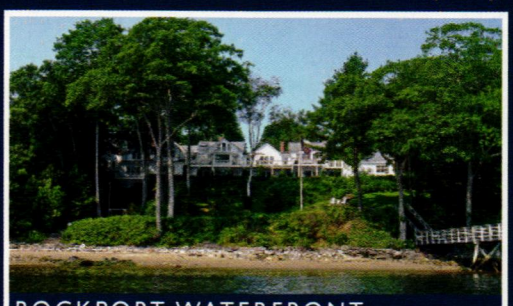

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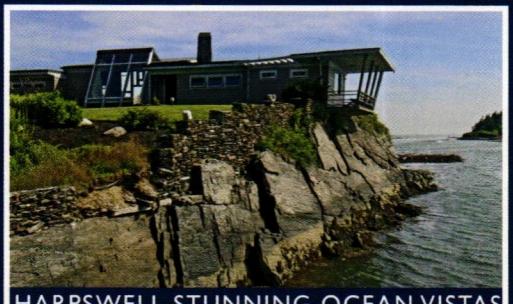

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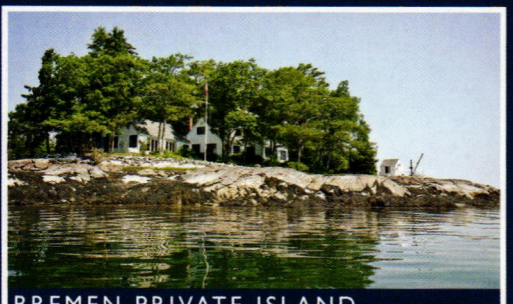

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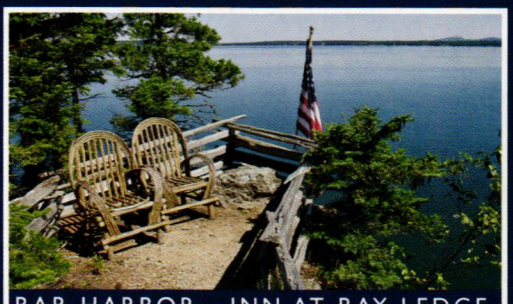

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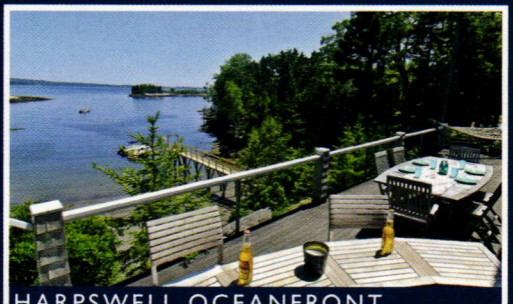
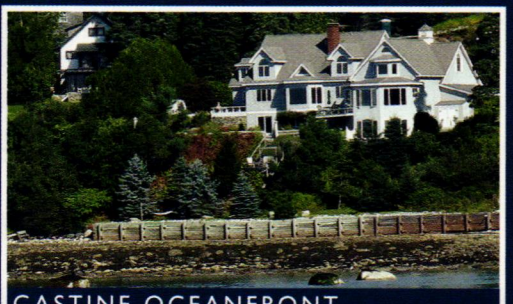
Carroll G. Fernald 207.266.1540 | ***$2,500,000***



HARPSWELL OCEANFRONT

"Seaglass Cottage" is a stylish and comfortable waterfront retreat with commanding views of Casco Bay. Luxurious main house, private beach, charming guest house, expansive outdoor living areas and four fireplaces. Dock and Mooring in place. LegacySIR.com/klatour

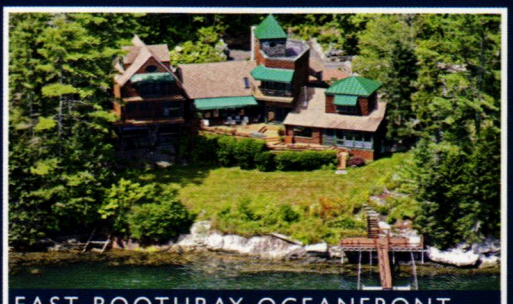
Kim Latour & Jonathan Leahy 207.687.9663 | ***$2,300,000***



CASTINE OCEANFRONT

Enjoy sea breezes and panoramic water views from "Fiore Di Mare," an exquisite, 5BR, 4.5B residence, located on charming Perkins St. artistic design, and quality craftsmanship, beautiful gardens, 2 decks, 3 FP, gourmet kitchen and private guest apt. LegacySIR.com/jmoore

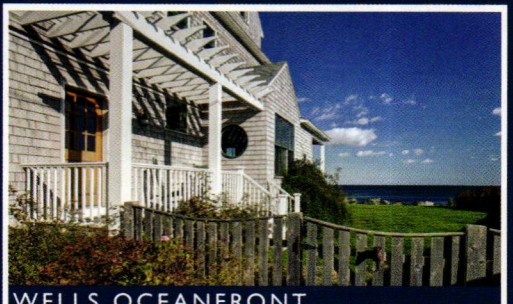
Janet S. Moore 207.266.0441 | ***$1,975,000***



EAST BOOTHBAY OCEANFRONT

Custom built by local boat builder - exceptional craftsmanship and attention to detail. Expansive decks overlooking private deep water dock , mooring & 25ft Lyman power boat. 2-car garage with studio loft. Excellent floor plan allows for privacy and entertaining areas. LegacySIR.com/jmccarthy

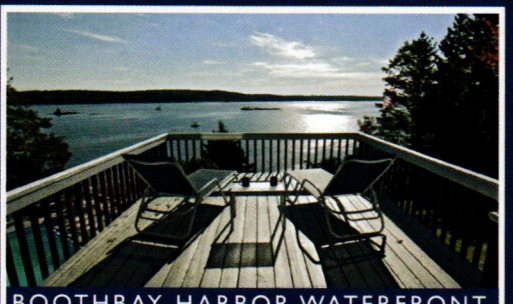
John McCarthy 207.522.3638 | ***$1,499,000***



WELLS OCEANFRONT

Enjoy sparkling surf, sunrises, sunsets & spectacular views in this contemporary shingle style home. All 3 bedrms have private baths; cooks kitchen, quality throughout, great spaces for entertaining: porches, decks, patio & living room with fireplace. LegacySIR.com/rgriffin

Rick Griffin 207.468.8470 | ***$1,495,000***



BOOTHBAY HARBOR WATERFRONT

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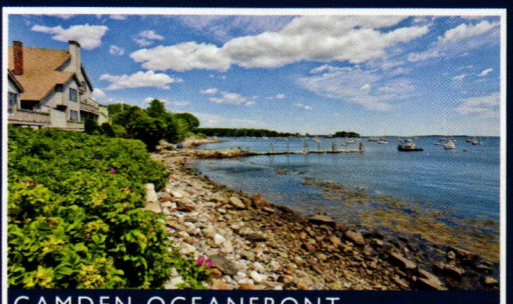

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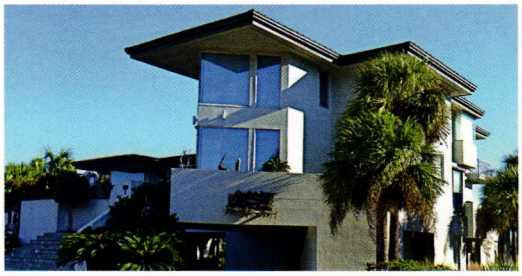

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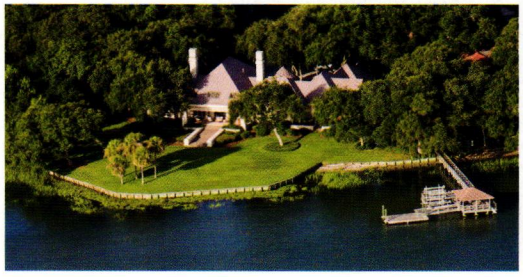

Spectacular home on estate sized lot in Spanish Point overlooking the Beaufort River/ICW - 596 feet of river frontage.
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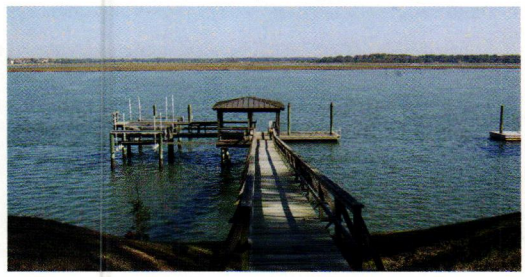

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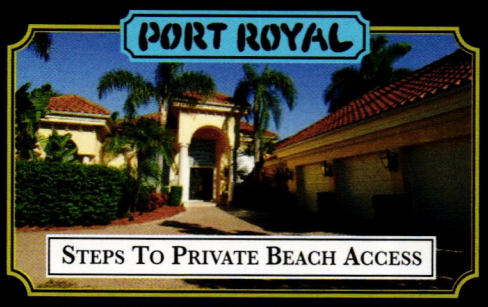

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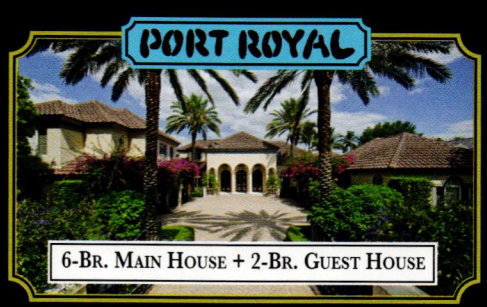

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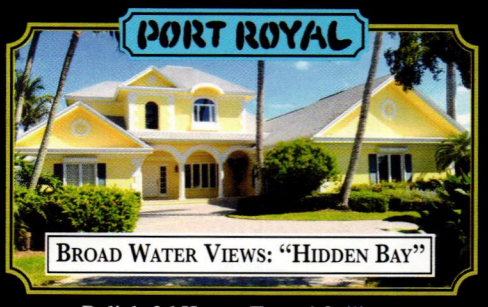

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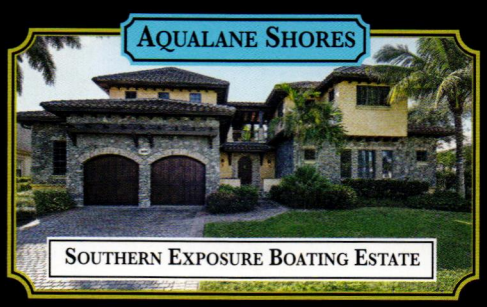

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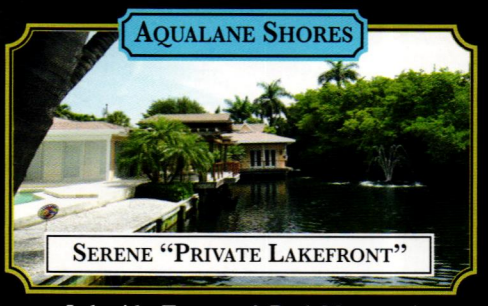

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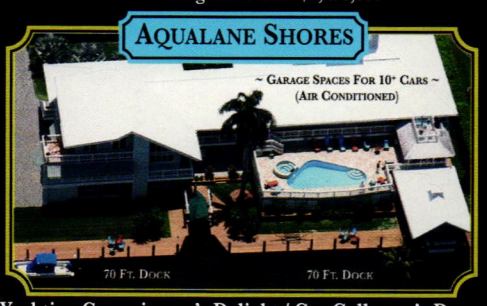

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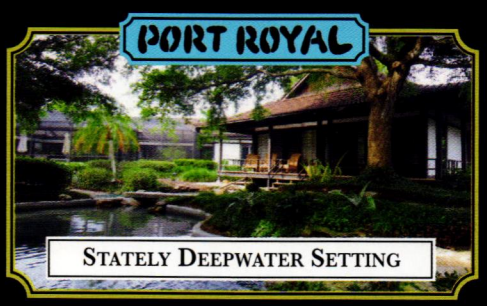

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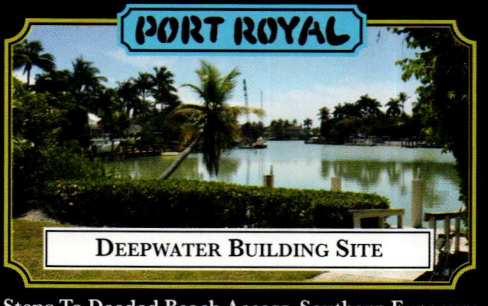

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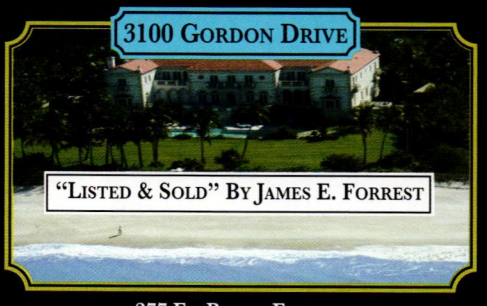

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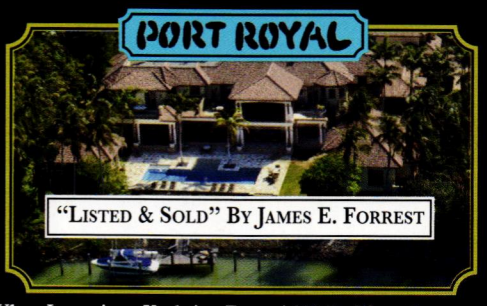

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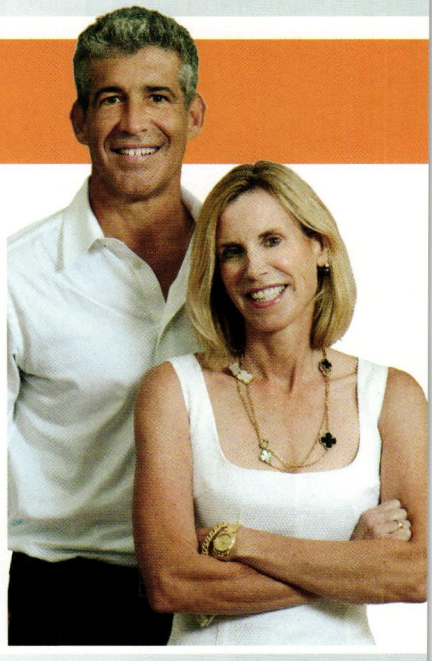

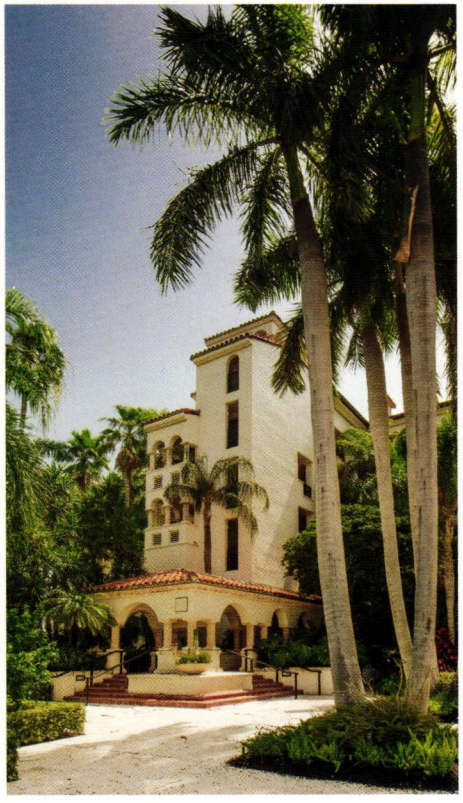

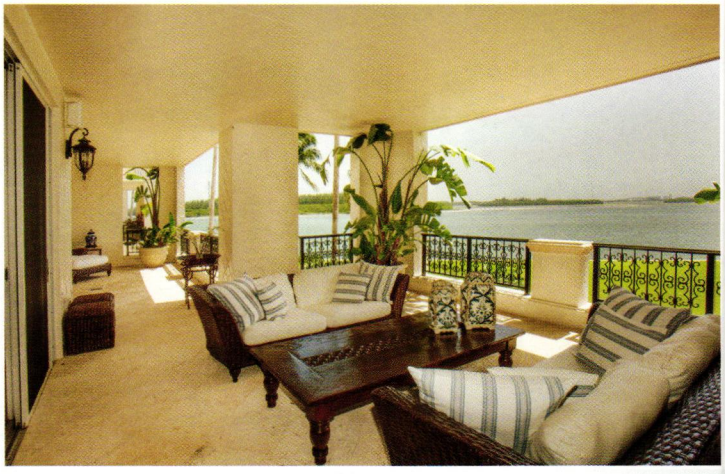

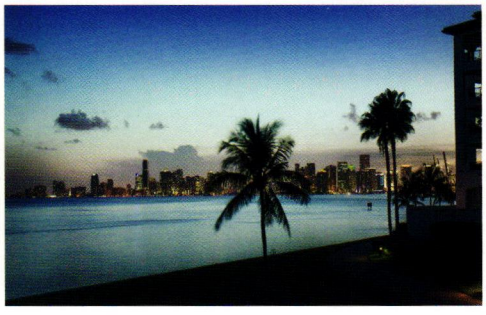

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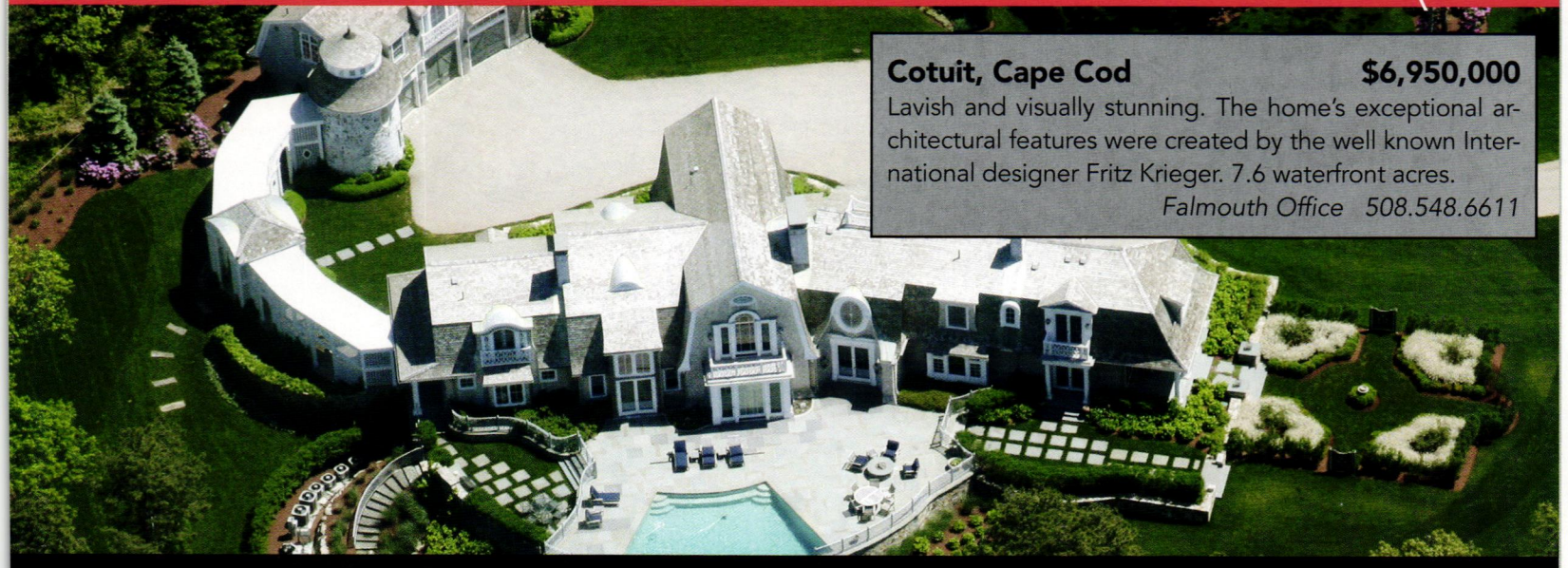

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