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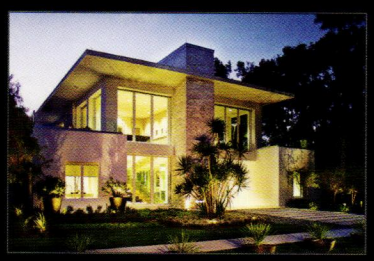

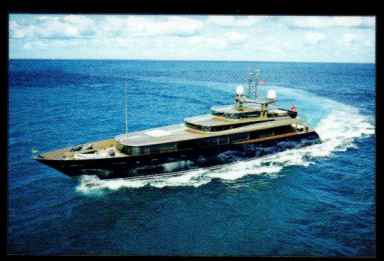



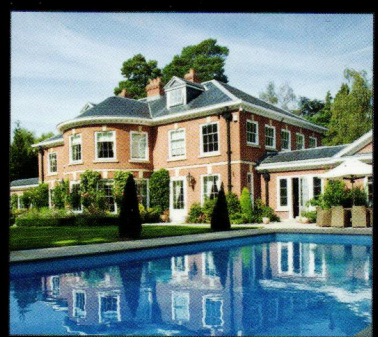

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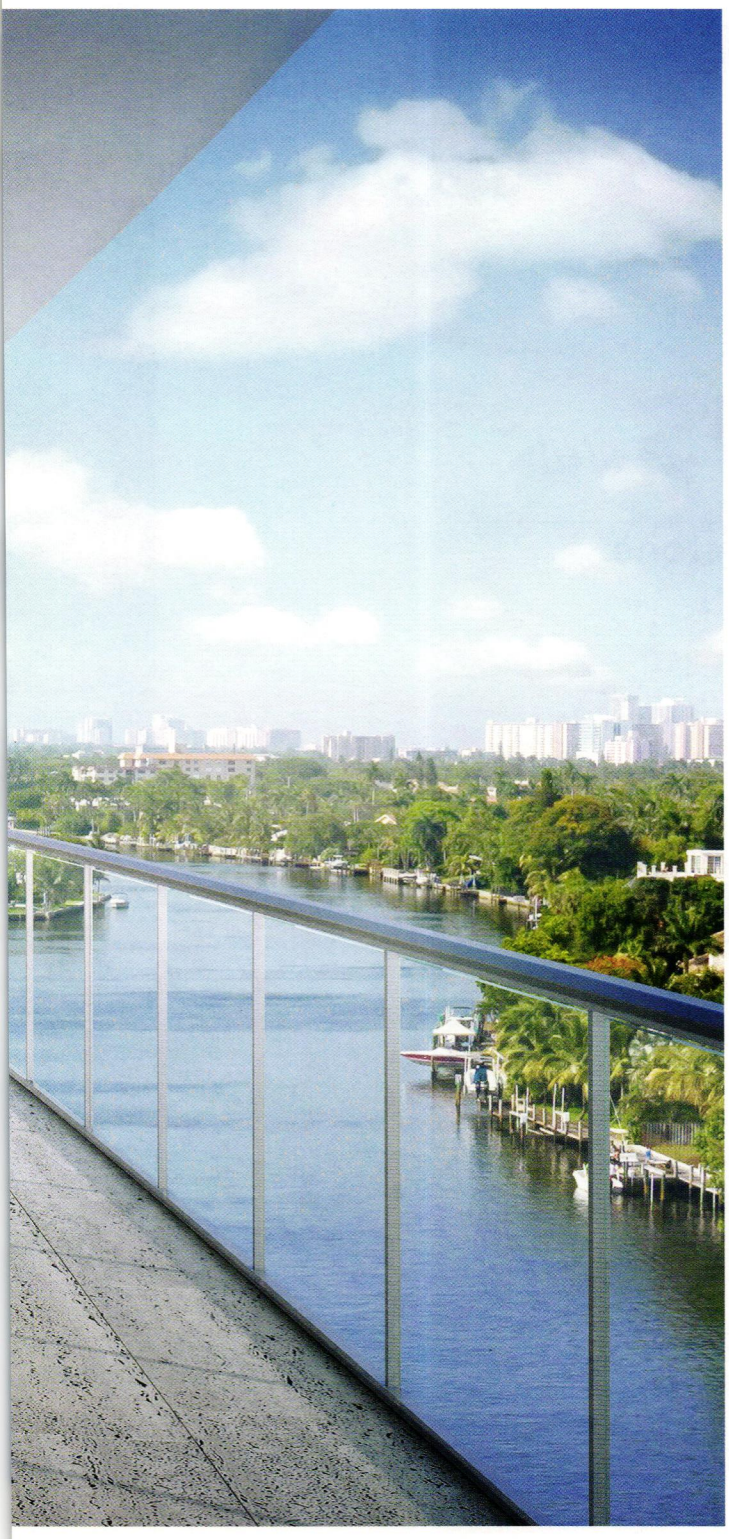

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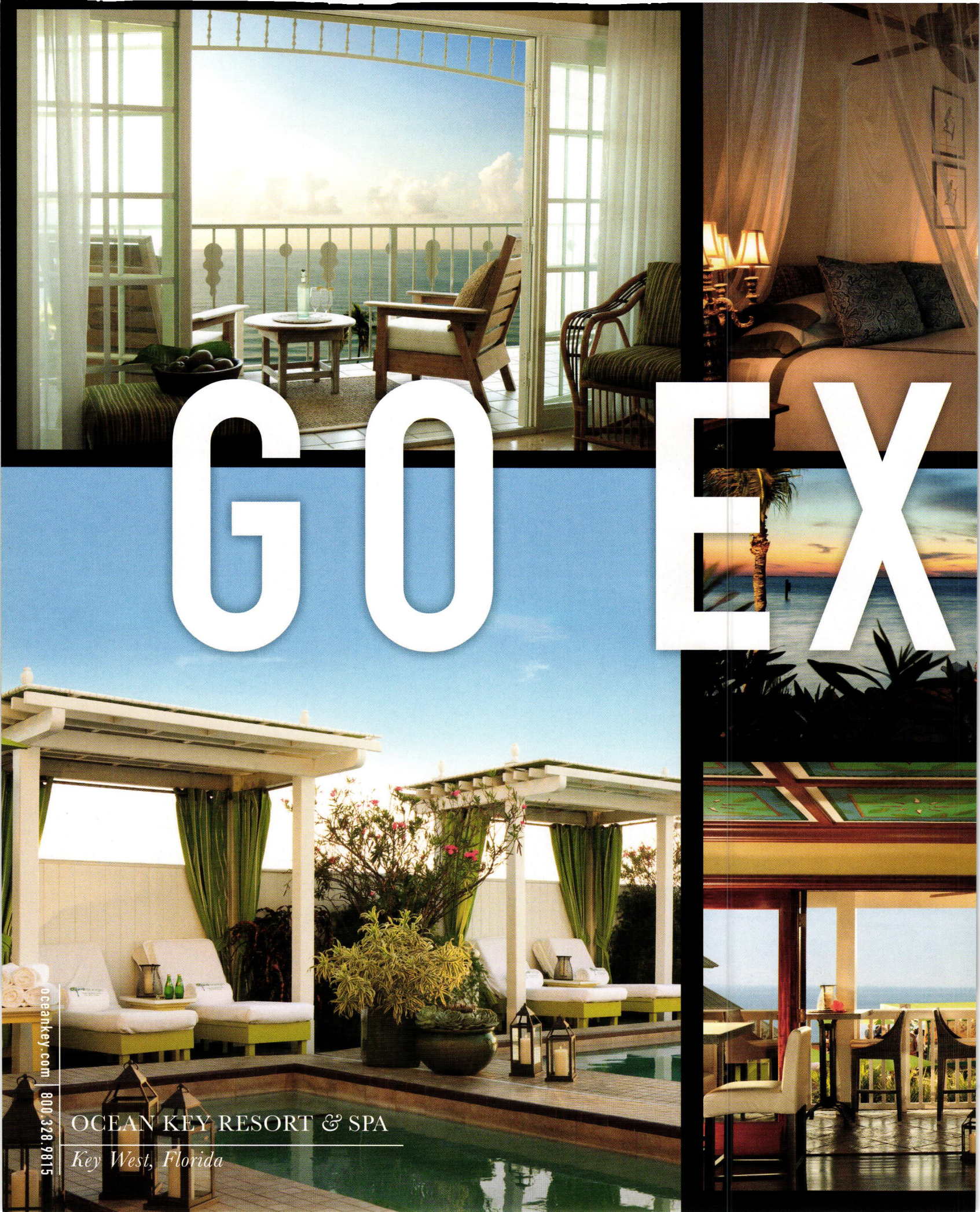
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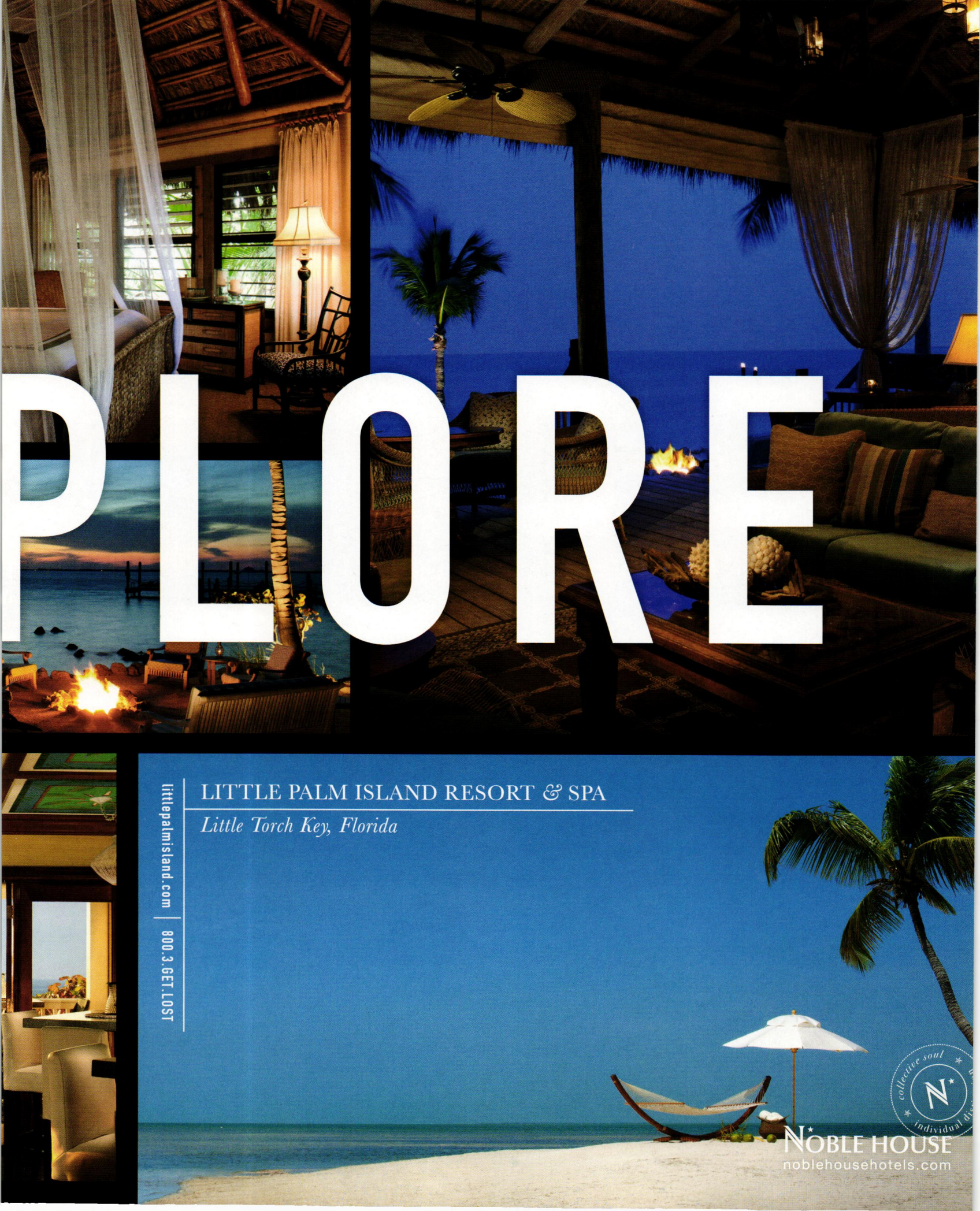
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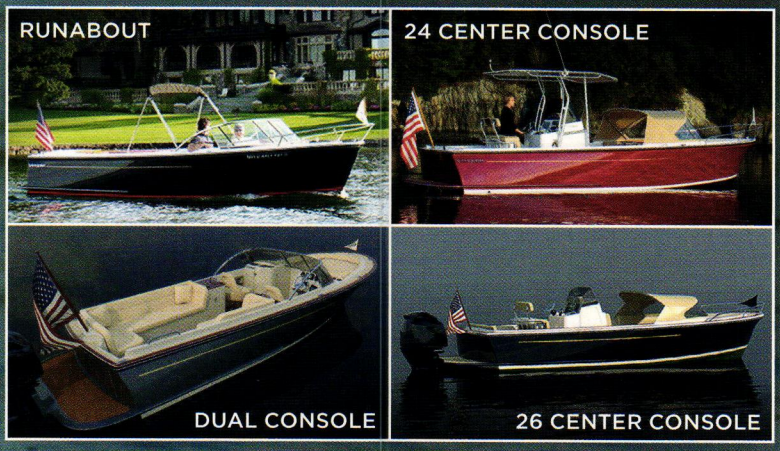

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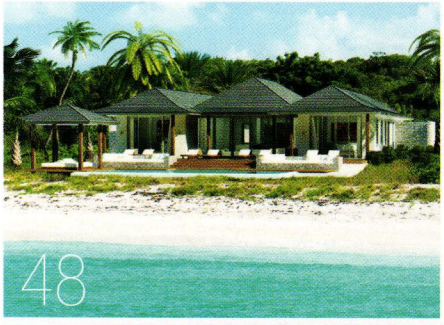



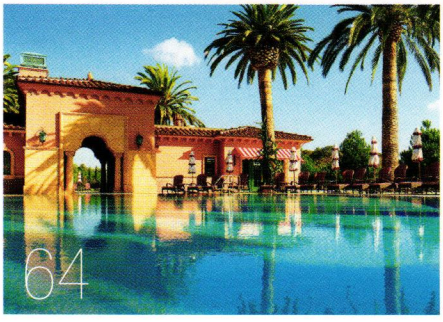





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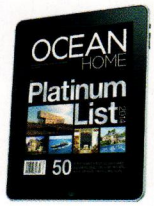

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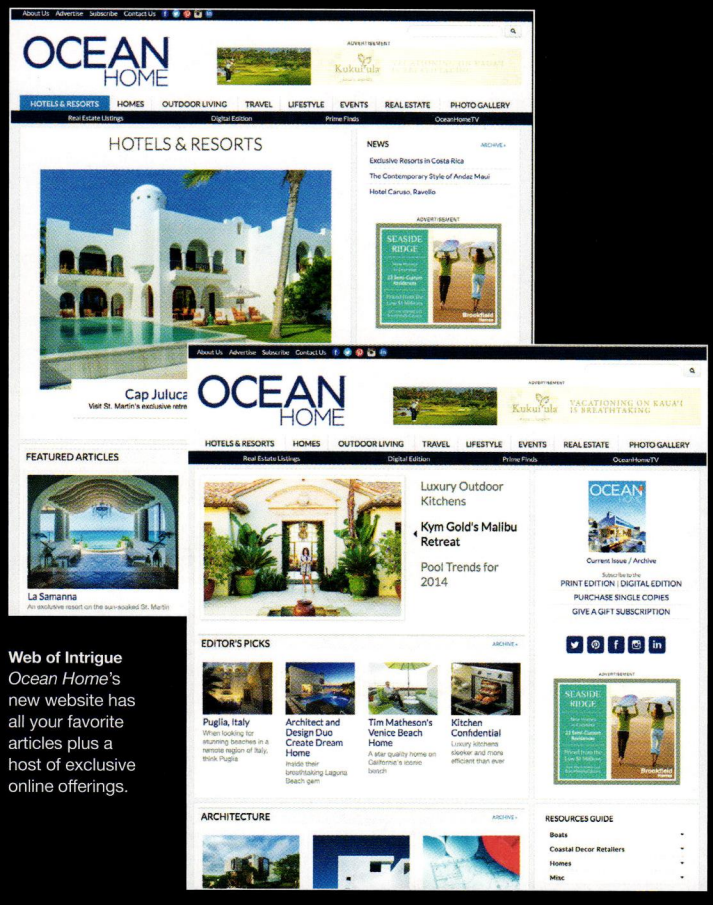

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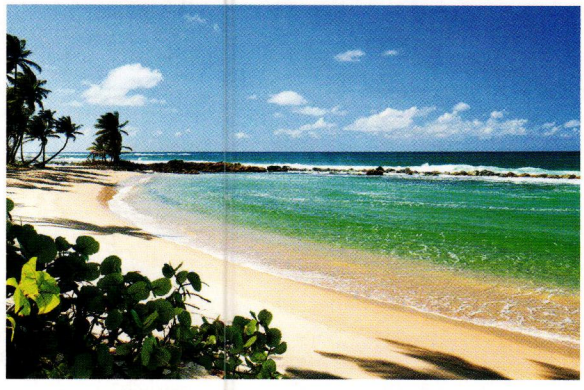

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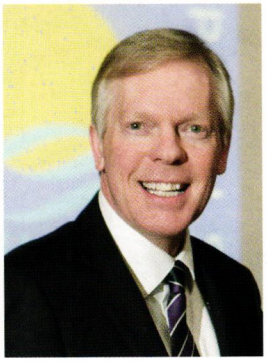

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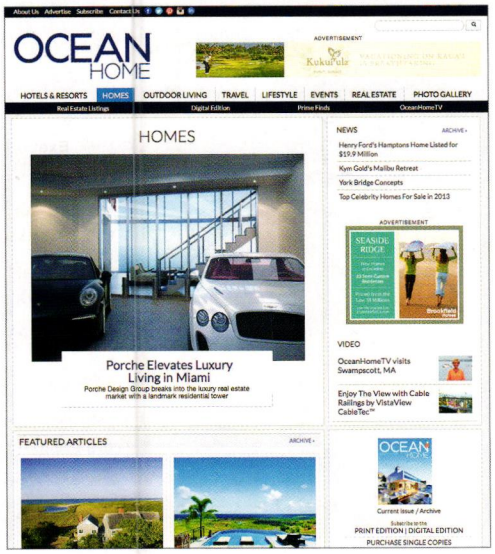
A DEEP POOL OF TALENT

Award ceremonies offer the chance to meet some of the world's most creative design talents, so I was delighted to accept an invitation from the Master Pools Guild to present the *Ocean Home* Grand Award of Excellence at its annual meeting in Fort Worth, Texas recently. The top prize went to UK-based Falcon Pools (Page 54), an industry leader creating some of the finest residential pools in England. Owner Ian Storr was just one of an array of American and international pool experts who won awards and the depth of talent on display was spectacular. If you are planning to build or remodel your pool, the Master Pools Guild is an invaluable resource. ***masterpoolsguild.com***



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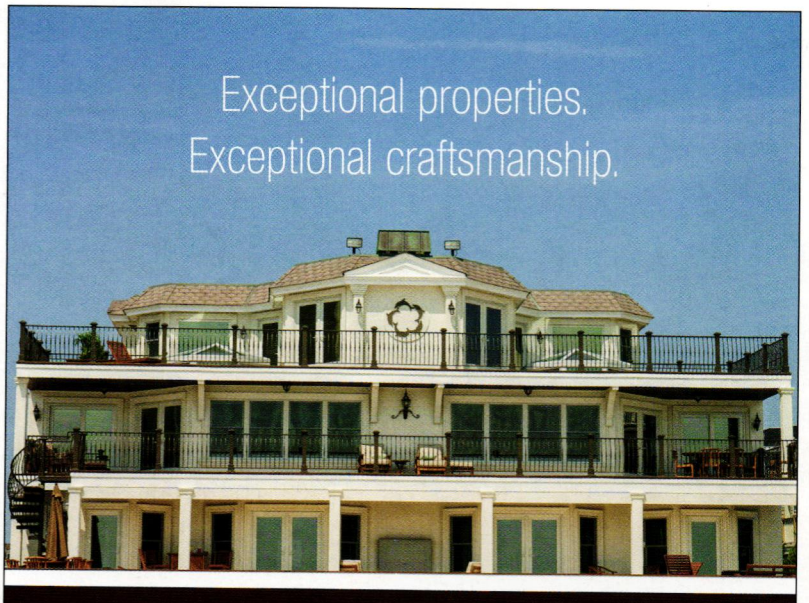

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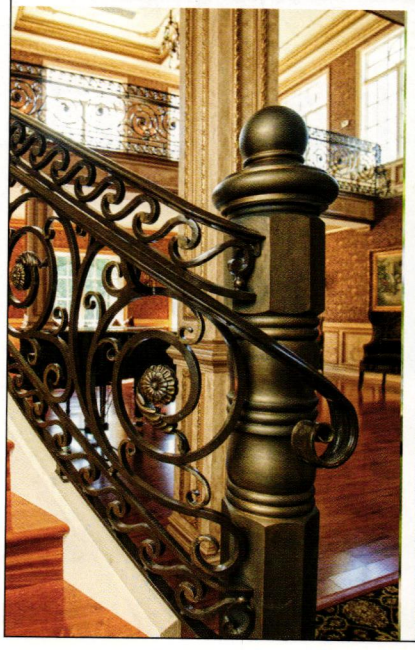



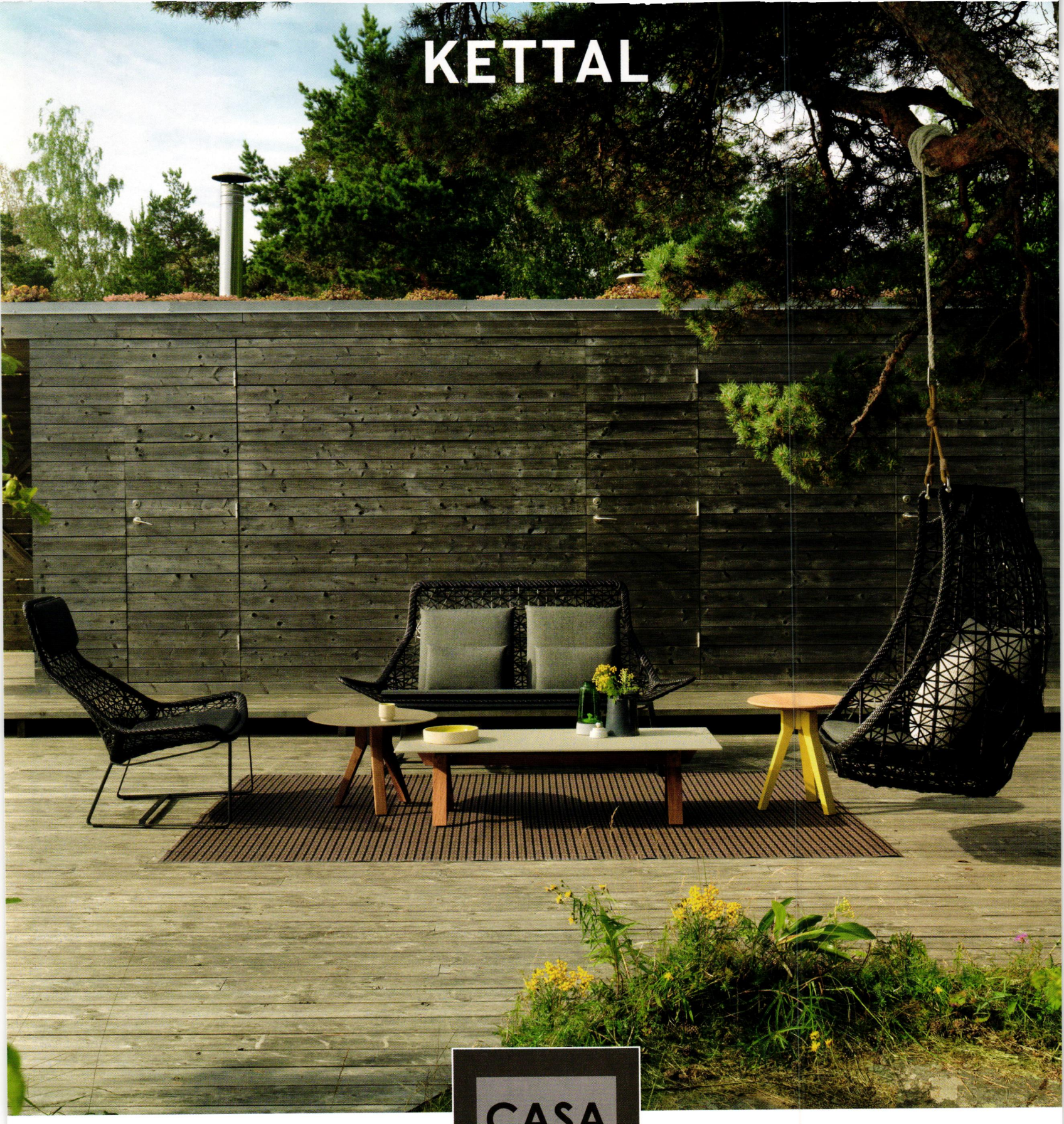

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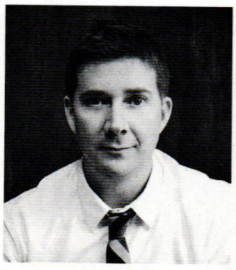
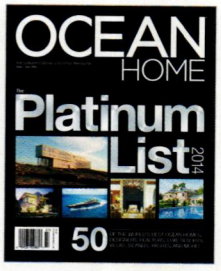
A Designer of Distinction

California-based journalist **Jennie Nunn** has covered interior design and architecture for magazines ranging from "The San Francisco Chronicle" to "Luxe Interiors + Design" and is a former editor at various design and lifestyle magazines. For her first assignment (Page 88) for *Ocean Home*, she interviews Robert Wright, the worthy recipient of this year's Designer of Distinction Award by the American Society of Interior Designers. "I love Robert's chic California style," says Nunn. "He is among the most humble designers I have met and his designs are so inspiring."





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A Keen Eye for Design

Nigel F. Maynard is a Maryland-based writer who has covered architecture and home design for more than 15 years. His articles have appeared in a variety of publications including "Bethesda Magazine" and "North Shore Magazine." For his first *Ocean Home* feature (Page 106), he profiles architect Phil Kean, recently named Custom Builder of the Year by the National Association of Home Builders. "Architects, especially the really good ones, have a reputation for self-aggrandizing," says Maynard. "Kean is cut from a different cloth. His work speaks for him."



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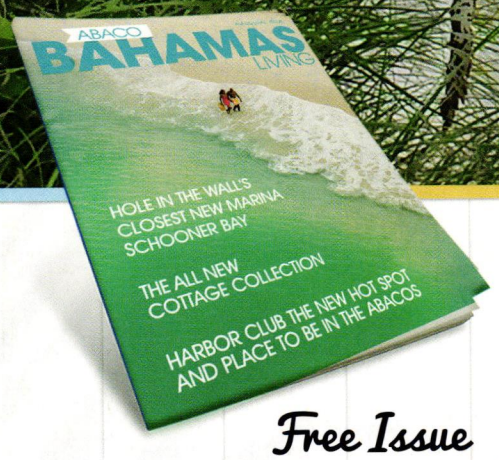

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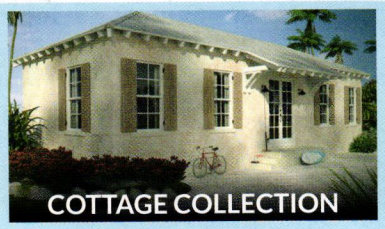

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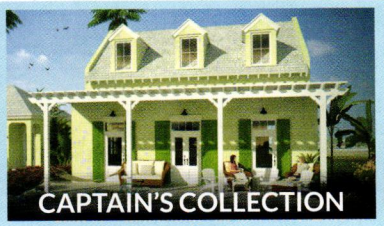

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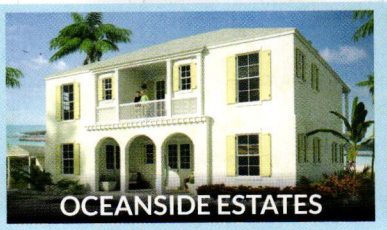

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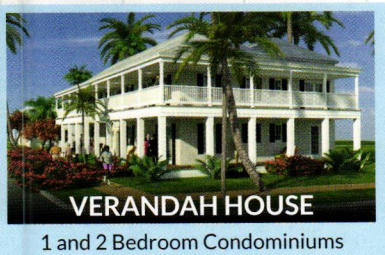

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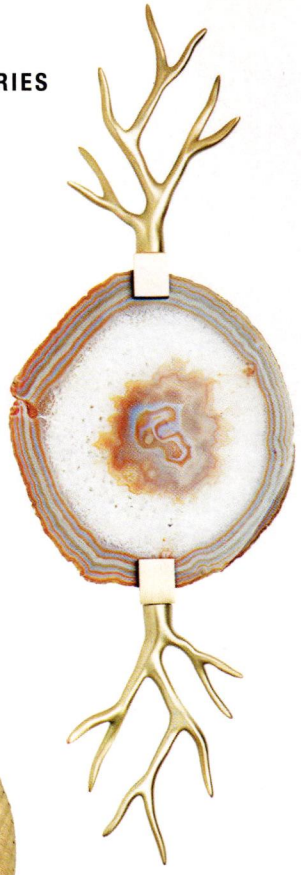

A Star On The Rise

The recipient of a Rising Star prize at the 25th Annual Arts Awards, Emporium Home delivers inspiration with an edge to any home setting. Each piece is designed with an eye for style and detail, and handcrafted by traditional artisans using natural materials. Deb and I recently became huge fans after choosing Emporium Home's Branch Agate Sconce for a client's powder room. It's sculptural, organic and elegant. ***emporiumhome.com***



Take A Seat

Deb and I are drawn to organically shaped sculpture and mid-century woven furniture, so when we discovered the Fibonacci Collection we did a double take. Designed on geometric forms found in nature, the eight-piece collection by Michael Gabellini and Kimberly Sheppard is exclusive to Janus et Cie. The Anda Lounge received an Interior Design Best of 2013 Award but to our eyes, each piece of the collection is a standout. ***janusetcie.com***



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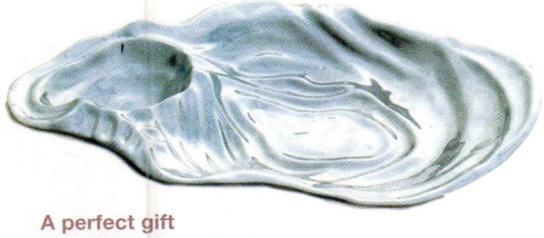

A perfect gift

Deb and I love strolling on the beach looking for special seashells that wash ashore. When we came across the Oyster Dip Bowl from the Beatriz Ball Collection (in a store not the beach), we had the very same feeling of wanting to take it home with us. So we did. Ball's beautiful collections of fine metal ware, made by hand in Mexico, make the perfect gift. ***beatrizball.com***

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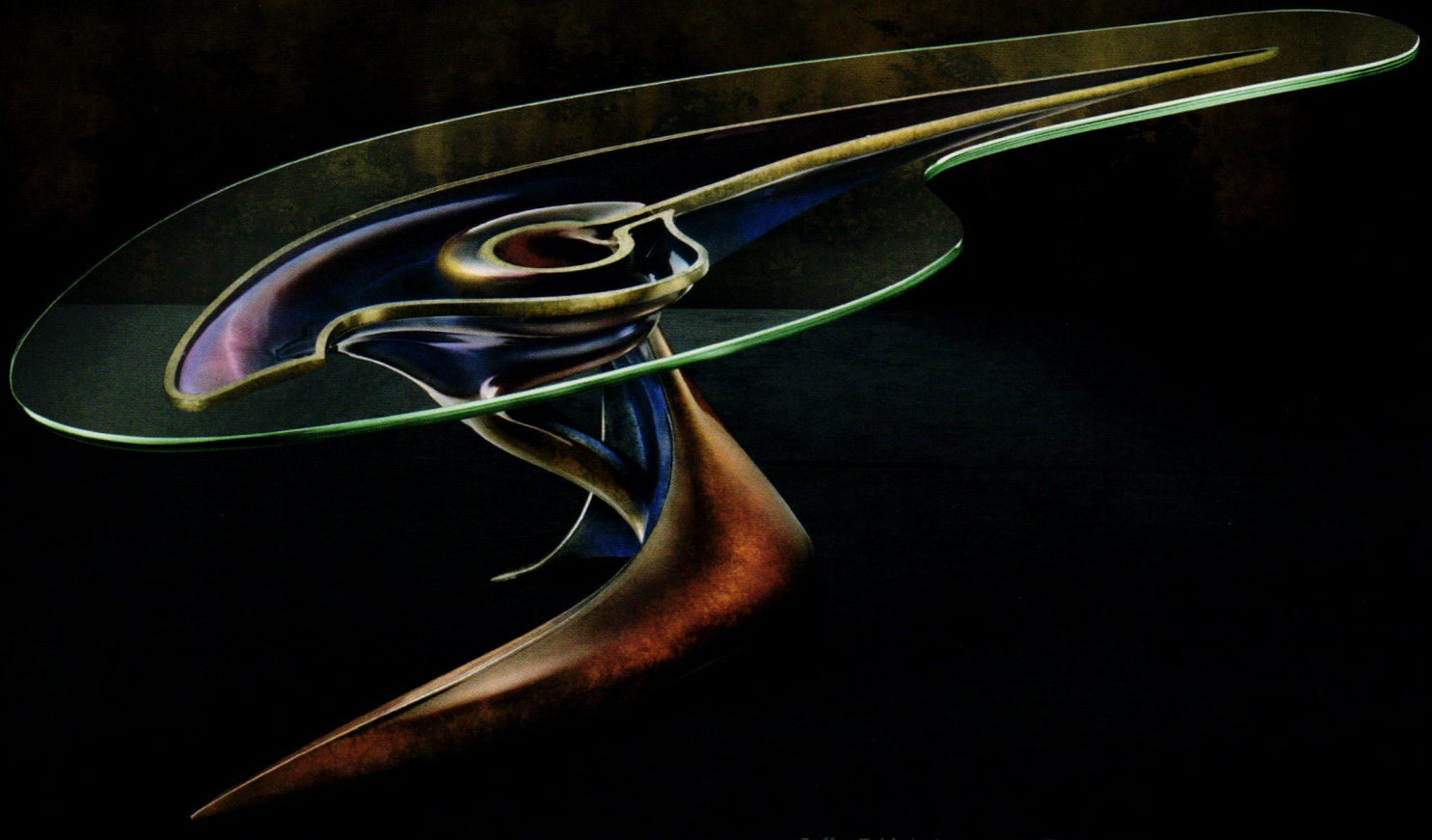

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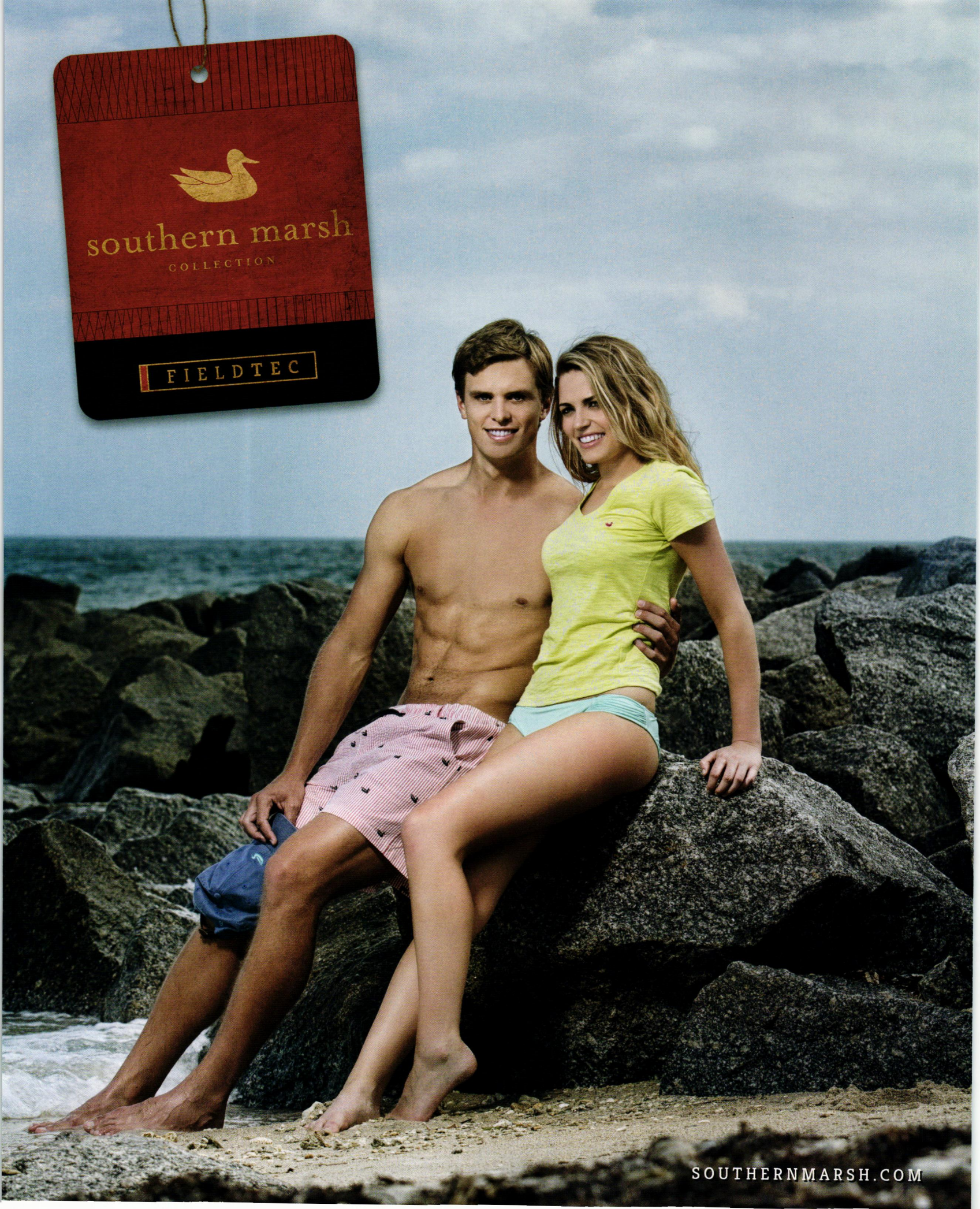
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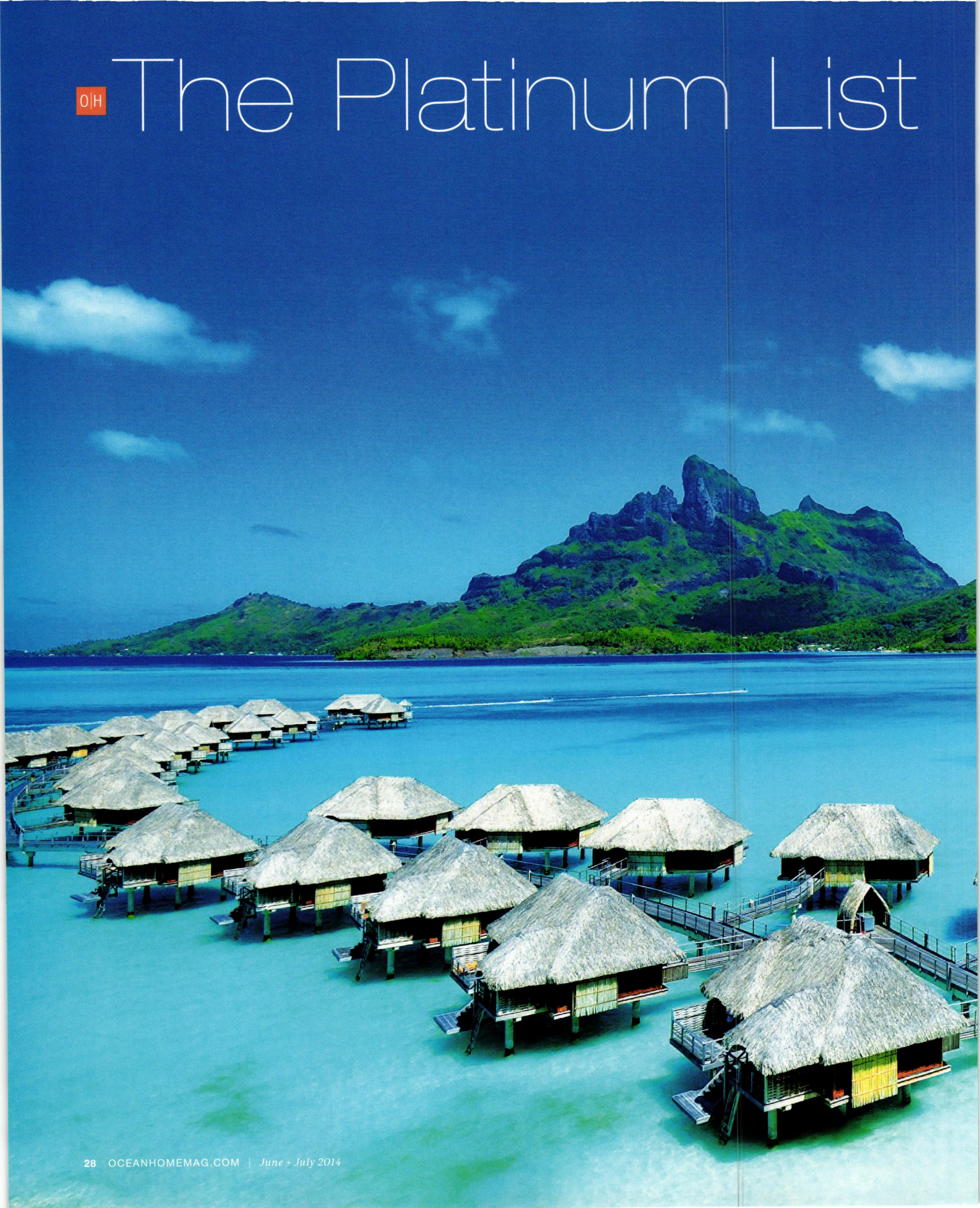



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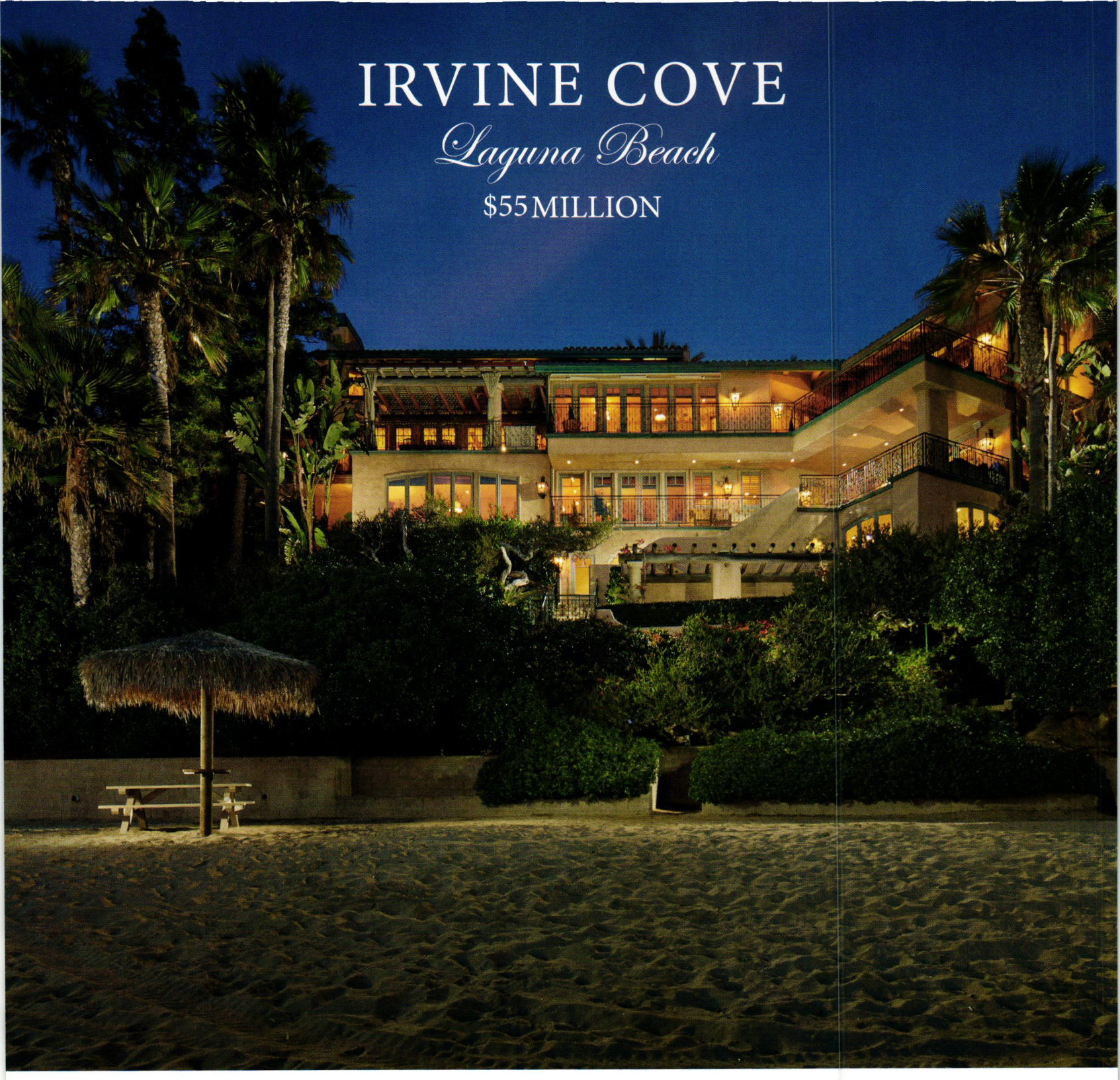

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CRUISE CONTROL

A STYLISH AND CONTEMPORARY MOTOR YACHT WINS A MAJOR INTERNATIONAL DESIGN AWARD

words by **Andrea Collins**

Neptune would be proud. Every year at the World Superyacht Awards, a total of 17 elegant trophies – custom made by Baccarat and bearing the name of the fabled Roman God of the Sea – are handed out to the finest ocean-going vessels on the planet.

For the winners, this is the Academy Awards of the superyacht world, recognizing and honoring their work as the pinnacle of excellence in a highly demanding and competitive design industry.

And one of last year's major winners was no exception. At a glittering awards gala at the Çiragan Palace Kempinski in Istanbul, Turkey, the sleek and stylish 47 meter motor yacht Loretta Anne sailed off with the prize of the Motor Yacht of the Year Award.

For the designers, builders and owners of Loretta Anne, the award is a richly deserved accolade for one of the world's most beautiful and contemporary ocean-going motor yachts.

Water baby Loretta Anne cuts a swathe on the ocean.

The creation of Dubois, a leading British naval architecture, yacht design, brokerage, charter and management company based on the south coast of England in the port of Lymington, Hampshire, Loretta Anne is the third Dubois-designed motor yacht to bear that name.

Launched in March 2012, the vessel was constructed at Alloy Yachts in New Zealand, the 22nd Dubois design and fifth motor yacht of the successful Dubois-Alloy Yacht alliance.

The vessel is a new concept, albeit with some similar characteristics to her older sisters, Loretta Anne IV and SQN.

"As her designers, our aim was to combine excellent sea-keeping with an efficient hull and pleasing, timeless looks," says owner and head architect Ed Dubois of Loretta Anne's polished aesthetics.

Interesting features include her vertical bridge screen, which is both practical and contemporary, and unusual for a two and a half deck yacht, the galley is on the main deck.

"At 47 meters (154 feet), most yachts would have three full decks," adds Dubois. "However, the pleasing streamlined appearance of the two and half deck model was preferred.

"The extensive flybridge, which is much larger than on a tri-deck yacht of this length, can be made weather-proof by lifting or lowering windows all the way round."

Although the intention is for Loretta Anne to remain

as a private yacht, she has been built in compliance to the Large Commercial Yacht Code (LY2) and is classed by Lloyd's Register.

Powered by Caterpillar engines, she cruises at 14 knots, with a maximum speed of 17 knots, and a range of 3,500 nautical miles at cruising speed while four-fin, zero-speed stabilization keeps the vessel sailing smoothly.

Like her predecessor, which has a draft of 2.06 meters (6.75 feet) to the underside of her keel, a requirement of the new yacht was to have a shallow draft to allow access to the Bahamas and Belize, which will be her main cruising grounds.

This has been realized with a draft of 2.2 meters (7.2 feet), which will allow the yacht access to many of the world's shallower anchorages, and gives much greater destination flexibility.

As with her sister motor yachts, the new Loretta Anne has a sleek and stylish interior by the acclaimed British designer Donald Starkey, who has been creating some of the world's finest yachts since 1989 and has won to date no less than 26 design awards for his work.

The motor yacht features five deluxe cabins, sleeping eight guests plus the owner and offering the last word in luxury and comfort. The owner's suite comprises a full beam master stateroom while one of four VIP guest suites is fitted out as a gym.









"Loretta Anne is the 11th motor yacht of over 30 meters that we have designed," adds Ed Dubois. "While we're known primarily as premium sailboat designers, we nevertheless delight in the challenge of marrying seaworthiness with practicality and good looks in our motor yacht designs – the same priorities that we always apply to their wind-driven sisters."

THE DETAILS
For more information, visit ***duboisyachtscom***. For the World Superyacht Awards 2014, go to ***worldsuperyachtawards.com***

[Editor's Note: The 2014 World Superyacht Awards took place in Amsterdam, The Netherlands, on May 3, just after this issue of Ocean Home went to press. See all of this year's winners at our new website oceanhomemag.com] OH

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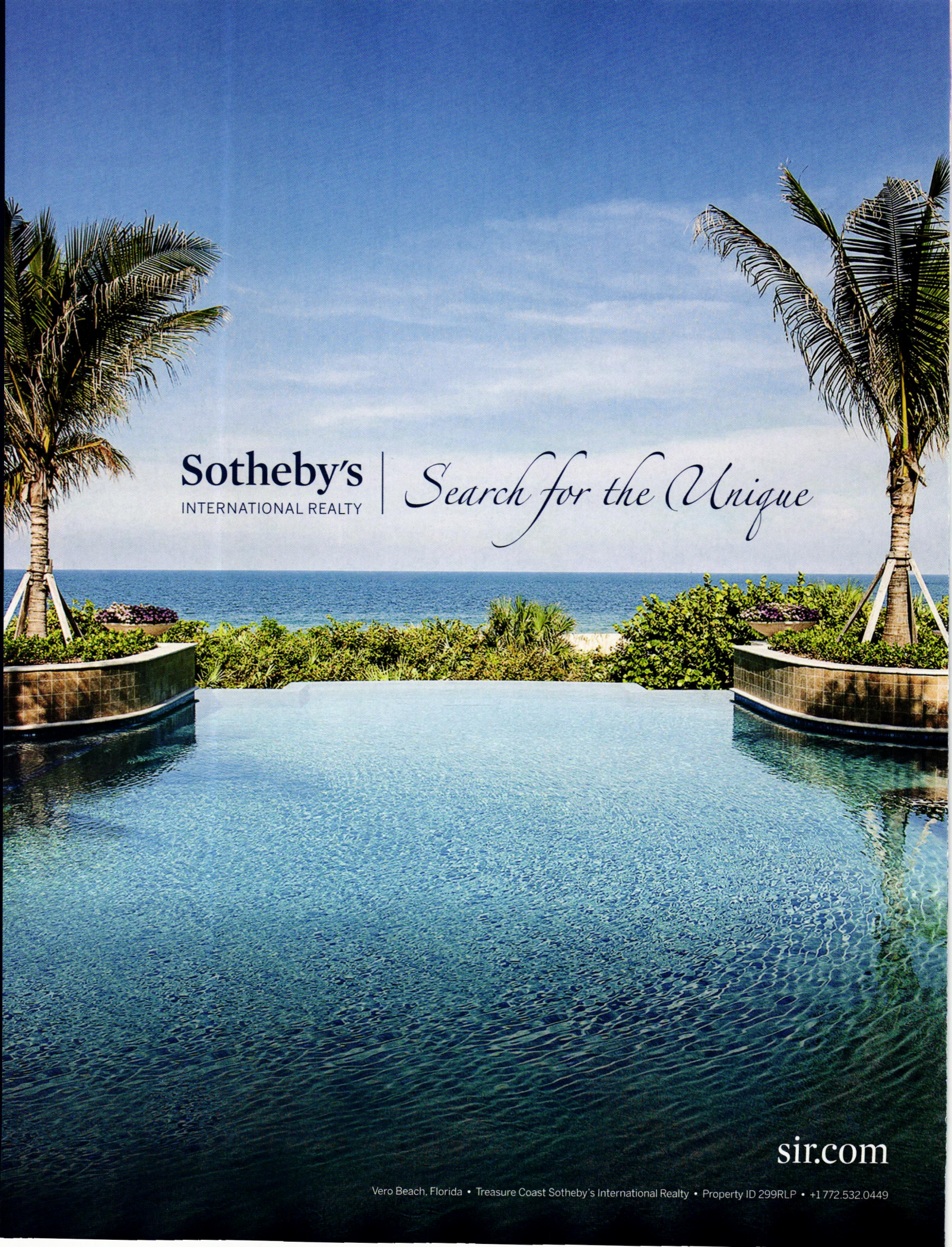
Loretta Anne's interiors are by the top British yacht designer Donald Starkey.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A MOVING STORY

AN INNOVATIVE LANDSCAPE DESIGN FIRM SAVES A COTTAGE FROM THE ENCROACHING ATLANTIC

words by **J. Michael Welton**

The ocean is a hard taskmaster, says landscape architect Chris LaGuardia. And he's got ample proof in the form of a Sagaponack, N.Y. project he's been working closely on for the past 12 years – a sculptural oceanfront cottage designed originally by the rustic modernist architect Norman Jaffe in the 1970s.

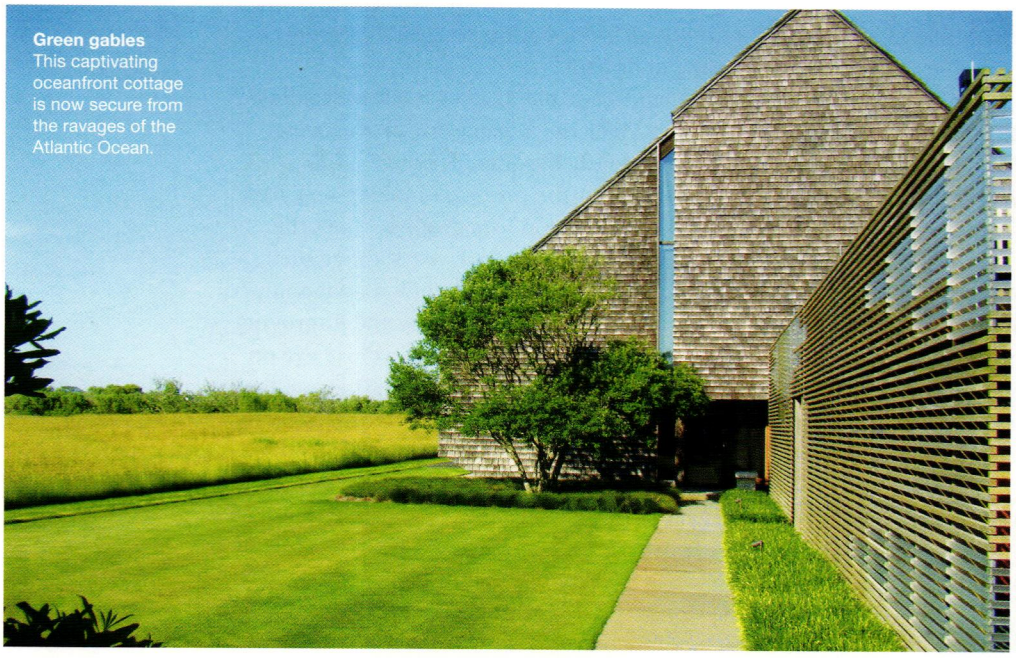
When the property's last line of protective dunes washed out to sea in 1998, the cottage faced a similar fate, suddenly laying exposed and at the mercy of the Atlantic. That is, until its owners, working with LaGuardia (an apprentice to Jaffe in the 1980s) and architect Christian Sabellarosa made a bold bid to save it.

"We jacked it up and moved it 300 feet back," says LaGuardia, principal in the Southampton-based firm bearing his name. "We moved it to a big field – it looked like a giant piece of tumbleweed."

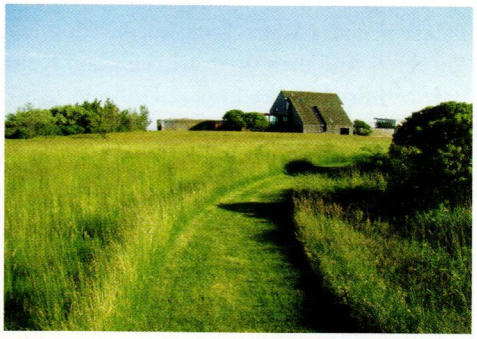
The clients had been the sole owners of the four-story house, a barn-and-saltbox hybrid clad in gray cedar shingles. Its striking design had earned it coveted Record House status from "Architectural Record" magazine in the mid-1970s, along with a slew of other awards. But by 1998, the owners were not only ready to move it, but also to add a ground-floor master suite.

Once it was settled into its new site – a 600-foot by

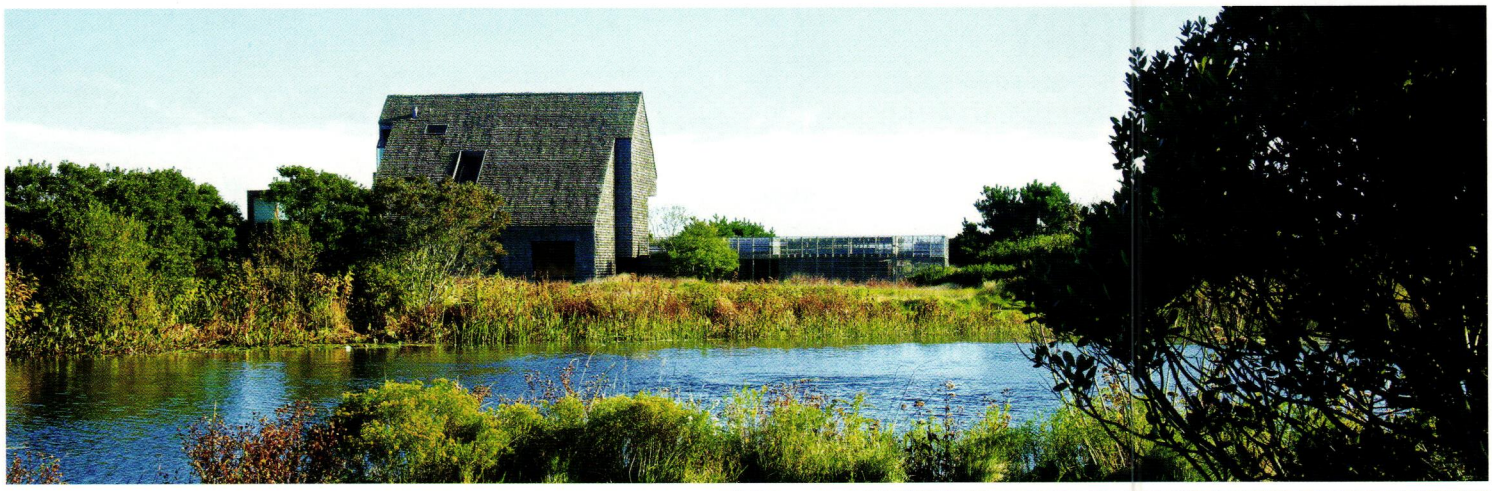


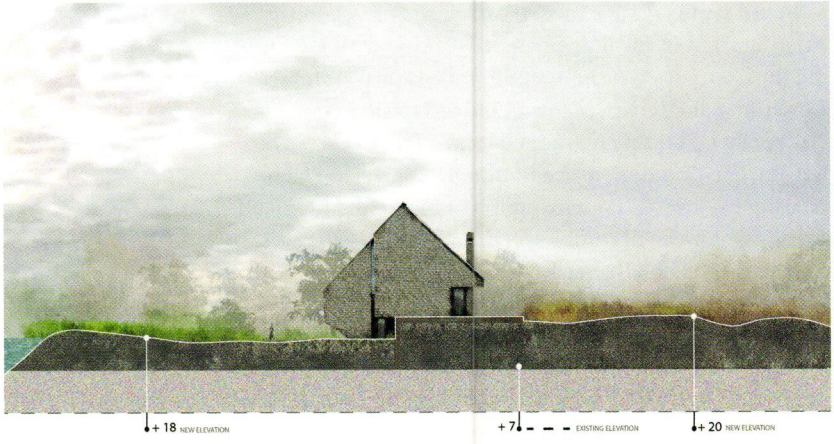


Green gables
This captivating oceanfront cottage is now secure from the ravages of the Atlantic Ocean.









2,000-foot piece of open farmland, half of it under cultivation – the question of how to protect it from the Atlantic became top-of-mind. "We needed 30,000 cubic yards of fill to create new lines of dunes," says LaGuardia.

They could have trucked it all in from elsewhere, but the landscape architects reconsidered. They suggested mining the fill on site by digging down 12 1/2 feet to create a pond. "There were 18 inches of topsoil, three feet of silty, loamy clay, and then pure sand," he adds. "We excavated it and stockpiled it, and then recast it for the sand dunes."

The pond, with a waterproof fabric layered at its bottom and 12 inches of sand atop, covers 60,000 square feet, with depths varying from 6 inches to 11 feet.

The clever concept has highly pedigreed precedents. For starters, there's Capability Brown's lake at Blenheim Palace in Oxfordshire, England, once home to Sir Winston Churchill. And then there are the water features at the 17th-century Katsura Imperial Villa, in Kyoto, Japan.

In Sagaponack, though, LaGuardia took his design cues from the landscapes of Montauk, where plenty of ponds lie hidden behind ocean dunes. He found further inspiration in the landscape paintings of William Merritt Chase and Andrew Wyeth.

Beyond the artistic influences lay the functional questions of how to build the dunes, how to nestle them up to the cottage, and how to handle the transition from beach to residence to pond. The landscape architect decided first to recreate the original dunes in a series of rank-and-file undulations that graduate up toward the house.

"There's a primary dune at the oceanfront, and then they're all laid out in an east-west fashion to echo the ocean waves," he says. "The native dune line runs in an east-west line from New York City to Montauk and we worked hard to emulate that."

Working with architect Sabellarosa, LaGuardia integrated the long, linear, 2,500-square-foot addition into the landscape, also along the east-west axis, while the original cottage is once again snugged up against a dune, the pond at its back.

Most of the landscape plantings are self-sustaining and natural, with American beach grass on the ocean side and fescue and little bluestem leeward.

The heavy lifting for the project – making a 15-foot rise of land look like natural topography – kept the landscape architects busy for four years. Since then, they've worked on it annually, planting and improving.

"We keep a close eye on it," says LaGuardia. And their meticulous repositioning of this 1970s gem has paid off in spades: late last year, it earned an Award of Excellence from ASLA, the American Society of Landscape Architects. "It is a great house and a great story," the awards jury wrote.

Like the wonderful design of its landscape, that's a true understatement. **OIH**

THE DETAILS
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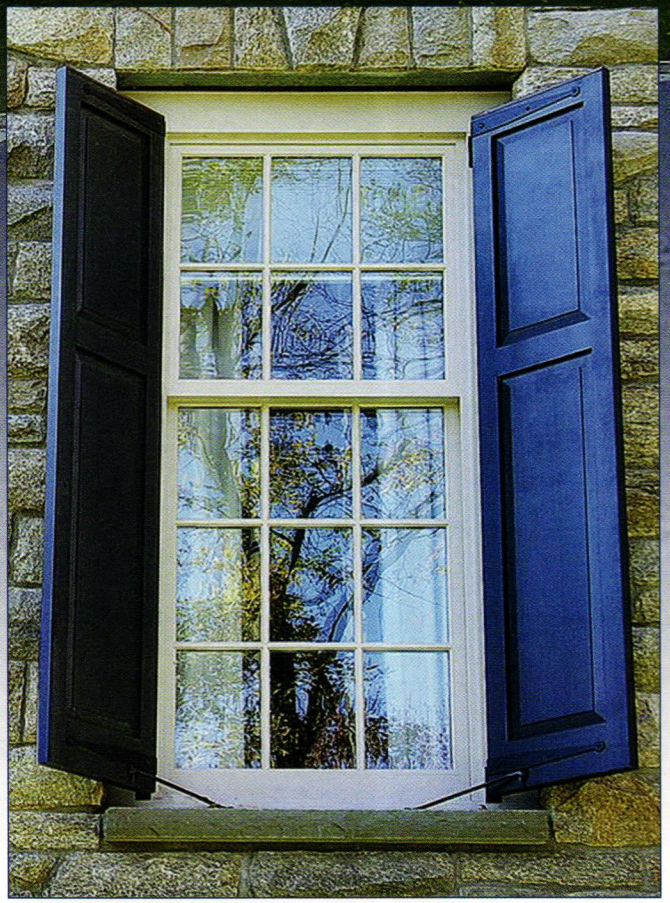
Higher ground
The Sagaponack project has been a labor of love for the creative landscape design company.





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ISLE OF BRANSON

SIR RICHARD BRANSON'S BEAUTIFUL NECKER ISLAND IS THE PRIVATE ISLAND OF THE YEAR

words by **Andrea Collins**

Where does one of the world's most admired, successful and wealthiest men go on vacation? To his own private island paradise in the Caribbean, naturally, where he can relax and unwind far from the pressures and demands of executive life.

For Sir Richard Branson, founder and owner of the far-reaching Virgin Group that comprises more than 400 major companies worldwide, that special place is Necker Island, basking in the aquamarine waters of the British Virgin Islands.

Fringed by coral reefs and powder-soft beaches, this 74-acre speck of an island can accommodate up to 30 of his closest (and dare we say luckiest) family and friends who can luxuriate in a Caribbean hideaway like no other.

The high-profile and gregarious British magnate has long known Necker is in a class of its own and now he can prove it. At the most recent World Travel Awards, held in Doha, Qatar last November, his beloved and beguiling sanctuary was honored as the World's Leading Private Island Resort.

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And if you're not looking to hire it exclusively, you can still enjoy Necker during various Celebration Weeks each year, when individual rooms can be booked by singles or couples seeking a "Lifestyles of the Rich and Famous" experience.

The luxury accommodations include nine bedrooms in the Great House and six self-contained Bali Houses dotted around the island, offering guests a house-party atmosphere with the ability to retreat to one's own private space during quieter moments.

The expansive and al fresco style Great House is designed on the lines of a Balinese villa, perched on a hilltop and affording magnificent views of the Caribbean Sea, Atlantic Ocean and neighboring islands.

All of the eight guest rooms in the Great House have



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The upper level contains a large and airy master suite with a private outdoor bath and Jacuzzi for lazy lounging in the sun or relaxing with a sundowner cocktail in the evenings.

The Great House is a social hub comprising an expansive outdoor terrace with hammocks and sink-into sofas. Resident chefs working in a state-of-the-art kitchen prepare all meals served family style at a large dining table.

A fully stocked bar, home entertainment system, billiards table, a piano, and guest computers with Internet access keep the house-party atmosphere humming along.

Each of six beautiful and private Bali Houses are also designed in an authentic Balinese style and can accommodate one couple, and some of the houses offer split-levels with a meditation room.

Bali Hi, Bali Cliff and Bali Beach are nestled together and elevated to capture the sea views and breezes. All have private en suite facilities and share a plunge pool.

Bali Lo, Bali Buah and Bali Kukila are located in the middle of the island but also have expansive views and share a large private pool. All of the houses have home entertainment systems and are fully air-conditioned.

Main Beach is the big draw during Necker's sun-splashed daylight hours, featuring an array of watersports, tennis, and beach and pool pavilions for relaxing, dining and socializing.

The palm-fringed Turtle Beach is a quieter retreat with hammocks hanging between trees, and Necker Island Spa offers Balinese inspired treatments by two resident therapists.

Necker has been a vacation retreat for Branson's own family since his children were born and remains child-friendly with Family Fun Weeks during school holidays. The island is also available for weddings.

All-inclusive rates start from (take a deep breath) $62,000 per night for 30 adults ($2,070 per person per night) or from $27,475 per couple for a seven-night stay during Celebration Weeks. **O|H**

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THE DREAM TEAMS

THREE AWARD-WINNING REALTORS BREAK NEW RECORDS IN OCEAN HOME REAL ESTATE SALES

words by **Andrew Conway**

The numbers are astounding. Last year alone, three award-winning realtors and their hugely successful companies sold more than $930 million worth of luxury coastal real estate between them.

Jill Hertzberg and Jill Eber, the powerhouse principals of Miami Beach-based The Jills, closed more than $552 million in real estate transactions, breaking their previous record of $480.8 million in 2012.

Their extraordinary achievement set a new record for the highest sales production of any agent team in Coldwell Banker Residential Real Estate's 107-year history, and made them the top Coldwell Banker sales team worldwide for 2013.

They were also honored as the No.1 residential real estate sales team in America on the REAL Trends/"The Wall Street Journal" 2013 Top 1,000 list, and named Florida's top real estate team for the 11th consecutive year. Their total sales since 2005 exceed $2.3 billion.

On the West Coast, Mauricio Umansky, the high-profile Chief Executive Officer of The Agency, based in Los Angeles, is breaking records of his own. "The Wall Street Journal" named him as the top-producing individual real estate agent in California in 2013 and the No.3 realtor in the U.S. with reported sales of $380 million.

The Agency has closed more than $1.5 billion in residential sales in less than two years, and has established itself as one of the leading players in the luxury real estate market representing many of the nation's most visible and luxurious properties.

For the Jills – whose recent sales include the $41.5 million Casa Casuarina (formerly the Versace Mansion in Miami) and $47 million home at 3 Indian Creek, the highest recorded sale in Miami-Dade County to date – closing a high-profile and high-priced property is all in a day's work.

"Jill and I share more than the same name. We have the same work ethic and goals, and we respect and trust each other implicitly," says Jill Eber. "We both believe in providing the highest level of service to our clients and together we can do so."

Jill Hertzberg concurs. "Working together is very motivational. We are both naturally enthusiastic people and we feed off each other which makes work fun. That's power, the power of two."

The Jills team, which also includes Eber's sister Felise and Hertzberg's younger children Danny and Hillary, uses powerful and effective marketing strategies, extensive media exposure and affluent contacts around the world to attract an



Stellar sales
Jill Hertzberg (top left) and Jill Eber of The Jills; (below) Mauricio Umansky of The Agency.

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The team specializes in multi-million-dollar properties in South Florida's most exclusive enclaves such as Star Island, Fisher Island, Indian Creek Island, Golden Beach, Miami Beach and Gables Estates, among others.

Shunning the traditional brokerage model of rival agents competing against each other, Umansky's The Agency fosters a culture of partnership with other realtors. "I believe it's all about collaboration rather than competitiveness," he says.

"Because of the lack of inventory, especially with prime coastal land, the more we are able to share information and supplies, the more we are able to sell, and that ultimately benefits everybody," Umansky says.

Umansky's unusual approach is paying off handsomely with a significant upswing in business in recent months and rapid growth in U.S. markets such as Las Vegas, Palm Springs, Venice and Marina del Rey, as well as Cabo San Lucas in Mexico and Shanghai in China.

"Global is the new local," he adds. "The world is getting a lot smaller with the Internet allowing us to market properties not just within our own communities but to the entire world which is very exciting."

THE DETAILS
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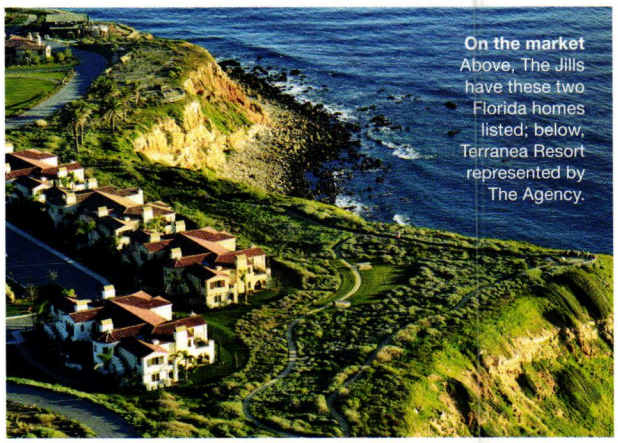
Umansky says the coastal luxury real estate market is rebounding strongly after the general economic downturn. "One thing's for sure, God is not making any more land, especially on the coast," he says.

"It's prime land, people love it, and they want to live by the ocean. We're seeing a complete resurrection of the real estate market and coastal communities in the United States are coming back with a vengeance."





On the market Above, The Jills have these two Florida homes listed; below, Terranea Resort represented by The Agency.

Umansky is also seeing growth in vacation homes such as Terranea Resort in Rancho Palos Verdes, Calif., and Hacienda Beach Club and Residences in Cabo San Lucas, Mexico, which The Agency represents.

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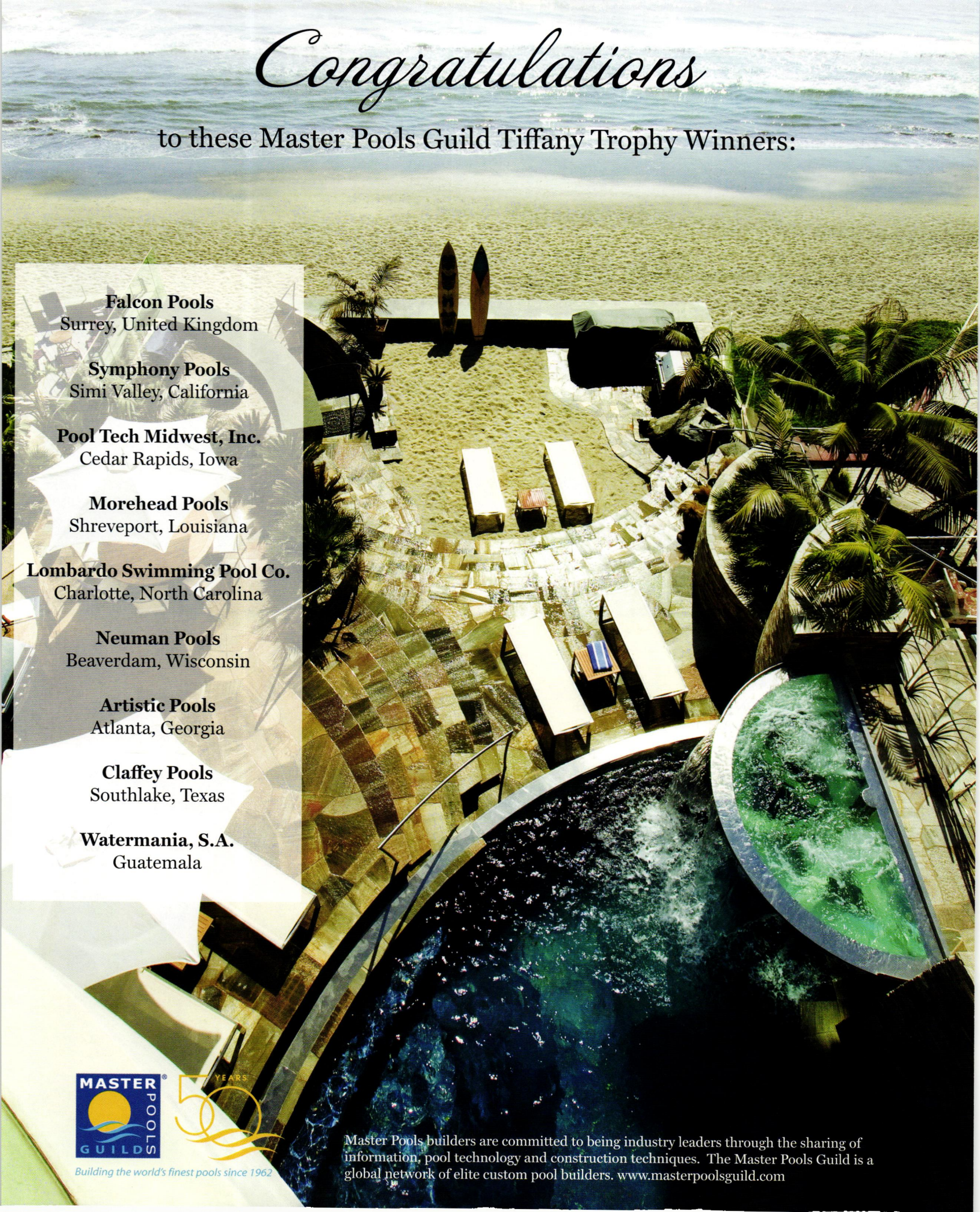

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FLYING HIGH

THERE ARE 18 MILLION EXCELLENT REASONS WHY EMIRATES IS THE AIRLINE OF THE YEAR

words by **Peter Drennan**

At the most recent World Airline Awards, Emirates scooped the coveted prize for the World's Best Airline. The Dubai-based carrier also collected the awards for the World's Best Middle East Airline and the World's Best Inflight Entertainment – the latter for a record ninth year in a row.

The significance of the awards is not lost on the airline's president, Tim Clark. The Skytrax World Airline Awards polled some 18 million air travelers from more than 160 countries worldwide – the very passengers and executives Clark and the assembled airline industry leaders want to woo.

"These awards are widely regarded as the industry's benchmark for excellence," he says with just a hint of pride. "For us, the awards are a vote of confidence from global travelers who acknowledge our continuous drive to deliver a high-quality service."

But perhaps the icing on the cake was overtaking



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regional rival Qatar Airways, winner of the award in 2011 and 2012, and runner-up this time around.

Since launching in 1985, Emirates has grown into one of the world's largest and most dynamic airlines, servicing 10 cities in the United States and Canada (in a codeshare arrangement with JetBlue and Alaska Airlines), and transforming once-sleepy Dubai into a major hub for global air travel.

The airline carried 43 million passengers last year across a route network spanning 142 destinations on six continents, and the airline expects to fly 70 million passengers a year by 2020.

Emirates has also earned itself a reputation for innovation. Its world-beating inflight entertainment system, ice, should amuse even the most restless passengers with 1,600 channels to choose from.

The airline has developed an advanced lighting system designed to combat the effects of jetlag, meaning long-haul passengers arrive relatively refreshed. It was also among the pioneers in allowing passengers to stay in touch by mobile phone, SMS and email with OnAir inflight WiFi.

It also has one of the world's youngest fleets – 24 new aircraft were added last year alone. But records were really rewritten in November when Emirates placed a $99 billion order for 214 more planes, the largest in aviation history.

Emirates was one of the first airlines to fly the Airbus A380 and another 93 are on order and will soon be added to the fleet. In December, the 'double-decker' aircraft was deployed on the Dubai-Los Angeles route, creating the world's longest A380 service at 16 hours and 20 minutes.

But perhaps most column inches have been dedicated to Emirates' First Class Private Suites, a haven of privacy and luxury that allow deep-pocketed passengers to slide closed a door and forget about the hoi polloi beyond.

A personal mini-bar, adjustable ambient lighting, a vanity table, mirror and wardrobe, and a fully flat bed with a mattress – made up to order – ensure an onboard experience reminiscent of the halcyon days of air travel.





Private lives
Luxurious suites and a private bar are all part of the Emirates service for its premium passengers.

High tea, hors d'oeuvres and fine cuisine are mainstays of Emirates' First Class service. Regionally inspired dishes such as stir-fried lobster in black bean sauce, Arabic mezze and glazed duck breast are served on Royal Doulton china.

First and business class on the A380 offer passengers dedicated on board lounges. The A380 even offers two on board Shower Spas for those who wish to arrive looking every bit as groomed as when they boarded. A far cry from the slept-in blanket look endured by many long-haul passengers.

With two million Facebook followers, Emirates can even claim to be the world's most popular airline. Profitable for 25 years in a row, it is certainly keeping its shareholders happy.

"Being honored with these awards is testament to our unrelenting effort to be the world's best airline," says Clark. That effort is clearly paying off. **OH**

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AMAZING GRACE

THREE NEW RESIDENCES ON GRACE BAY BEACH IN TURKS AND CAICOS REDEFINE LUXURY LIVING

words by **Julia Johnson**

When a new and luxurious island hideaway wins a major travel award before it has even opened, you know you're onto a good thing.

Poised to become the most coveted address in Providenciales in the spectacular Turks and Caicos Islands, The Residences on Grace Bay Beach were awarded Best Hotel Villa in this year's "Luxury Travel Advisor" Awards of Excellence.

Nominated by an invitation-only panel of expert luxury travel advisors, and selected by the industry bible's travel-savvy readership, the highly anticipated residential villa enclave trumped a host of well-established luxury villas to the prize.

"This award reinforces how the luxury travel agent community values Grace Bay Resorts and our team members who strive for excellence in the luxury hospitality space," says Nikheel Advani, Principal and Chief Operating Officer of Grace Bay Resorts.

THE DETAILS
For more information on The Residences, visit *gracebayresorts.com* or *GBResidences.com*

Dubbed a "micro-resort" and comprising only three luxurious homes currently under development, The Residences offer the comforts of a private home with the management and services of a five-star resort.

Each of the custom-designed homes is nestled on a 95-foot-wide freehold parcel of private beachfront and offers more than 6,000 square feet of indoor and outdoor space, four large bedrooms, four and a half baths, and a private deck surrounding an infinity pool and outdoor shower.

Two oversized master bedrooms afford oceanfront views, while the master bathrooms have free-standing bath tubs and glass showers.

Expansive living and dining areas are designed with soaring ceilings, natural wood kitchens with top-of-the-range appliances from Sub-Zero and Wolf, and the highest quality imported fixtures and finishes.

The Residences are designed by Coast Architects, based in Turks and Caicos and acclaimed for its work with Amanyara, Parrot Cay and other luxury residences in the islands.

In addition to calling Grace Bay Beach home, owners can enjoy the resort's amenities, including an owners' library, a reception area where guests can access on-site concierge staff, and a fully equipped fitness center.

In-villa services feature spa treatments, private chefs, housekeeping, and preferential access to the award-winning Grace Bay Club, including signing privileges at its restaurants and bars.

When not in residence, owners can opt to rent their home to high-end travelers seeking a private vacation experience.

Prices for The Residences start at $3.7 million with Turks and Caicos Sotheby's International Realty managing all sales efforts on behalf of Grace Bay Resorts. **OIH**



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Par excellence
The 16th hole at the iconic Cypress Point Club in Monterey, Calif., is one of the most famous par three holes in golf.

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FAIRWAYS TO HEAVEN

THE MAJESTIC MONTEREY PENINSULA IS HOME TO THE FINEST OCEANSIDE GOLF COURSE IN AMERICA

words by **Michael J. Solender**

Perched on the most westerly point of northern California's breathtaking Monterey Peninsula, Cypress Point owns the highest ranking for an oceanfront course in this year's ratings of America's greatest golf courses by "Golf Digest." The course has occupied the list for 49 straight years, placing third overall this year and trailing only behind the acclaimed inland courses Pine Valley and Augusta National.

Cypress Point has both charmed and vexed pros and amateurs alike since it first opened in 1928. Immediately recognized as a masterpiece by golf's cognoscenti, its reputation has only grown in stature over the years.

Designed by the iconic Alister MacKenzie, this magical course is blessed with uncommon natural beauty and takes intrepid golfers through park-like woodlands, across undulating natural bunkers, past craggy sand dunes, and alongside precipitous drops from cliffs to the Pacific Ocean below.

Frank "Sandy" Tatum, former United States Golf Association president and member of the two-time NCAA Men's Golf Championship team at Stanford University has belonged to the exclusive club for

more than 50 years. Tatum, 93, began a life-long love affair with the course after first playing there as a teenager. "The course made quite an impression," recalls Tatum of his inaugural round. "I was captivated by its beauty, the sheer genius of MacKenzie's design, and the excitement I felt in playing there. There hasn't been a round I've played there since where I didn't enjoy that same thrill."

MacKenzie worked his artistry while challenging traditional design elements popular at the time. Three distinctive hole groupings meet players confronted with tall pine and cypress trees in the outward holes, challenging sand dunes in the next set of holes, and the most notable ocean holes often demanding forced carries on the inward trek.

A forthright Yorkshireman, MacKenzie learned the principles of camouflage while serving in the British Army during the Boer War. He employed these skills along with firm tenets in each of his designs and Cypress Point is no exception.

"The course should be so interesting," MacKenzie once commented, "that even the plus man is constantly stimulated to improve his game in attempting shots he has hitherto been unable to play."

Nowhere is that principle more evident than at the 16th hole, perhaps the most famous par three in golf – 200 yards-plus from each of the tees, safely reaching the tiny green demands players navigate swirling winds, carry the water and avoid the fronting rocks and bunkers in order to putt for birdie. The great Bing Crosby carded one of only a handful of hole-in-ones ever recorded here.

The grand lady still has plenty of bite and is one of the most sought-after invitations for a round in all of golf. Those lucky enough to be asked by one of Cypress Point's 250 or so members may run into members Clint Eastwood or Charles Schwab on the links. They may also spy former Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice who frequently sharpens her game here.

Membership is by invitation only, says Tatum, and those interested will need sponsorship and considerable support to join the club.

Though long part of the rotation on the PGA tour stop AT&T Pebble Beach National Pro-Am (formerly the Crosby Clambake), the venerable course no longer shines on that stage. To its credit, the club membership has steadfastly resisted lengthening or redesign. As Tatum rightly says: "You don't remodel the Sistine Chapel." OIH

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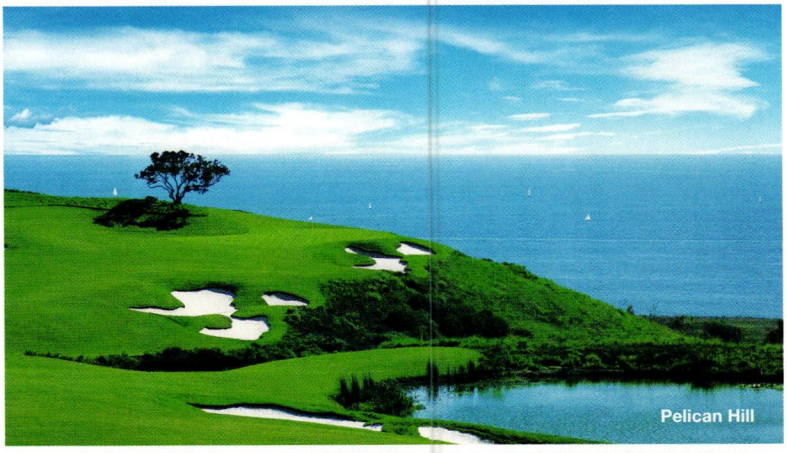
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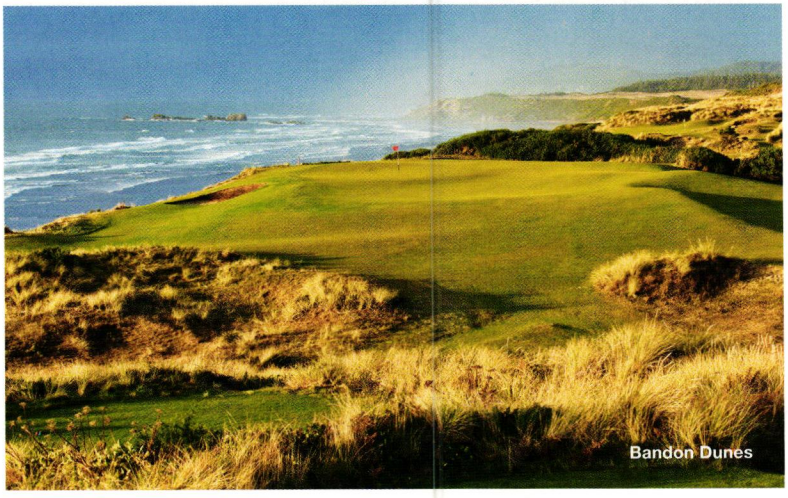
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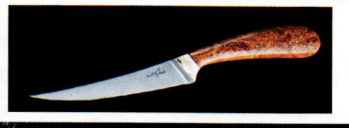

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A FALCON SWOOPS

AN ENGLISH POOL DESIGNER TRIUMPHS AT THE 2014 MASTER POOLS GUILD AWARDS

words by **Andrew Conway**

True to its avian namesake, the England-based Falcon Pools hovered over the 2014 Master Pools Guild Awards, kept both eyes firmly locked on its quarry, and then swooped down to claim its prize.

A major winner at the prestigious pool and spa awards for six of the past eight years, the British pool designer and installer this year took out the *Ocean Home* Grand International Award, trumping scores of American and international pool specialists to the top prize.

The significance of the win was not lost on Falcon Pools Managing Director Ian Storr, who flew from London to Fort Worth, Texas, to accept the award.

"It's just fantastic to take the trophy to England," he said after the annual event in March. "There is so much talent in the pool industry in the United States and overseas and this is a real achievement for us."

Given Britain's unpredictable climate, a swimming pool might not sound like the obvious choice for an Englishman's home (or castle) but business is booming, according to Storr, especially in the leafy enclave of Addlestone, Surrey, where Falcon Pools is based.

Only 40 minutes southwest of London, in an area known as the "Beverly Hills" of England with expansive (and expensive) private residences, this part of Surrey is a draw for high net-worth individuals, increasingly from Russia and China.

"We've had a very busy year so far, despite the challenging winter in Britain," says Storr. "In this area, an indoor or outdoor pool is all part of the home package."

Founded by Storr's father Kenneth in 1973, now managed by Ian Storr and his business partner of almost 20 years Terry Woodhams, the full-service Falcon Pools is one of England's leading bespoke pool designers and installers.

The company's indoor and outdoor pools, spas and saunas are built to the highest specifications, earning a

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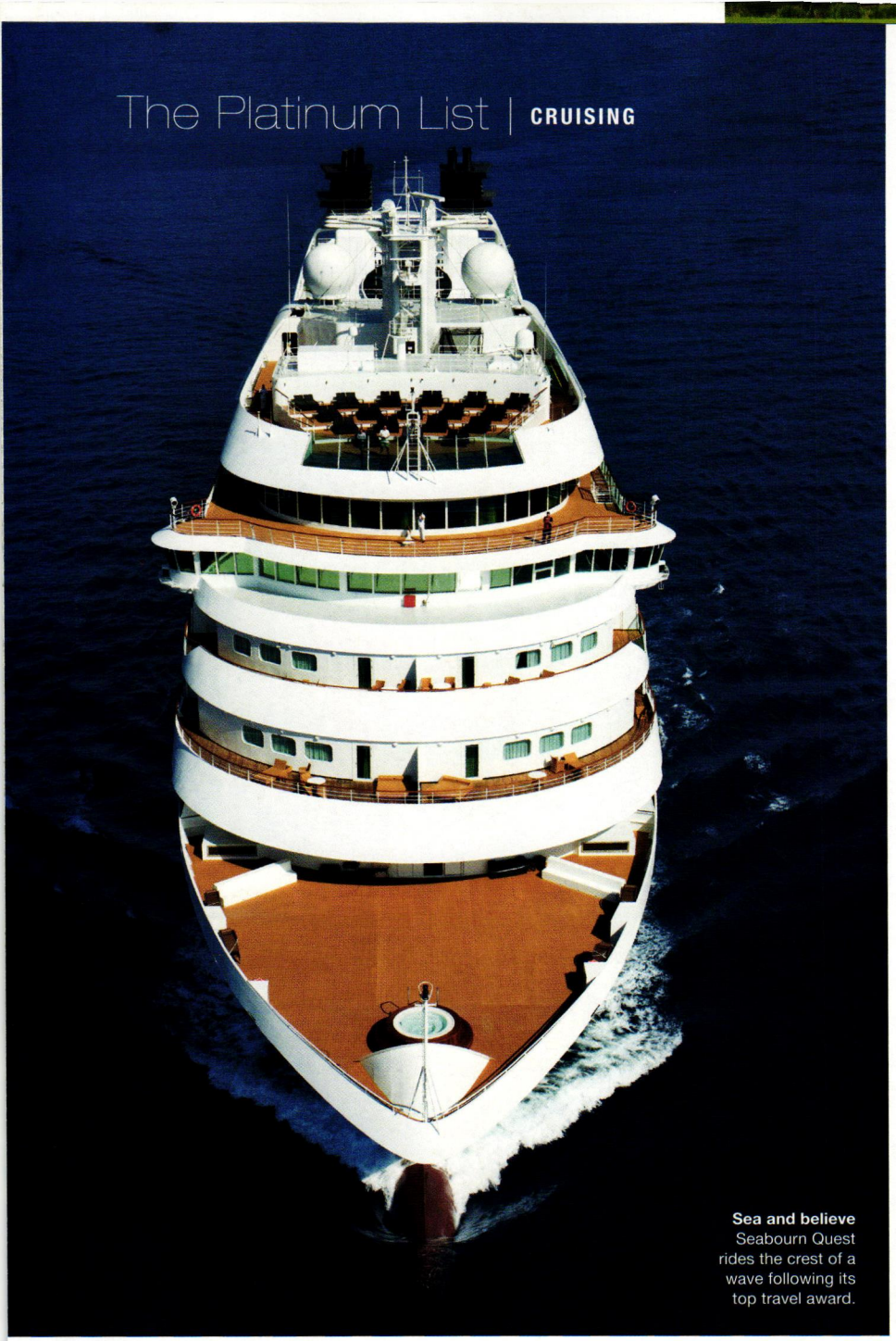

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FULL STEAM AHEAD

SEABOURN AND REGENT SEVEN SEAS CRUISES ARE AMONG THIS YEAR'S LUXURY CRUISE LINE WINNERS

words by **Peter Drennan**

The cruise industry has been riding the crest of a wave for more than a decade, and forecasts show no let up in the smooth sailing.

Far-flung destinations including South America, Asia and Australia are proving increasingly popular with more adventurous passengers and the booming demand has led to frenzied competition among the major cruise lines to build ever-bigger liners with more dazzling amenities.

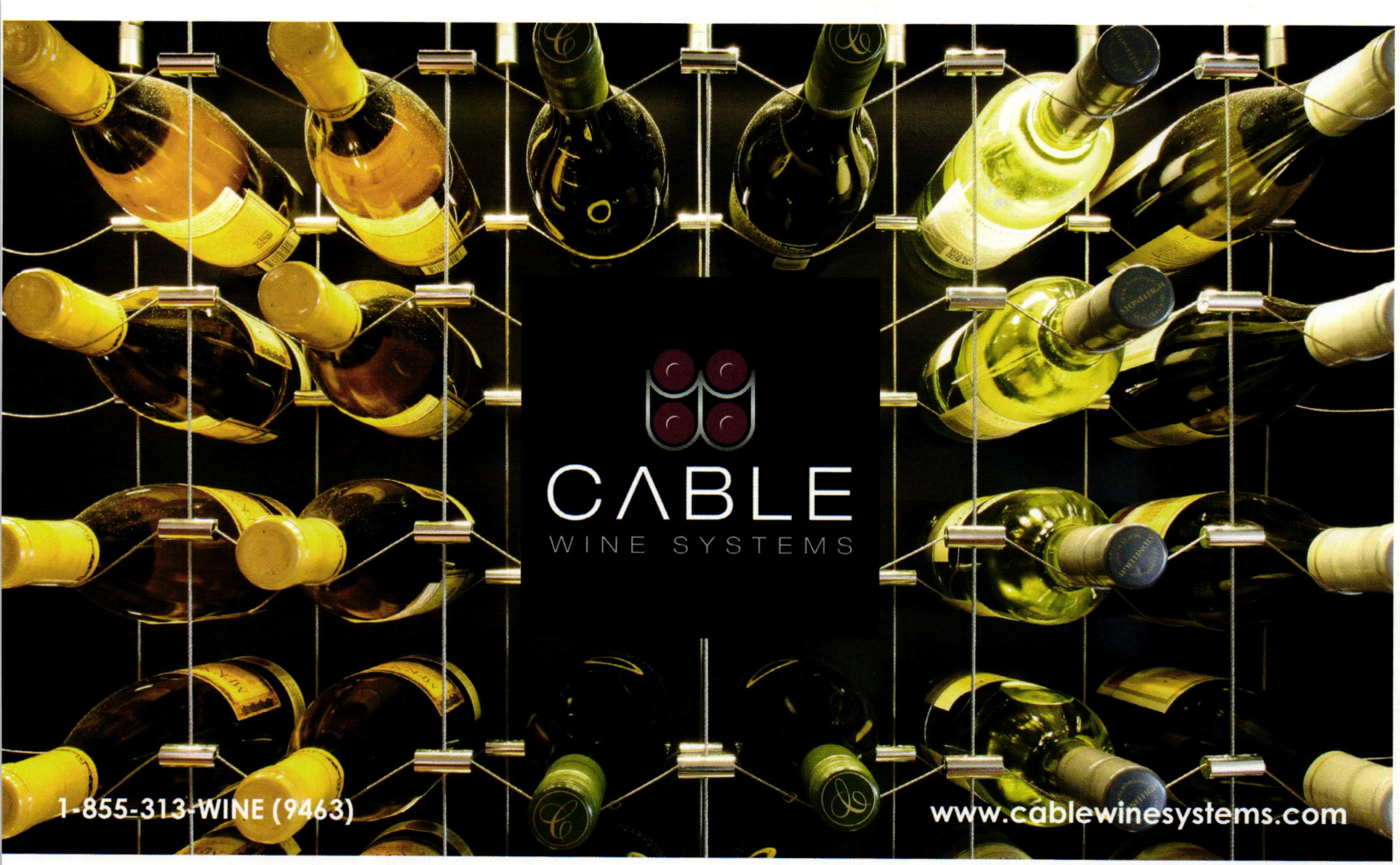
Quantum of the Seas, Royal Caribbean's next-generation 4,180-passenger ship – set to launch in 2014 and sailing from New York – will boast 2,090 staterooms, a skydiving simulator, 19 themed restaurants, and a 'pod' that will elevate passengers 300 feet above the waves. And this won't even be the largest ship in Royal Caribbean's fleet.

But bigger is not always better. Global cruising at the luxury end of the market – a sector dominated by smaller ships, where intimacy is cherished and personalized service is everything – is growing strongly.

Cruise Critic, the world's largest online cruise community with more than 100,000 reviews covering some 400 ships, announced the winners of its 2014 Cruisers' Choice Awards in February.

The awards are based on ratings provided entirely by 2013 cruise passengers, and thus make for a coveted industry benchmark – a tried and tested seal of approval for cruise lines and passengers alike.

Winner in the Best Small Ship Category was the elegant Seabourn Quest, the most recent addition to the prestige Seabourn fleet. Since the company was founded in 1988, Seabourn has earned high praise for its passionate commitment to intuitive service and attention to detail.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words by **Andrew Conway**

Ask Andy Pesky, senior vice president of the multi-award-winning Protravel International why anyone should use a travel advisor and he'll tell the story of a client who wanted to know how white and blue the sand and water were at a luxury resort he wanted to stay at.

"We reached out to the general manager of the hotel, explained the situation, we put our heads together and he sent us a test tube of sand and water," he says with a smile. "Within 48 hours, the client had it on his desk and booked his vacation."

This and other ask-and-you-shall-receive anecdotes strike at the heart of what makes Protravel unique and special, and places it consistently at the pinnacle of global travel companies.

While Pesky describes the New York City-based Protravel as "the largest little boutique agency in the travel industry," the company's outstanding results and achievements tell the full story.

Founded in 1984, and comprising 875 expert travel professionals in 22 branch locations across America and in London, England, this dynamic company produces annual sales of more than $870 million and ranks among the top privately held travel agencies in the United States.

It also scooped the coveted 2013 Virtuoso Award for Top Network Producer – for the seventh consecutive year – another major accolade from one of the world's most respected luxury travel networks.

Combining the latest technologies with in-depth global knowledge and razor-sharp attention to detail, Protravel offers personally tailored travel arrangements with the security of a blue-chip organization.

"Our service culture is always to go above and beyond and make the impossible happen," adds Pesky. "Every year the Virtuoso award is a great honor for us, we take huge pride in it, and I think it comes down to the unique people we have working in a unique organization."

THE DETAILS
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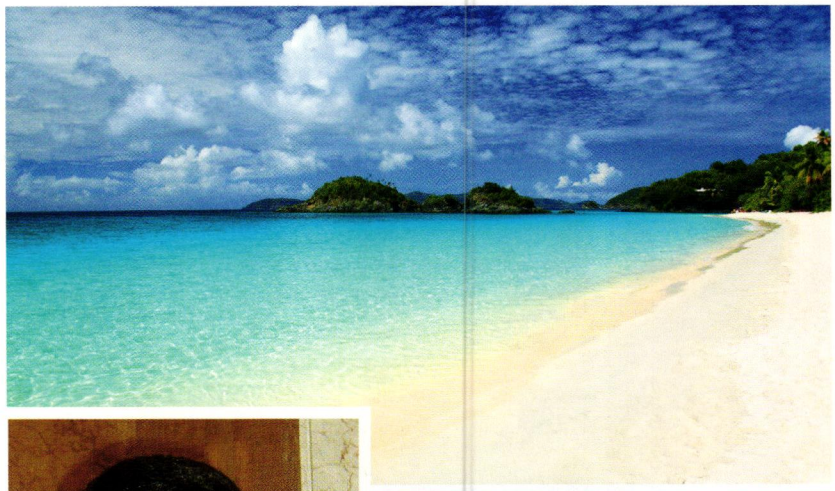
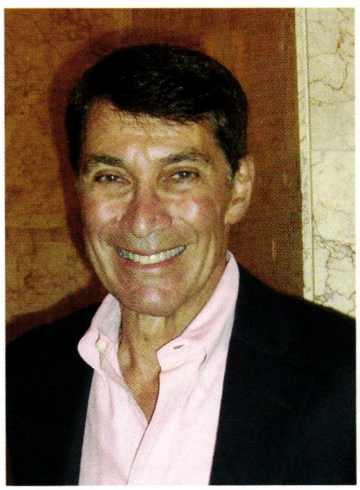
Protravel is also a division of Travel Leaders Group, another trailblazing travel agency enterprise with more than $20 billion in annual sales providing Protravel with access to an array of stellar hotel and travel programs.

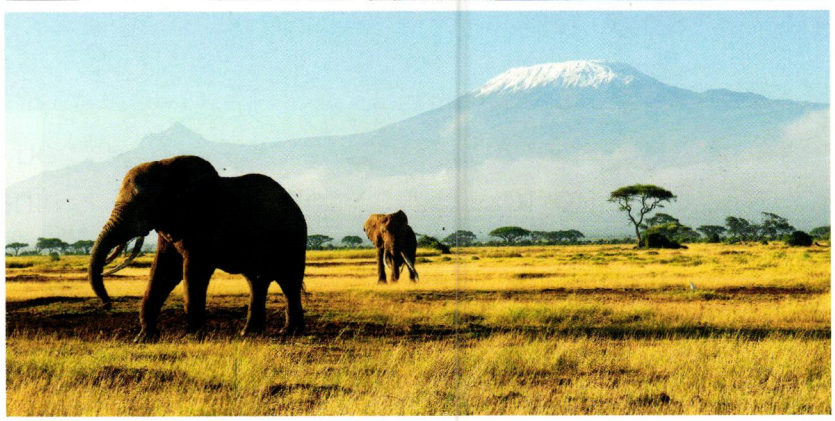
While many vacationers turn to the Internet for fast, cheap and last-minute deals, Pesky insists an expert advisor is the best option for savvy travelers who value their global journeys highly.

"Anyone booking an intricate itinerary involving top-of-the-line hotels wants to speak to somebody with expertise who knows the hotel, the rooms, the layout and location," he says. "Our team covers the world extensively and that's what sets us over and above anybody else." **OH**









A world of choice
From the Caribbean to the wilds of Africa, Protravel International's expertise is global, says Senior Vice President Andy Pesky (above).

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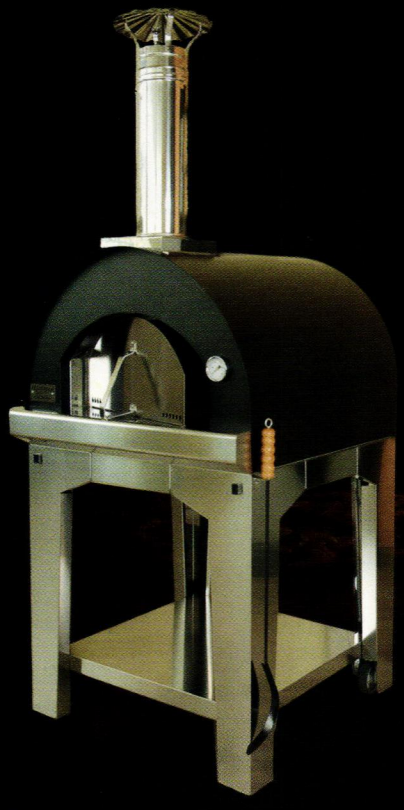

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AND THE WINNERS ARE...

AN ARRAY OF LUXURY HOTELS, RESORTS AND SPAS SHINE AT THIS YEAR'S LEADING TRAVEL AWARDS

words by **Melissa C. Gillespie**

It's no secret that "Forbes Travel Guide" sets a gold standard for the hospitality industry. This year, 97 hotels received Five-Star recognition, the most in the guide's history. **Four Seasons Hotels and Resorts** and **Mandarin Oriental Hotel Group** made strong showings, with Four Seasons topping the list of brands with the most honored hotels – a total of 18 hotels in 11 destinations. Among spas, **The Reméde Spa at The St. Regis Bal Harbour** in Miami and **The Spa at Pebble Beach** are the newest Five-Star editions. *forbestravelguide.com*

San Diego's iconic **The Grand Del Mar** is also enjoying a spectacular awards season this year. Hot on the heels of being named California's top resort by "Travel + Leisure" in its World's Best Awards, the resort retained its AAA Five Diamond status for the fifth row in a year, won a trio of Five-Star Awards for its accommodation, spa and restaurant by "Forbes Travel Guide" for the third consecutive year, and was named best hotel and best luxury hotel in the United States by TripAdvisor. *TheGrandDelMar.com*

When it comes to international accolades, the World Luxury Hotel Awards set an industry benchmark. One of this year's major winners was a portfolio of ultra-luxury resorts in the Maldives, recognized in three categories. **Coco Bodu Hithi** was awarded Best Luxury Villa Resort while its sublime sister **Coco Privé Kuda Hithi Island** won for Best Luxury Private Island Resort, and took out the grand World Luxury Hotel Awards Overall Winner prize. Vacation at either resort and you'll understand why. *cococollection.com*

The annual International Property Awards celebrate the highest achievements by companies in the luxury property and real estate markets. One of this year's standouts, winning four regional awards as well as global recognition in the Best International Architecture Single Residence category, is **The Golden Luxury Villas**, under development on the shores of the Indian Ocean in Mambrui, Kenya. Envisioned by Desiderata Investments, the new villas are forecast to be a major hit with international travelers. *luxuryvillaskenya.com*





Basking in glory
The iconic The Grand Del Mar in San Diego (top) and Coco Bodu Hithi in the Maldives are worthy winners of 2013's major travel awards.

HG Christie, the oldest real estate brokerage in The Bahamas, scooped the title of Best Real Estate Agency for The Bahamas in the International Property Awards for the Americas. The awards president Stuart Shield points out that although the Americas competition covers a very large geographical area and a variety of diverse cultures, all the award winners have one thing in common: high quality and innovation presented in their winning projects and the excellent service provided to clients. *hgchristie.com* OH

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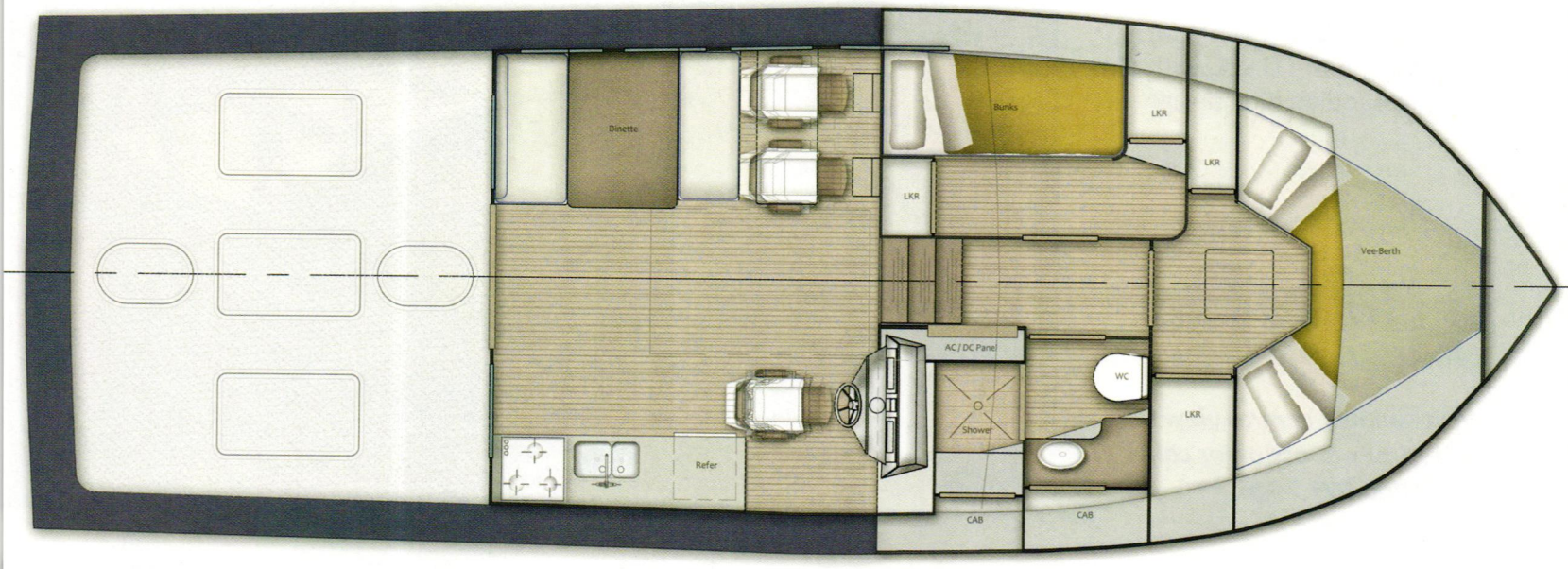



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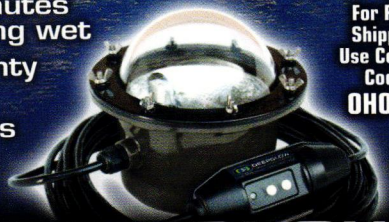

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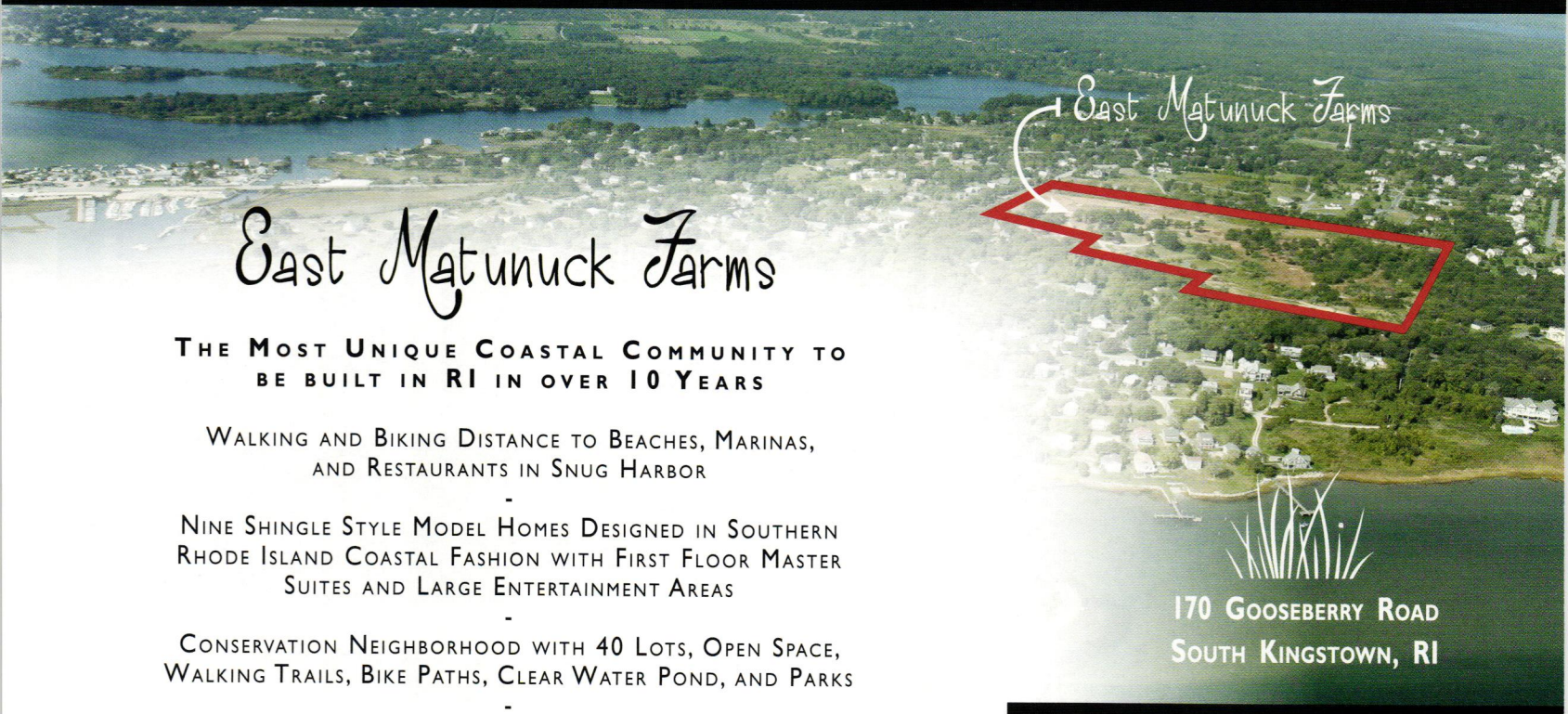

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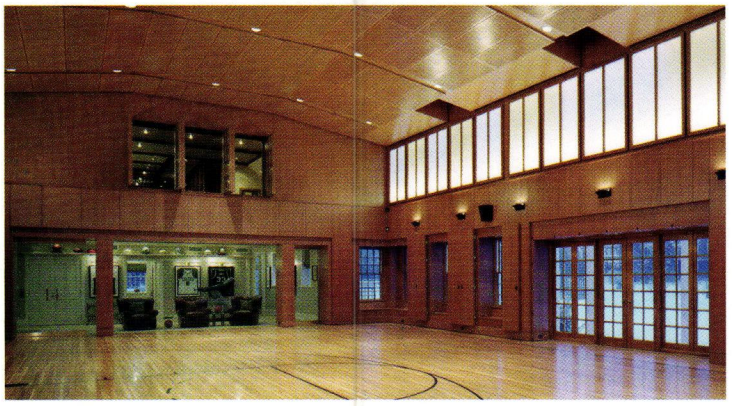

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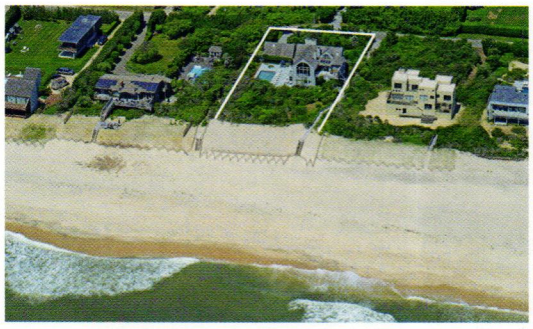

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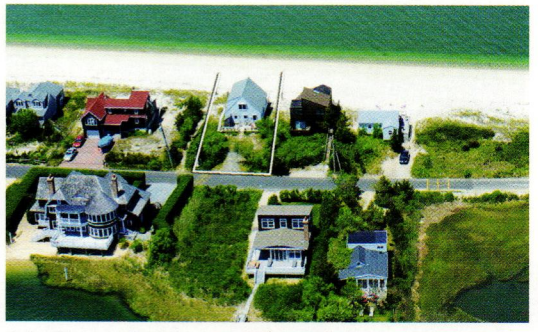

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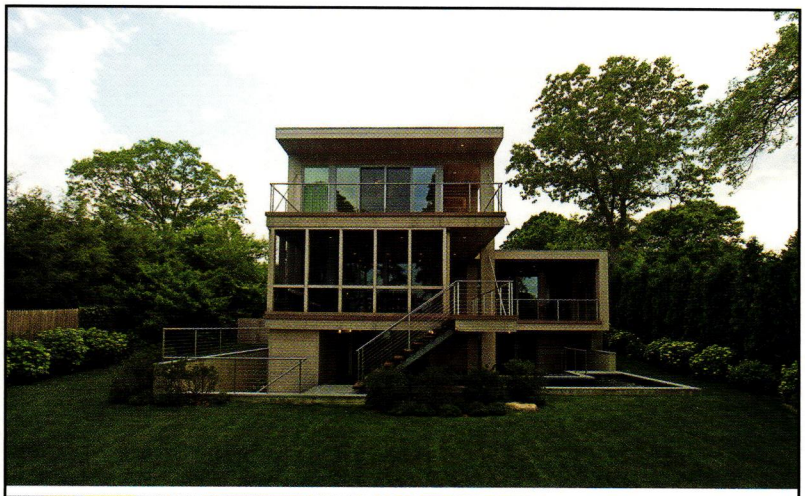

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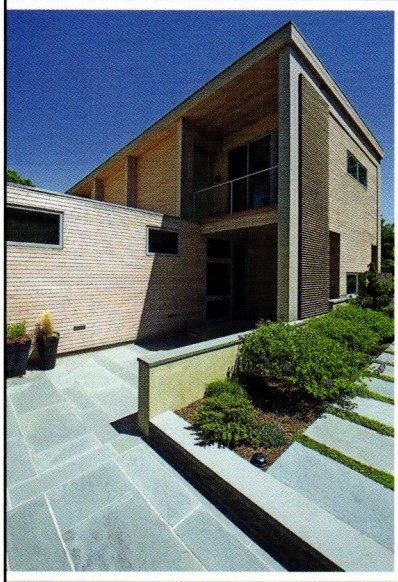

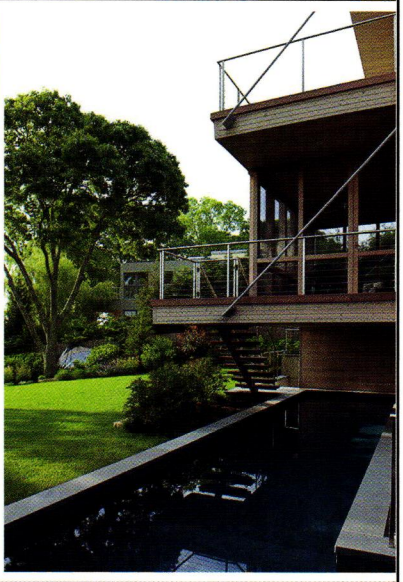



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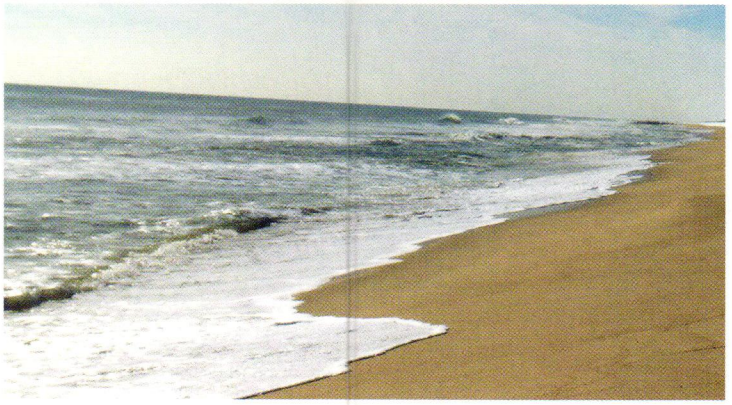

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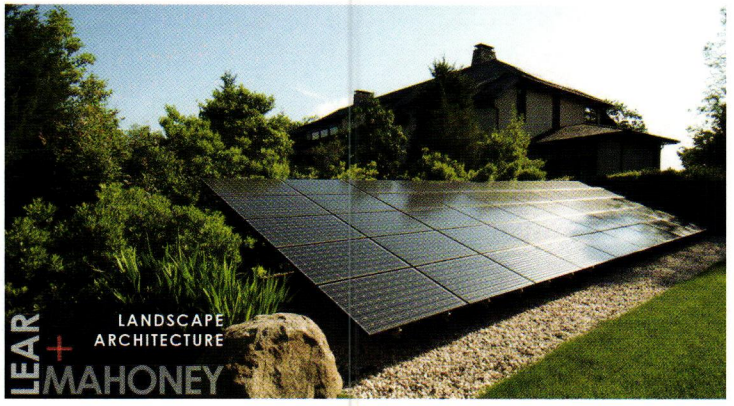

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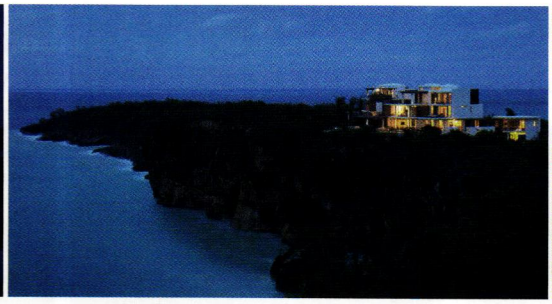
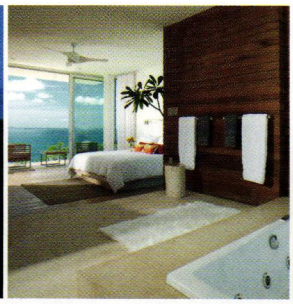
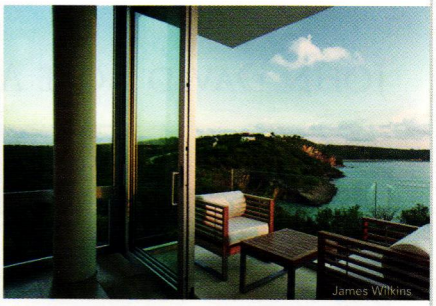

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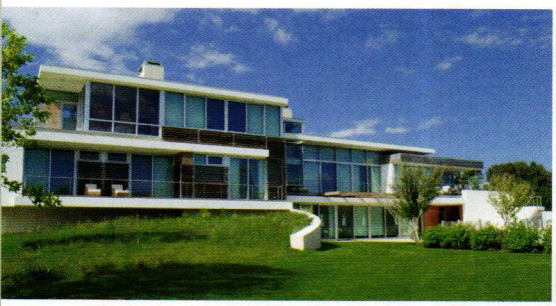
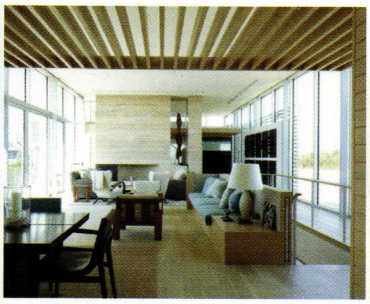

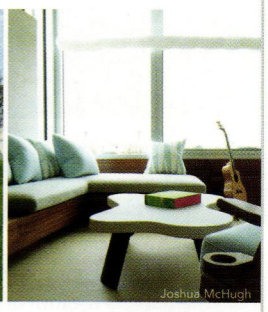

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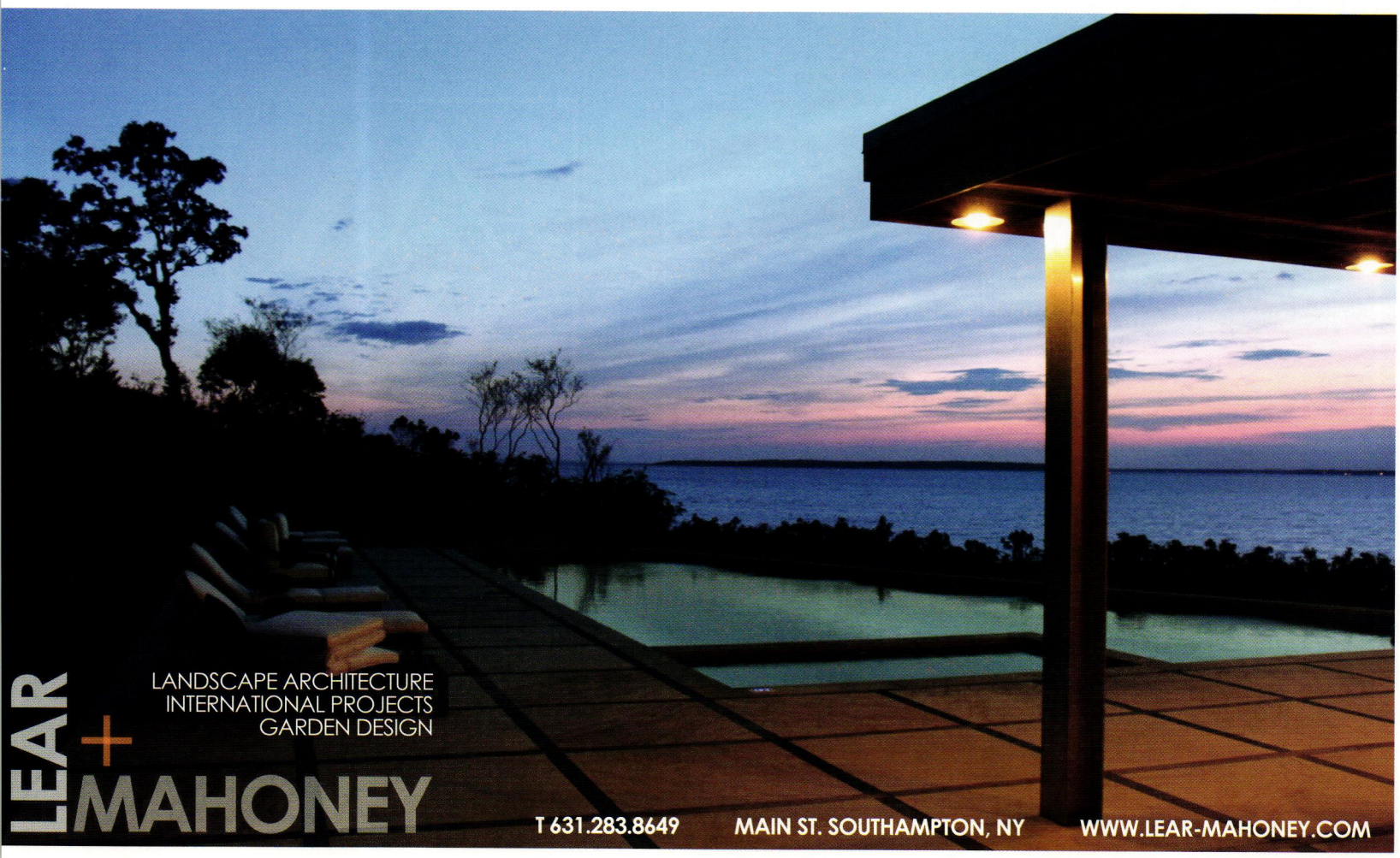



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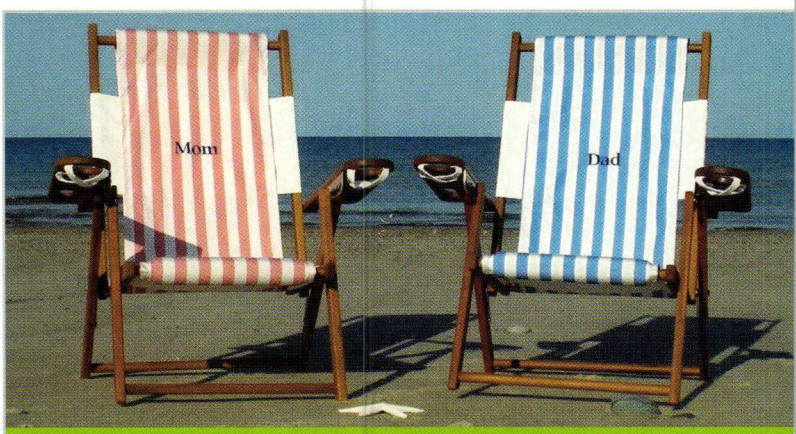







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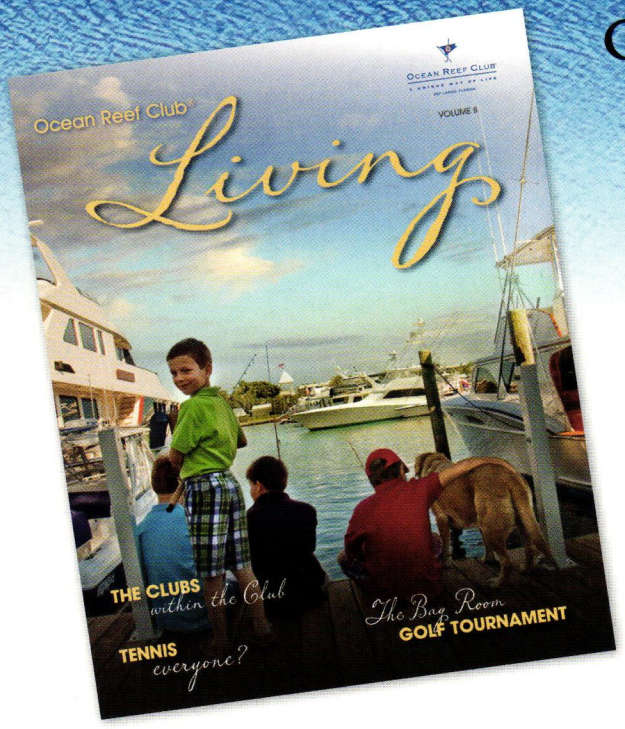

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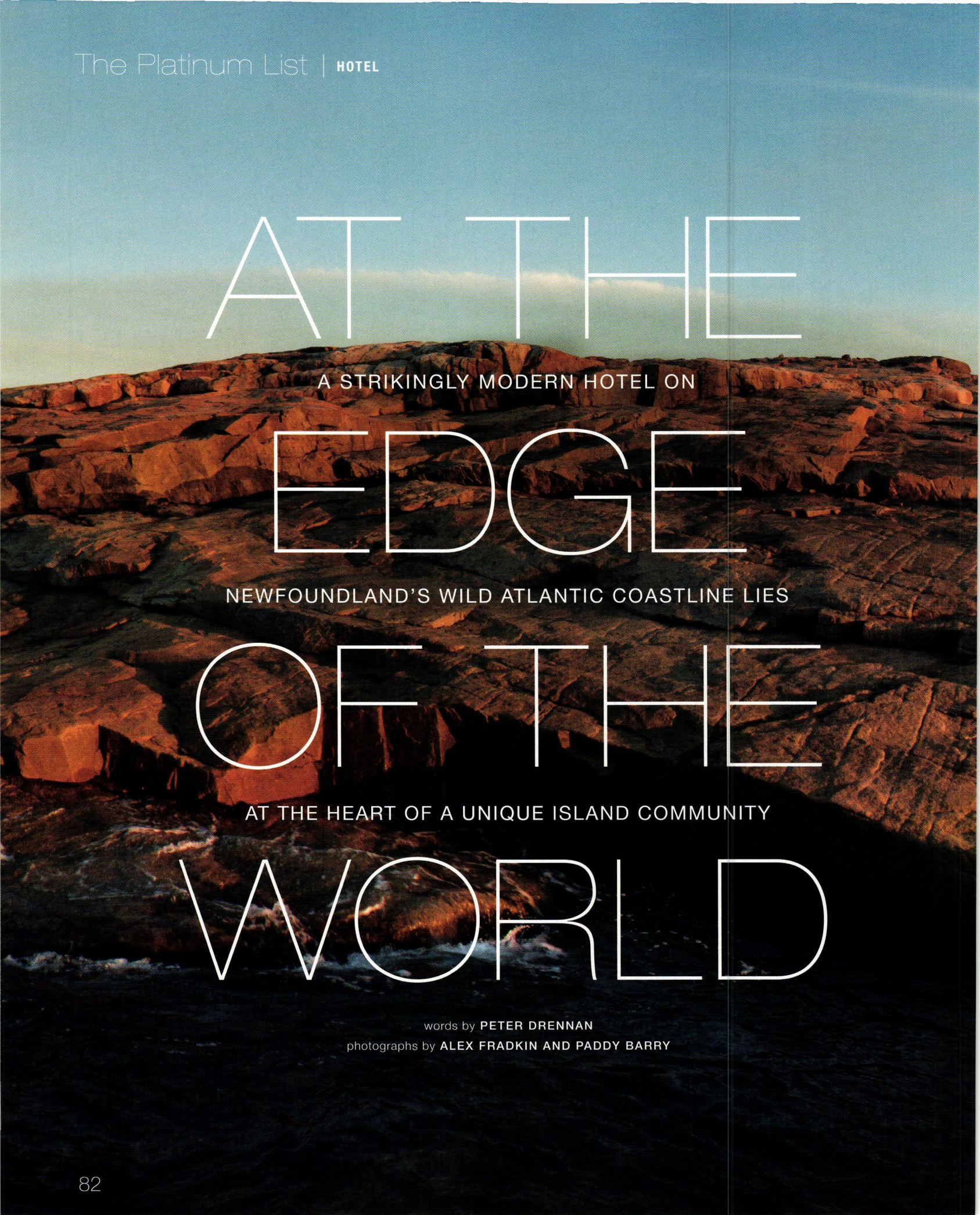

AT THE EDGE OF THE WORLD

A STRIKINGLY MODERN HOTEL ON NEWFOUNDLAND'S WILD ATLANTIC COASTLINE LIES AT THE HEART OF A UNIQUE ISLAND COMMUNITY

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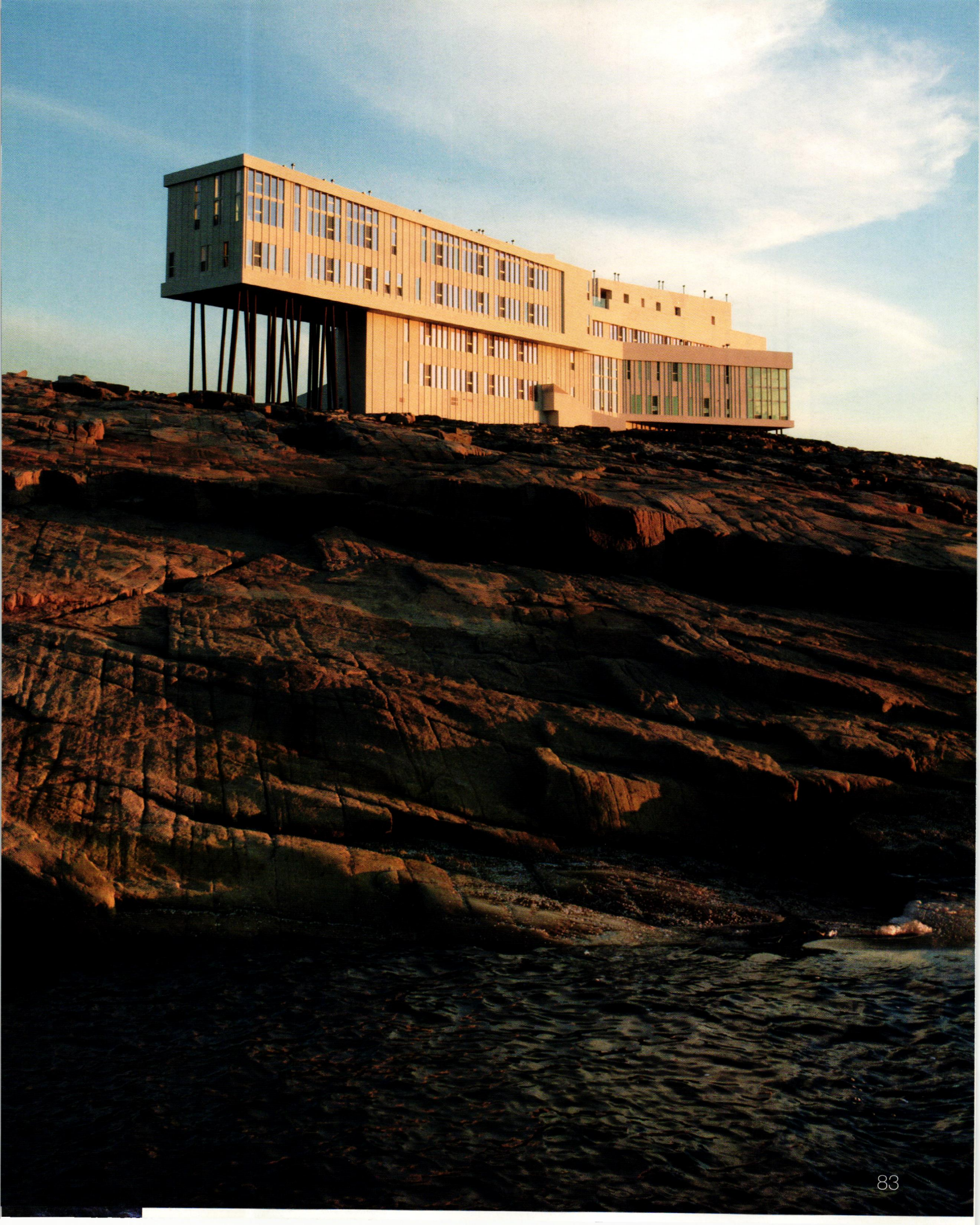



Rooms with a view
The hotel's welcoming guest rooms and main dining room are all designed to capture the magnificent water, sky and coastline panoramas.

Fogo and time appears to move slowly here. The Inn is found on the island's Back Western Shore, like a lighthouse overlooking the Labrador Current and the winter pack ice.

The hotel's sleek and boldly contemporary design is in sharp contrast to the rugged northern landscape of this island outpost. Designed by Newfoundland-born but Norway-based architect Todd Saunders, the timber-clad structure employs traditional Newfoundland "outport" architecture and materials.

It was designed and built with sustainability and a profound respect for nature in mind. Narrow columns support the protruding end of the building, ensuring it impacts only minimally on the rocks, lichens and plants that make up the coastal landscape. Rainwater is collected from the roof and is recycled, while solar panels on the outbuilding provide hot water for under-floor heating and laundry services.

Saunders – who has also created a series of rural, modernist, live-in studios for the island's growing artist community – says the skill of local carpenters and craftsmen was instrumental in the build quality. The exterior cladding is locally sourced and milled Black Spruce.

Inside, the hotel offers a warm and inviting retreat set against the stark beauty of the island. Its 29 one-of-a-kind guest suites afford breathtaking views of the wild North Atlantic and are named after the mysterious islets, rocks and shoals that can be seen from the floor-to-ceiling windows.

The clean lines and comfortable but utilitarian approach to interior design lend the hotel spaces a Scandinavian feel, reinforced further by the organic, natural fiber beds and blond-wood floors (and further still by the fourth floor roof deck with saunas and outdoor hot tubs). But local accents, such as rocking chairs, brightly patterned quilts, bold wallpaper prints and wood-burning stoves give the suites a sense of place. This is pared-down luxury, Newfoundland-style.

Guest rooms vary in size from 350 to 1,100 square feet. Three are double height spaces with the sleeping area located on a mezzanine. In each of the suites, the bed is placed in front of the windows to maximize the dramatic water and coastal views.

Every textile and piece of furniture in the suites – from the quilts to the rugs to the wallpaper – has been handcrafted in the local community, a style they call "handmade modern" and is a welcome antidote to the





uniformity that shapes contemporary hospitality around the world. Even the toiletries are locally sourced.

Indeed, community lies at the very soul of this unique retreat. Fogo Island Inn is the culmination of a major community revitalization project, and the hotel is just one element in a broader social enterprise that sought to sustain the community and its heritage following the demise of its once-thriving cod fishing industry.

The building contains a number of public facilities, including a contemporary art gallery, a library dedicated to local history, a cinema, gym, and meeting and dining areas. The hotel is a community asset and all surpluses from the operation are reinvested in the community to help secure a long lasting resilience for the island. There are no investors seeking a return on their outlay. The inn adopts a no-tipping policy – all employees participate in a bonus-sharing program that is based on the hotel's performance.

Fogo Island Inn is essentially a public building for Fogo Island. It's also a groundbreaking model of social entrepreneurship – rooted in the island, not built on top of it – and a crucial element in the community's daily life and ultimate survival.

The hotel's warmth and unquestioning hospitality have a distinctly local flavor, too. Care, attention and conversation are lavished on guests as they would be on visiting friends. This is a natural approach to hospitality, not something that can be learned.

While strikingly modern on the outside, Fogo Island Inn is a true traditionalist at heart and has gone to great lengths to preserve and revive island traditions, including the craftsmanship so apparent in the building's exterior and interior design.

Chef Murray McDonald has developed a creative seasonal menu that emphasizes regional dishes and local ingredients such as fish, crustaceans, berries, mushrooms and caribou. He talks of a "forage, gather, cook" approach to cuisine. The hotel is defining a "new" Newfoundland across food, architecture, design, craft and art.

THE DETAILS
For more information on Fogo Island Inn and reservations, visit ***fogoislandinn.ca*** or call (709) 658-3444.

Beyond the traditional dining times, afternoon tea, daybreak trays at sunrise, and hearty picnics taken elsewhere on the island are all included in the full-board rates.

While so many hotels promise a chance to kick back and switch off, easing away the realities of the real world, Fogo Island Inn invites you to become part of a resilient island community at the edge of the world, to understand its unique cultural heritage and personal identity, and to truly interact with nature at its most wild. That, perhaps, is the real adventure. **O|H**





A DESIGNER OF DISTINCTION

A PRESTIGIOUS DESIGN AWARD IS THE PINNACLE OF A BRILLIANT CAREER FOR INTERIORS EXPERT ROBERT WRIGHT

words by **Jennie Nunn**

photographs by **Brady Architectural Photography**



For Robert Wright,

co-founder and principal of the San Diego-based interior design firm McCormick & Wright (formerly Bast/Wright Interiors), a career as an interior designer wasn't exactly planned. "My family and my father all worked for oil companies and in the oil fields," says Wright, who grew up just outside Houston, in Richmond, Texas.

"I was always interested in architecture, and as a little kid, I would draw floor plans for houses. I don't know why I was doing that, but I did. And when I would go to my father's office, I would be roaming and snooping around and was intrigued with the building floor plan, space planning and where I was. I guess I was a nerdy kid."

This natural curiosity for spatial planning, architecture, floor plans and "meandering" (Wright also admits he used to wander in department stores and 'get lost' as a young boy), led him to a major in Interior Design at Southwest Texas State University, now known as Texas State University.

"I was the first in my family to go off in that direction, but my mother and father were always very supportive of my education, and through all of the different whims and going into something different what seemed like every third week, they didn't judge it, they would just come on board and cheer me on," adds Wright, who went on to serve as National President for ASID (the American Society of Interior Designers) from 2005-2006, and most recently won the society's prestigious Designer of Distinction Award. "I think it goes back to that original interest in architecture and design, and plus, I was really good at it. It stuck and it made sense, and I wanted to do good."

Wright, who began his career after college working as an entry-level designer for Houston-based firm Clegg/Houston (one of his first projects was the law offices of Fulbright & Jaworski), has designed spaces for the former ASID San Diego Designer Showcase Houses, and has been featured in major publications for his timeless private residences for clients across the United States in Vail, Boston, Chicago, San Diego, and on Oahu's North Shore, among others.

"I guess it was a case of sink or swim at Clegg/Houston, and I found myself running a lot of projects," says Wright, who later moved to Denver and worked for several years for a large multi-city firm, Neville Lewis & Associates, before relocating to San Diego.

Wright soon received a phone call from a headhunter, and was recruited for a position at an office furniture dealership and design firm, Parron Hall, where he worked for six years. In 1991, he serendipitously met design partner Jan Bast, through ASID and his work on the San Diego Center for the Blind. That year, he started his own business and began designing private residences for an ever-expanding portfolio of clients. He also began a 12-year stint as a part-time instructor at San Diego State University, and became an advocate and board member for the Council for Interior Design Accreditation (CIDA).

One of Wright's proudest moments is earning ASID's Designer of Distinction Award. "I've had some wonderful acknowledgements and some success stories, but that one shocked the heck out of me," says Wright of the award, with past recipients including notable designers Barbara Barry, Paul Vincent Wiseman and Andre Staffelbach.

"Many nationally known people have received



Coastal chic
Robert Wright gave this ocean home in La Jolla, Calif., a "coastal contemporary" aesthetic with a chic European sensibility.





accessories; and a mid-century-inspired condominium project in the iconic Sierra Towers in Los Angeles (Cher and Elton John have lived in the building).

"The whole building is kind of famous for the Hollywood scene, and my client bought it and scored a prime spot," says Wright of the year-long remodel. "We wanted to give a wink and a nod to mid-century and the 1970s, but also wanted to maintain a clean, urban and contemporary look with some nuances to mid-to-late mid-century style, but I didn't want it to be a theme park. It's a nice mix of items that we hand-picked from that era." The space is also layered with abstract paintings the client procured from New York, as well as Warren Platner armchairs, and a massive, ceramic wall panel by Austin, Texas-based ceramic artist Jen Prichard, which neatly conceals the television.

It's obvious that Wright's love of design, though, doesn't end at the office. The self-proclaimed "bargain hunter," who lives in a condominium in San Diego's Balboa Park district, spends his weekends hiking, or working on his new 1950s "ranchita-style" home in Borrego Springs. "I just love finding bargains and have found everything from a Milo Baughman chair to a vintage dresser inspired by designs of George Nelson," says the designer, who attributes decorators Barbara Barry and Jamie Drake among his design heroes.

"I'm constantly snooping around, and shopping in San Diego has some intriguing opportunities. I love going to what I call 'vintage row' along Park Boulevard. My favorites include Design/One, Mid-Century and The Atomic Bazaar. I'm always stopping by to see what is new. And, for fine art, the best galleries are on La Jolla's Girard Avenue including R.B. Stevenson Gallery, Scott White Contemporary Art and Quint Gallery. These are my go-to resources."

After nearly 30 years, Wright is still just as passionate about reinventing a space, and making his mark in the design community since his very first days on the job. "I mean this with all sincerity, but I have seen good design change people's lives, and how they have come to life after we left them," he says. "We did this project in Point Loma, San Diego, and when it was completed, the recently widowed homeowner would host family gatherings, dinner parties and not-for-profit events, and it kind of gave her this new confidence. I just love that once we leave the project that people's lives have changed, and how a space really can affect someone. I still get very fired up over that." **O|H**

THE DETAILS
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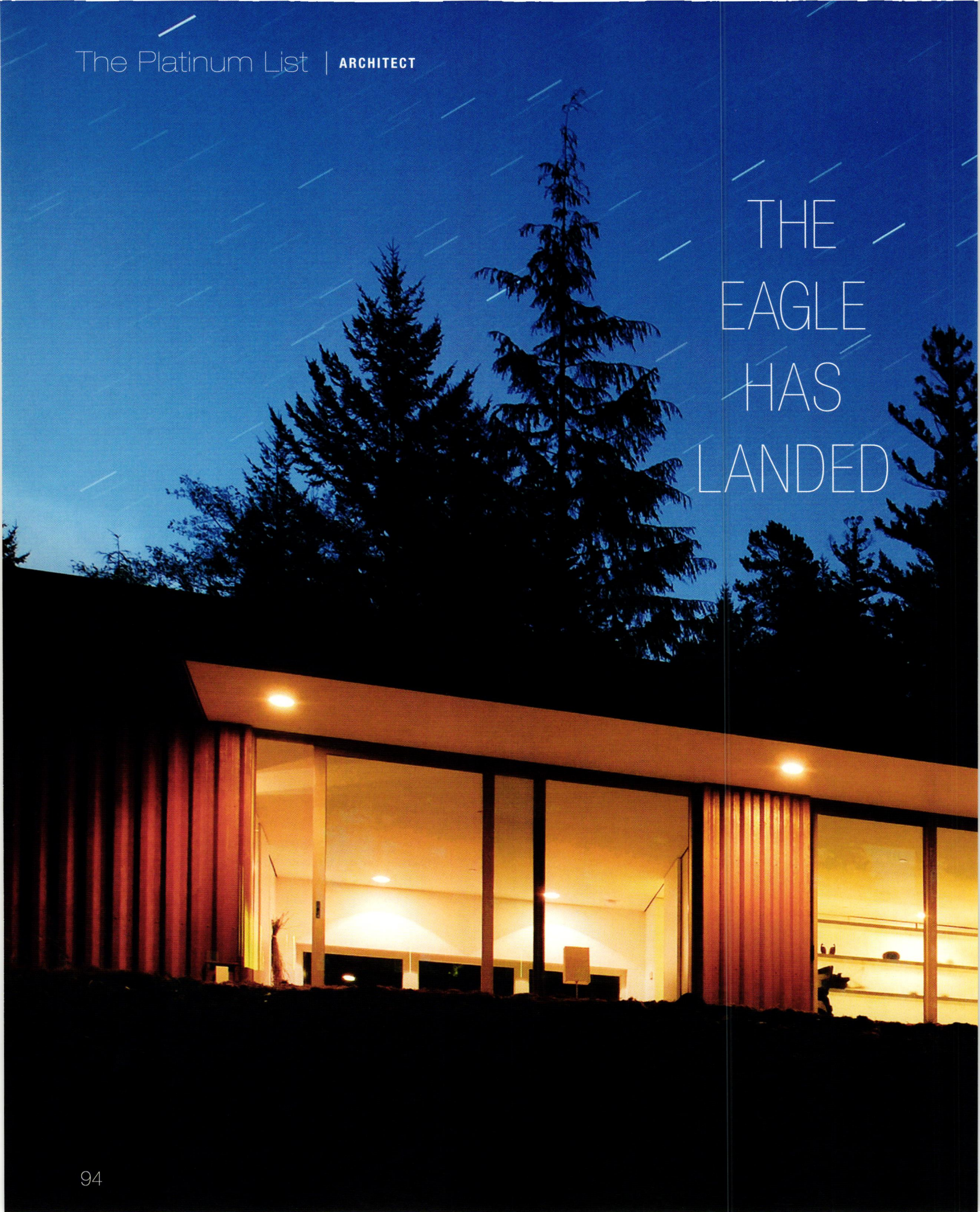

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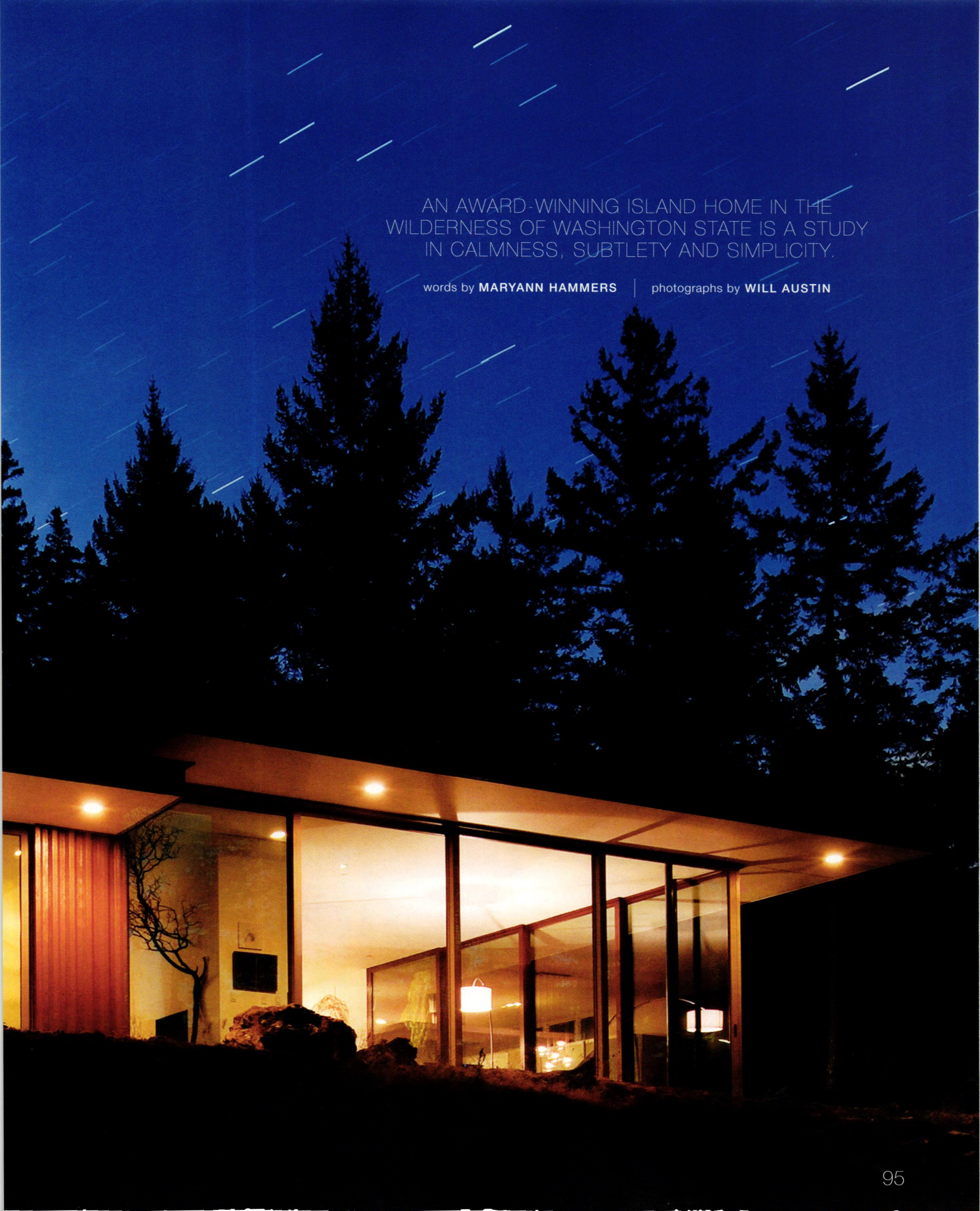


AN AWARD-WINNING ISLAND HOME IN THE WILDERNESS OF WASHINGTON STATE IS A STUDY IN CALMNESS, SUBTLETY AND SIMPLICITY.

words by **MARYANN HAMMERS** | photographs by **WILL AUSTIN**

You know how the old saying goes about people who live in glass houses. But if that glass-walled house happens to be Eagle Ridge on Orcas Island in Washington State, the resident is nothing less than "absolutely giddy," says award-winning Seattle architect Gary Gladwish.

The home's owner – a professional artist/sculptor and environmentalist who also happens to be Gladwish's mother – had dreamed of living on Orcas Island since she was a child. Decades later, she finally had the chance to purchase a plot of land on a forested hillside overlooking the San Juan and Canadian Gulf islands. She presented her talented and willing son with a list of requirements, accompanied by a modest budget.

"Landscapes and nature have always played a big role in her artwork and sculptures and she wanted the house to feel like a living room in the woods," Gladwish says. But the home also had to be practical, eco-friendly and low-maintenance. Gladwish ultimately met those goals by staying true to his trademark design principles of calmness, subtlety and simplicity.

As a result, Eagle Ridge – a simple one-story, L-shaped home – received this year's American Institute of Architects (AIA) Housing Award in Category One (One- and Two-Family Custom Residences) and also won a well-earned Merit Award from AIA Seattle for Washington Architecture.

In a way, Gladwish and his mother came full circle with the completion of Eagle Ridge. "My parents were artists, and my mother has a flair for architecture. She really likes the creative process, coming up with ideas, and exploring possibilities," he says. "So all the while I was growing up, I never lived in a finished house. My mother was always drawing up housing plans and my parents were always remodeling, demolishing and tearing down walls. I learned at an early age how houses are torn apart and made."

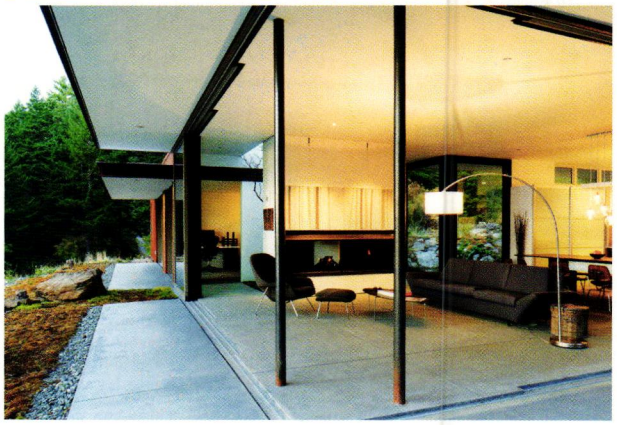
After that childhood hands-on informal training, Gladwish attended Rhode Island School of Design in Providence, worked in construction management and at several small architectural firms before hanging his shingle in Seattle.

Though modern, Eagle Ridge doesn't slavishly adhere to any single architectural style. In fact, Gladwish's









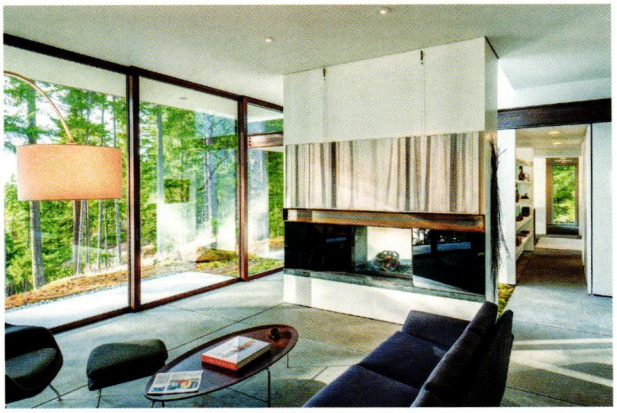
Night and day
Nature and man come together in harmony in this award-winning contemporary home in the wilderness.

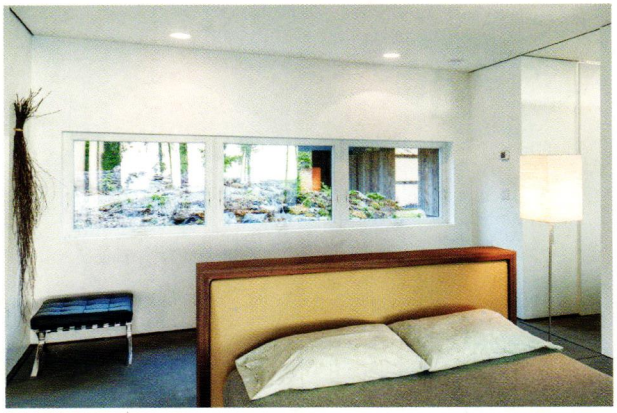


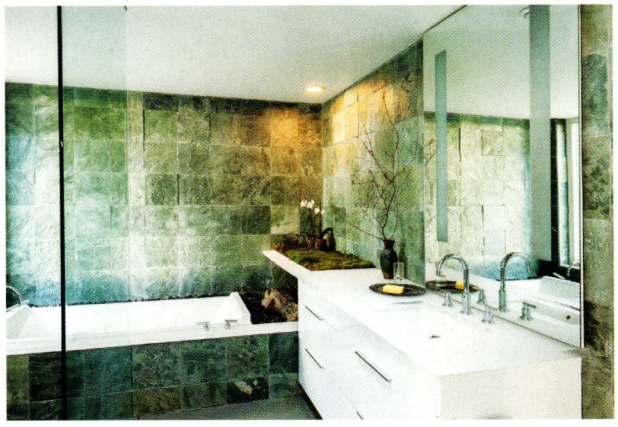


Peace and quiet
The simple, calm and subtle design by architect Gary Gladwish invites natural light and shade to stream inside the home.









overarching design aesthetic is perhaps better described for what he doesn't do: "I don't over-adorn, disguise or dress up a home with fussy details," he says. "A lot of buildings are all about themselves but I don't like houses that yell and scream, 'Hey, look at me!'"

In particular, he's not a fan of distracting deconstructionist touches, such as tilted walls, weird angles or curves "just for the sake of doing it." As he explains: "I find [such details] very chaotic. I believe a space can be dynamic without being shaped like the inside of a whale."

Instead, Gladwish says his projects – whether he's working on a home or a houseboat – "work for the purpose and the place that they're in. I respond to the landscape, environment and location of every project. Each has to be taken in its context, with the needs of the client carefully considered. As you move through a house, it should be simple and rational – a window is a window, a door is a door, a wall is a wall – with quiet spaces and a poetic harmony to the whole."

That sense of quiet harmony permeates Eagle Ridge, while also fulfilling the owner's wishes – particularly her dream of having a home that feels like a "living room in the woods."

"She wanted to walk up to the front door and see straight through the house to the view beyond," he adds. "But here in the Northwest, it's pretty tough to have a wide-open building." He solved the climate problem with expansive glass walls that convert to slider windows, weather permitting. The front door is a 6- by 10-foot pane of glass, showcasing the surrounding island views even before the home is entered.

An intimate garden area at the front entrance includes a pond, featuring tadpoles, fish and aquatic plants. It's not only pretty and calming, but also serves a practical purpose, as rainwater flows off the roof and collects in the pond.

Boulders, saved from the excavation, are arranged around the front entry, along with a moss-covered log, salvaged from a dead tree found on the land. Just inside the house, a matching moss-branch-rock garden continues the theme, further blending indoors and out.

And who says you can't fool Mother Nature? The homeowner's visiting grandson recently awoke to see a stag just outside the window, aggressively picking a fight with its own glass reflection.

Tucked amid the surrounding trees, the low-maintenance and environmentally friendly home has no lawn to mow or yard to maintain other than a fire pit and a small outside space in the back that blends into the hilly site. "The woods come up to the house, so it feels like it's in the middle of nowhere," Gladwish says.

"Nothing needs to be painted. The siding is from a

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— EAGLE RIDGE ARCHITECT GARY GLADWISH





100-year-old torn-down barn with old paint marks and weathering steel that will eventually sport a patina. There's nothing to do other than wash windows." Further, the house was built with ultra-tight, structural insulated panels, "so it doesn't lose energy or heat," Gladwish adds.

An 800-square-foot art studio in the back part of the house was plumbed and wired, so it can be converted easily to two additional bedrooms and bathrooms, thus anticipating the artist-owner's desire to age in place.

Simple, common materials – such as drywall concrete floors – kept the costs down. "We purchased wardrobes, cabinets and vanities from Ikea and not-over-the-top plumbing fixtures," he says. "I built a dining room table with a slab of wood I found lying around, and refinished some old side chairs. So while this looks like an expensive home, it didn't cost all that much.

Gladwish's favorite spot is the combined living room/dining/kitchen area. "It's a wonderful, relaxing place to sit and watch the spectacular view – the boats floating by, sunsets in different colors, the green of the forest punctuated by the reddish brown bark of the madrone trees," he says. "It's one big room but the kitchen is set apart with a floating ceiling, islands, and task lighting, so it's not too cavernous. The living room has a higher ceiling that flows to the outdoors."



THE DETAILS
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Prestigious organizations and design magazines have recognized Eagle Ridge. Said one AIA jury member: "This is such a zen house – it does so much with so little, and it responds to the client's wishes." Another jury member noted: "This is one of the strongest projects we've seen. It uses common materials simply and is responsible to place and the client."

Gladwish is rightfully pleased with the accolades, but his greatest satisfaction? "Seeing my mom light up when I visit," he says. "She is absolutely giddy with her home. It makes me proud to realize how much of an impact that something I designed can have on a homeowner's life." **O|H**

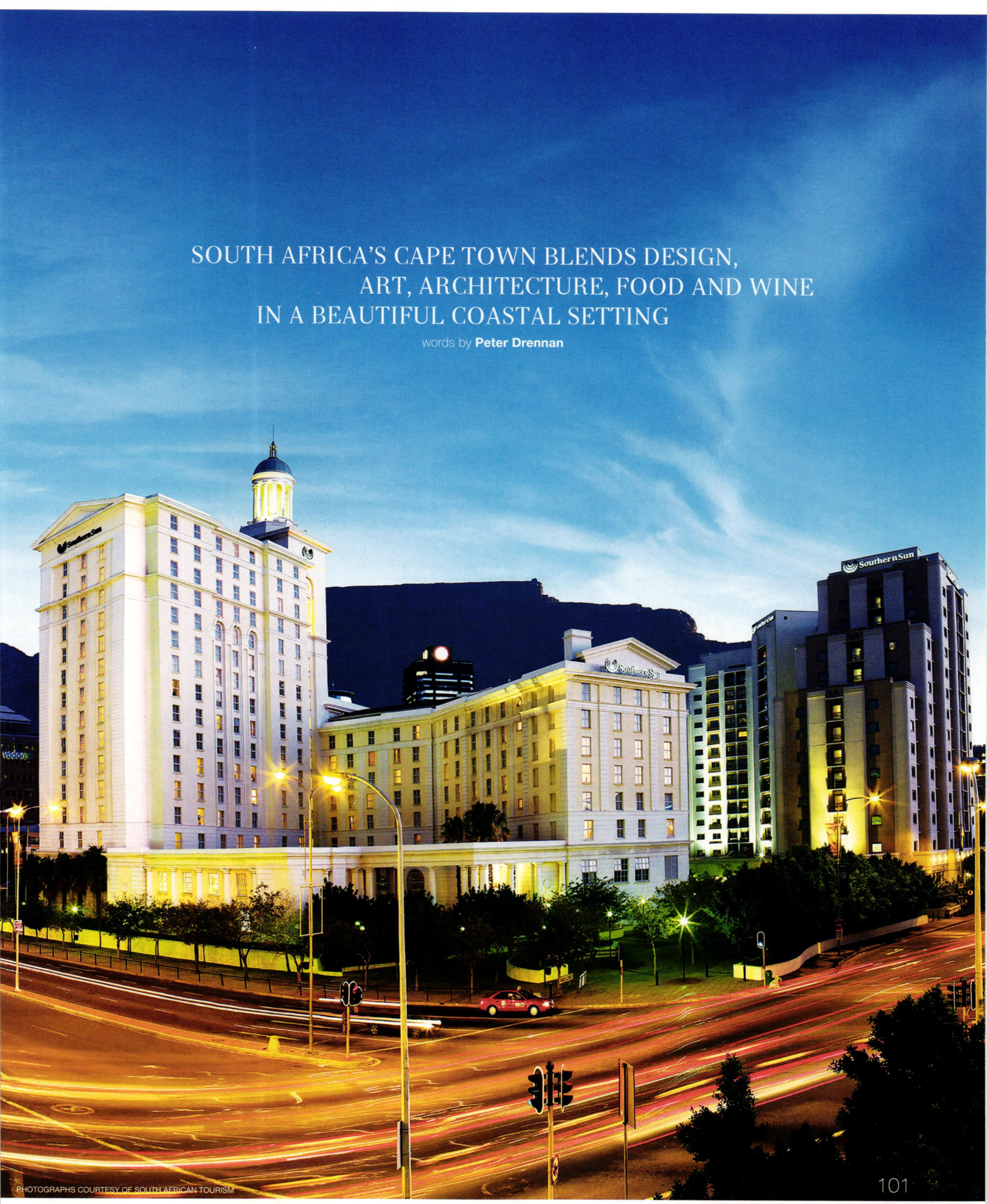


CAPE CRUSADERS



SOUTH AFRICA'S CAPE TOWN BLENDS DESIGN, ART, ARCHITECTURE, FOOD AND WINE IN A BEAUTIFUL COASTAL SETTING

words by **Peter Drennan**



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Cape Town is a member of an elite club

of the world's most spectacular cities. Like its major rivals – New York, London, Paris, Rio de Janeiro, Hong Kong and Sydney – Cape Town offers more than beauty alone. It has brains, sophistication, mystery, a complex history, just a hint of danger, a keen eye for design and a head for business.

The second most populous city in South Africa, after Johannesburg, cosmopolitan Cape Town is the provincial capital of the Western Cape, a state blessed by nature. On the shore of Table Bay, at the northern tip of the scenic Cape Peninsula, Cape Town's City Bowl is framed by Table Mountain, Devil's Peak and Lion's Head, forming a dramatic mountain backdrop. A series of inviting bays with affluent neighborhoods and eye-catching ocean homes extend out from the city along an exceptionally beautiful coastline.

But Cape Town is also a city of contradictions. Leafy suburbs of architect-designed villas are punctuated with dusty and impoverished townships. It has the scale of a provincial city with the sophistication of a first-world capital. At once European, African and South African – a melting pot of hip pavement cafes, raucous street traders and outdoorsy locals – Cape Town has emerged from a dark chapter of division to become a creative nexus at the southern tip of the continent.

Close to the meeting point of the Atlantic and Indian Oceans, and with fertile land and abundant water, Cape Town's geography was fundamental to its rise. European ships heading to the Orient stopped at the Cape to stock up on water and food supplies. It was the Portuguese seafarer Bartholomeu Dias who first rounded the Cape in 1488 and named it the Cape of Good Hope.

Colors of the Cape
Cape Town's majestic ocean and coastal scenery, along with its rich seam of art and culture, make it the perfect choice as 2014's World Design Capital.

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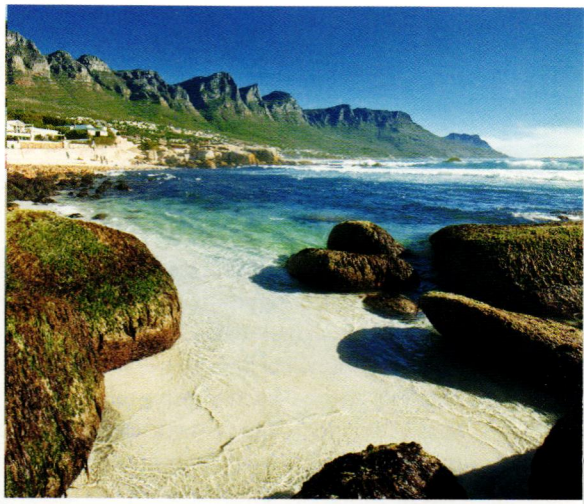





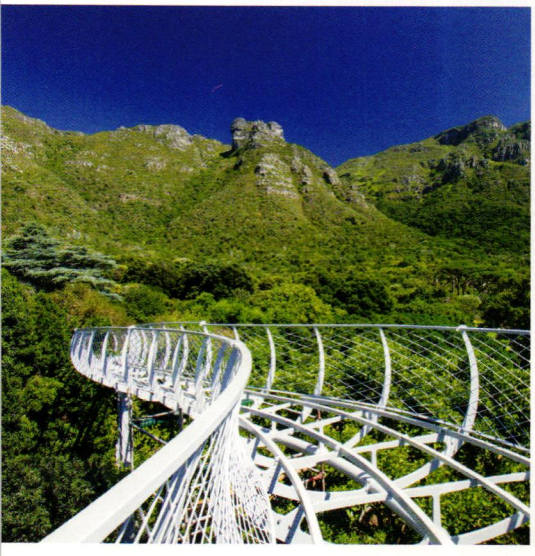



Today it is a vibrant, creative energy that promises to reshape the city. Cape Town is this year's World Design Capital, a designation bestowed biennially by the International Council of Societies of Industrial Design. Design Capitals are dedicated to using design to transform lives and better cities. Cape Town's tenure, say organizers, is part of a broader vision to transform the city through design into a sustainable metropolis bridging historical divides and building social and economic inclusion.

Cape Town is celebrating design in all its forms, throwing open the doors to artists' studios, putting on fashion shows by new and established designers, organizing architecture open houses and hosting a series of global design events. As part of the program, residents are seeking to rejuvenate impoverished townships like Gugulethu and Maboneng. One unique project sees township homes turned into public art galleries showcasing works crafted by local artists.

But it is still tourism that draws the vast majority of visitors to the city. In January, "The New York Times" ranked Cape Town at the top of its '52 Places to Go in 2014.' Little wonder. Aside from its legendary beauty, few cities pack so much into such a small area.

Table Mountain is the city's most iconic landmark and a trip to the top by cable car or on foot – and abseiling back down for the intrepid – delivers unrivalled views of the city skyline, the beach community of Camps Bay and beyond. The late Nelson Mandela described Table Mountain, viewed from Robben Island, as a "beacon of hope." Mandela spent 18 of his 27 years in captivity in the notorious maximum-security prison, but today Cape Town's Alcatraz is an inspirational museum.

A scenic hour's drive from the city, the spectacular Cape Winelands seem like they are a world away. Rolling vineyards, historic wine estates – many open to the public for tours, tastings and picnics – and neat towns like Stellenbosch, Franschhoek, Paarl and Robertson are the gateway to South Africa's premier wine labels.

A quarter of the world's shark species live in South African waters and about 40 of these call the Cape Town area home. Nearby Gansbaai is the "Great White capital of the world" and shark-cage diving is a once-in-a-lifetime experience. Less life-threatening is the Jackass Penguin colony at Boulders Beach allowing visitors to get up close and personal with the comedic birds.

Art and design, however, are two of the rapidly growing attractions of Cape Town. At the foot of Devil's Peak, the rundown suburb of Woodstock is fast becoming Cape Town's new arts center. Dilapidated Victorian buildings are being refurbished, derelict warehouses have been transformed into art galleries and boutique shopping malls and a new street art project is drawing interest. A district once associated with gang crime is now a Saturday staple for Capetonians flocking to the food market at the Old Biscuit Mill.





Design denizens
The city's artistic and design centers run the gamut from modern studios (top) to colorful and popular coastal neighborhoods.

Given its diminutive size, Cape Town is a city best discovered on foot. But if its gentle slopes become too much, Cycology, a recent start-up business, offers bespoke tours on electric bicycles. Social entrepreneur Vincent Truter, a former Johannesburg advertising executive and a crusader for green mobility, founded the company to unlock a new way of seeing the city.

Another entrepreneur, coffee evangelist David Donde, founded Truth Coffee in The Fringe, the city's innovation district. Cape Town is noted for good coffee, but Donde took that further by roasting and blending his own, investing in a three-ton vintage roaster. A steampunk-inspired interior for the flagship outlet on Buitenkant Street includes saw-blade tabletops, exposed pipes and a pressed tin counter. "MSN Travel" last year bestowed Truth with best coffee shop in the world status.

Cape Town may thrive with the buzz of innovation, but some city landmarks have stood the test of time. At the foot of Table Mountain and a short walk through the

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Pretty in pink
The lovely Belmond Mount Nelson Hotel (above) has been a centerpiece of the city since opening its doors in 1899.

Company Gardens from downtown, the Belmond Mount Nelson Hotel is a Cape Town institution. Its manicured grounds offer an oasis of leafy tranquility amid the buzz of the city. Its grand exterior, painted powder pink since the Great War, has been a city landmark since the hotel opened its doors in 1899 to the First Class passengers of a shipping line.

Its reputation for providing the rich and celebrated with a home away from home is the stuff of legend. Winston Churchill stayed here as a war correspondent. Arthur Conan-Doyle was also a guest. In fact an A-list "who's who" of power players has evaded the paparazzi within the hotel's protective walls from Oprah Winfrey and Tiger Woods to Lenny Kravitz and the Dalai Lama.

A world away from the minimalist modernism of Cape Town's boutique hotels, the affectionately named 'Nellie' is a masterpiece of English colonial design and decor. The 201 plush guest rooms fuse timeless charm with contemporary luxuries, each with its own unique character. Exquisitely furnished with marble bathrooms, most have fireplaces and all offer views across the hotel gardens, the fountain courtyard or Table Mountain. Eight restored, historic cottages in the grounds have been converted into Garden Cottage Suites.

Cape Town is a gastronome's dream and the Mount Nelson's master chef Rudi Liebenberg is a passionate proponent of local ingredients. The Chef's Table is an alcove of the kitchen that offers the perfect vantage point as Liebenberg and his team prepare a sequence of memorable dishes – the Biltong-dusted springbok loin with a chakalaka polenta croquette and beetroot salad is a stand-out dish – matched with wines from the Cape Winelands.

THE DETAILS
For more on Cape Town and the World Design Capital, ***worlddesigncapitalcom*** or ***capetown.travel.com.*** For reservations at the Belmond Mount Nelson Hotel, visit ***mountnelson.co.za***

If you can't reserve the Chef's Table then the Planet Restaurant and Bar are excellent alternatives, packed with well-heeled Capetonians. Afternoon tea at the Mount Nelson is also a tradition well worth indulging. Elegant, graceful and resolutely glamorous, in the way of an aging screen siren, the Nellie is a city icon in an iconic city. **O|H**

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A Kean Eye

CUSTOM BUILDER OF THE YEAR PHIL KEAN DESIGNS AND BUILDS DREAM HOMES FOR HIS CLIENTS – AND HIMSELF

words by **Nigel F. Maynard**

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and context. He then determines the client's goal, which is key to the most important step: the floor plan. "I think that having a wonderful floor plan that really works for your lifestyle is more important than how a house looks from the street," he says. "Elevations are easy; the floor plan is the challenge."

One of the advantages of working with Kean is that his clients understand design and construction. The model has many benefits: issues get resolved quickly and budget concerns are largely eliminated. "We're really good at making budgets because when you're the builder and the architect, you know what things cost," he says. "And you can design things for people's budget."

Almost all of the firm's local work is for design/build, but out-of-state commissions – from diverse places such as California, Canada and Africa – are typically design only. And though he has a penchant for "warm modernism," he also accepts commissions for classic homes.

No matter the home's style, Kean has developed a reputation for being open-minded. When the Russells requested a courtyard and pool in the middle of their traditional Deland, Fla., home, the architect obliged. And he didn't blink when they constructed a model of the house using cereal boxes. "He didn't laugh at us or snicker or anything," Kelly explains. "He loved the fact that we had such a definite idea of what we wanted."

Kean becomes friends with most of the clients he builds for, and maintains those friendships. Jim Blumenfeld, who met the architect when they were in graduate school, hired Kean to design his family's house in Winter Park.

"We knew Phil's work very well and loved it," says Blumenfeld, a marketing consultant. "We spoke with another builder but decided it would be best to have Phil build what he designed." Blumenfeld and his husband subsequently hired Kean to do their vacation home in Cocoa Beach.

PKDG usually has 12 to 20 homes under construction but is often managing up to 80 projects in various stages. One of Kean's crowning achievements was designing and building the 2012 New American Home, the NAHB's annual showcase project. Measuring 4,181 square feet, the mid-century-inspired house features an open floor plan, large floor-to-ceiling glass and ample outdoor spaces.

Kean loved the design so much he kept it as his private home and lives there today. Personal recommendations don't come better than that. **O|H**

THE DETAILS
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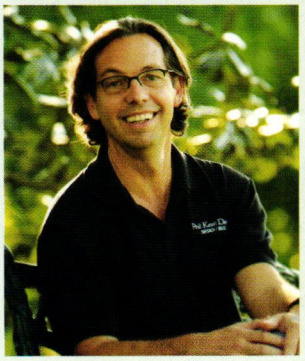

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— PHIL KEAN, CUSTOM BUILDER OF THE YEAR







Master strokes
Phil Kean loved the home he built and designed so much he decided to keep it and live there himself.

APPRECIATING LUXURY VACATION HOMES

EQUITY ESTATES' PROVEN MODEL OF LUXURY RESIDENCE OWNERSHIP DELIVERS REWARDING EXPERIENCES AND RESULTS.

After a long slumber, the real estate and travel industries are showing signs of rebirth. Equity Estates, an Atlanta-based company, has carved out a niche that combines superlative homes and vacation experiences with a real estate investment opportunity. The company is well positioned to capitalize on demand in both areas through its Luxury Residence Fund™, Equity Estates Fund II, LLC (Fund II), an exclusive fund that caters to accredited investors.

Launched in 2013, Fund II followed the successful subscription of Equity Estates Fund I, which assembled an impressive portfolio of $3 million vacation residences throughout the United States, Caribbean, and Mexico. In contrast to vacation and destination clubs, Equity Estates investors (also referred to as owner members) receive an ownership interest in the Fund, which governs itself with strict covenants that earmark use of proceeds for buying the homes—financial transparency, limited debt, and alignment between investors and management are key principles.

Equity Estates Fund I grew its membership base by 50 percent in 2008, 40-plus percent in 2009 and 2010. It was sold out by 2012, instigating the launch of Fund II the following year.

> "investors own and enjoy a diversified portfolio of luxury vacation homes"

Owner members have access to more than 65 residences spanning 30 countries. The portfolio—which includes homes in **New York, New York; Northstar at Lake Tahoe, California; Watersound, Florida; Turks & Caicos; Los Cabos, Mexico; Bali, Indonesia; Marrakech, Morocco; Phuket, Thailand; Tuscany, Italy; and Napa Valley, California** among others—reflects the demands of exacting clientele from more than 30 states.

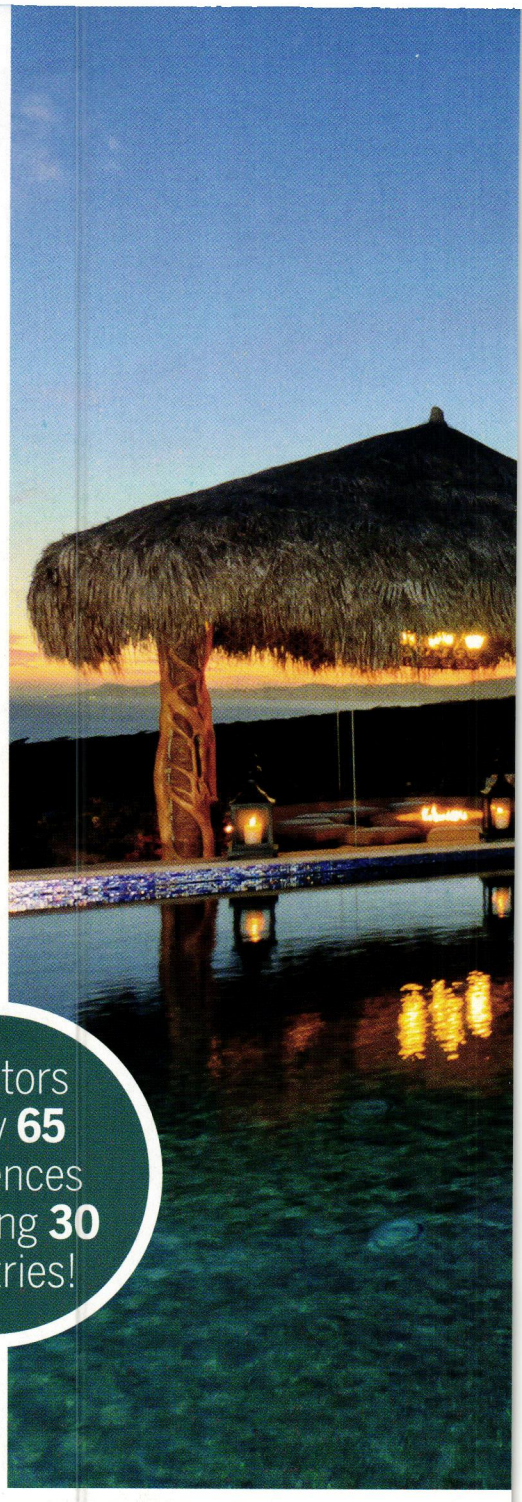
Equity Estates believes that its model—centered on wealth preservation—will enable investors to make lodging costs non-existent when taking into account prospective gains on investment.

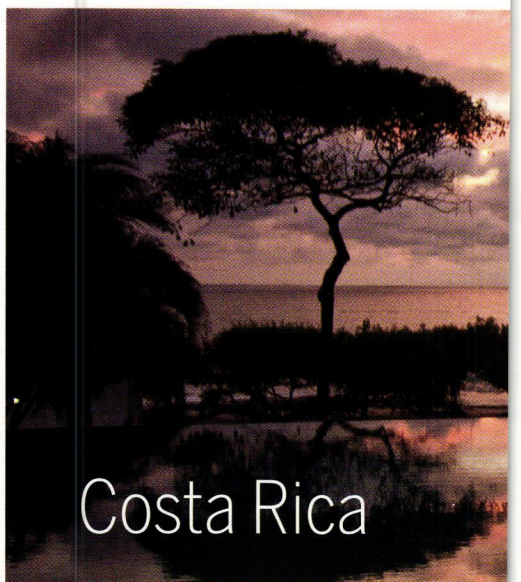
> "success is measured by return on investment and return on living"

"Since the majority of the fund's residences will be acquired at near market lows over the next eighteen months, the appreciation shared upon liquidation could actually result in the owner member getting paid to travel," said Rick Covert, a Flower Mound, Texas-based entrepreneur who sits on the board of the fund, is an owner member, and enjoys traveling to the residences with his friends and family.

Pending size of investment, investors enjoy between 15 and 180 nights of usage in the private portfolio of residences. Five-star services are delivered by personal travel concierges and onsite hosts. The fund offers the greatest availability in the market place, and intentionally under-utilizes the portfolio to maximize investor access. "We think less like hotel industry executives," says Brandon Dale, the company's managing director, "and more like a cooperative that shares owned assets."

"Success is measured by return on investment and return on living. We take pride in designing inspired experiences that create lifelong memories." Founder and CEO, Philip Mekelburg. From organizing a father-son deep sea fishing excursion in Los Cabos, to planning a wedding at the Empire State Building, The Equity Estates team delivers returns which can't be measured merely in dollars and cents.





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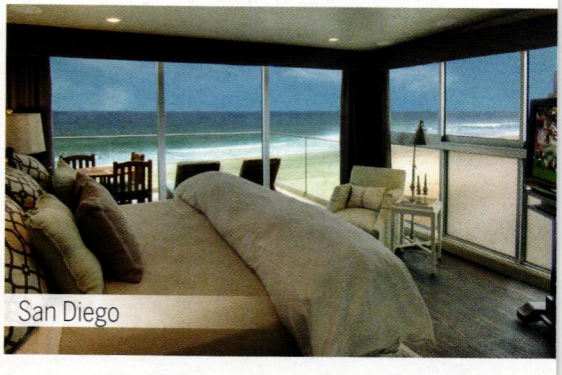

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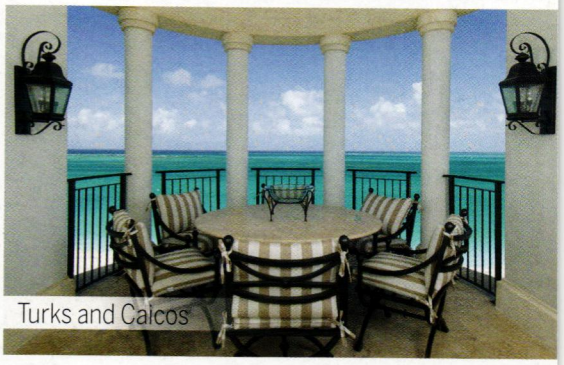

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FLYING POINT: WHERE OCEAN MEETS THE BAY



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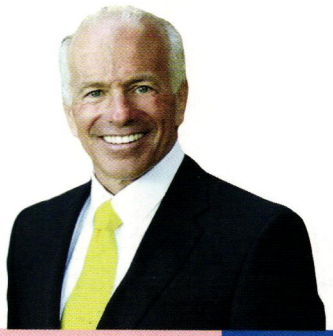

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SOUTHAMPTON OCEANFRONT

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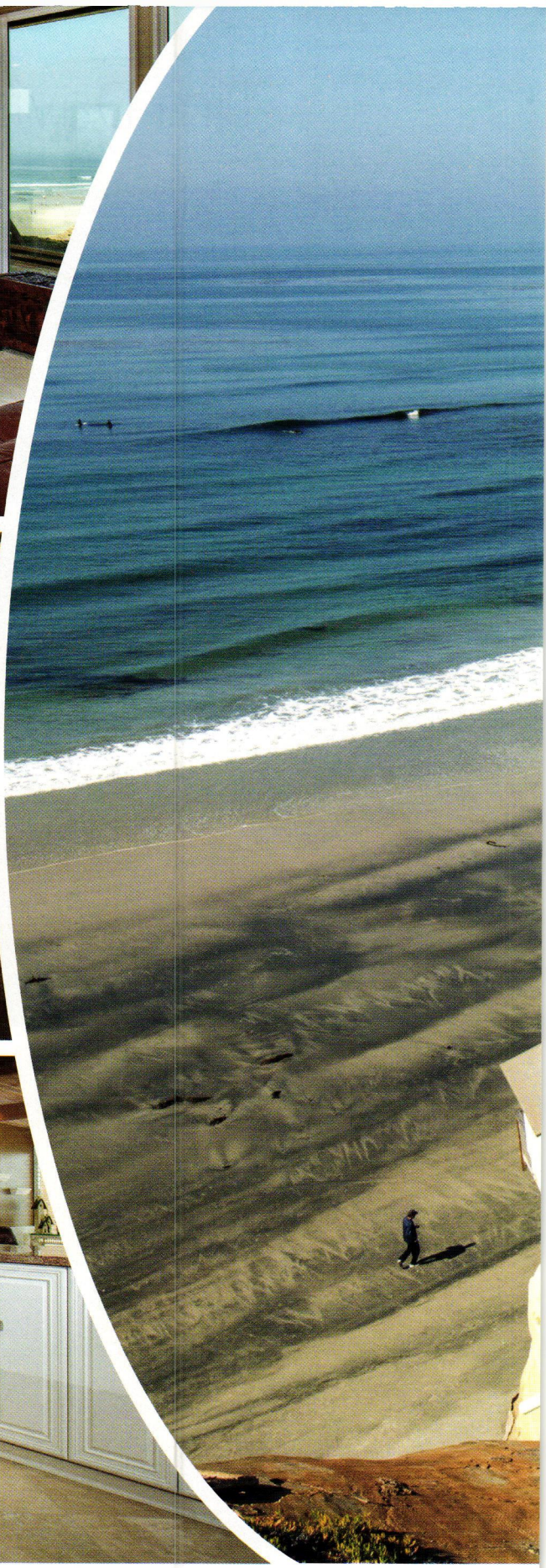

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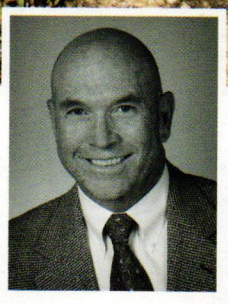

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31 BOW ST, COHASSET, MA 02025
LIST PRICE: $2,195,000
Walls of windows capture incredible unparalleled views of Little Harbor, this distinctive Nantucket shingle style home offering a unique ever changing panorama from sunrise to sunset. Amenities include spectacular custom kitchen,guest suite,spacious rooms & open floor plan living. Professionally designed & styled for today's discerning buyer.



84 ELM ST, COHASSET, MA 02025
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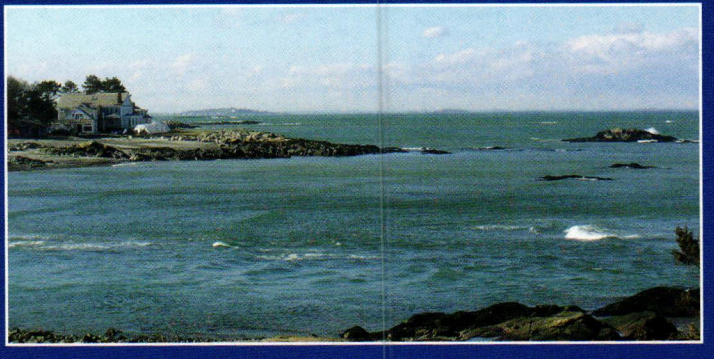
Fabulous totally renovated 1830's home in the heart of the Cohasset steps from the harbor and village. This magnificent residence offers unparalleled period craftsmanship and custom architectural detail combining understated elegance with modern day convenience. The open floor plan blends intimate and informal living with sophisticated entertaining.



30 HOBART LANE, COHASSET, MA 02025
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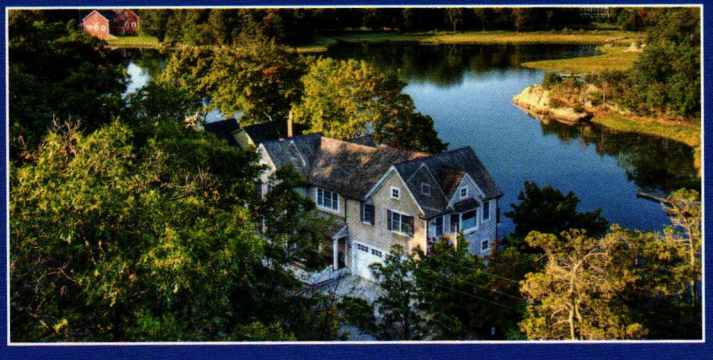
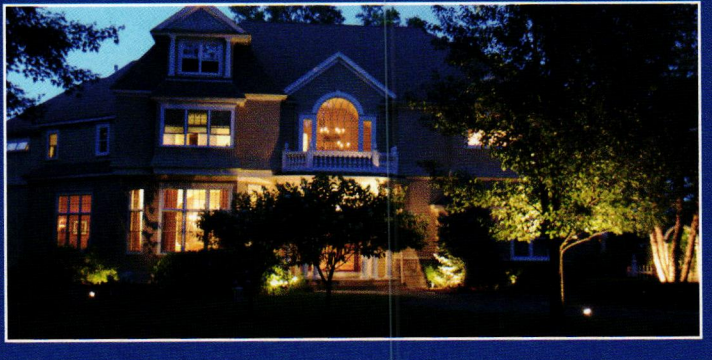
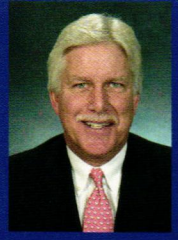
On the mouth of Little Harbor, this is the chance of a lifetime to create a waterfront estate. With 2 acres of rolling lawn to waters edge the opportunities are endless. Renovate the existing Boat House, or build your dream home with spectacular views, sunsets and private beach. This property is set amongst mulit-million dollar mansions on much sought after Hobart Lane.



97 BORDER ST, COHASSET, MA 02025
LIST PRICE: $1,695,000
Fabulous waters edge home! One of a kind location on the mouth of Cohasset Harbor at Mill Bridge. Watch the ever-changing surroundings including the dynamics of the changing tides.This3200 sq. ft. home has been built to perfection- 2004. Top of the line gourmet galley kitchen w/ wonderful space to live and entertain.



142 BORDER ST, COHASSET, MA 02025
LIST PRICE: $2,169,000
This magnificent 5645 sq ft home was built with impeccable quality and architecture design. Exquisitely updated living areas with views of Cohasset Harbor and the Atlantic. This grand home is one of a kind with stunning two-story foyer, soaring ceilings, arched doorways, 3 marble fireplaces, custom woodwork throughout and an award winning upgraded chef's kitchen.



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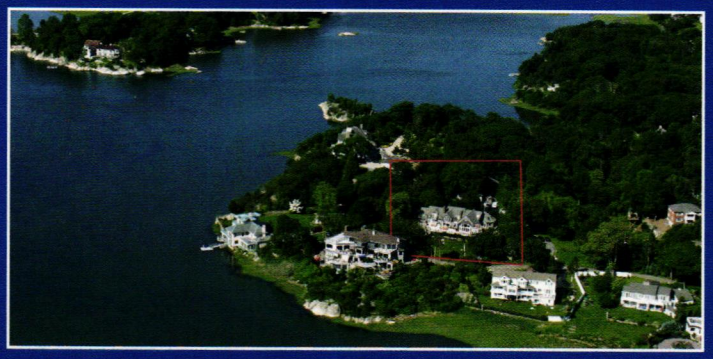
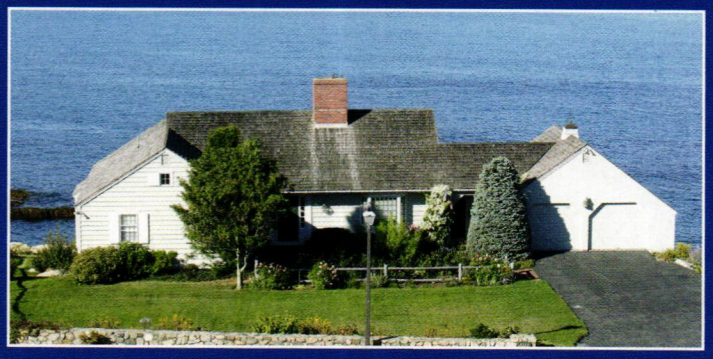


129 NICHOLS RD, COHASSET, MA 02025
LIST PRICE: $3,995,000
Breathtaking views of Minot's Light from nearly every room. This Celeste Cooper designed luxury home features a gourmet kitchen and butler's pantry with English Sycamore diamond inlay cabinetry. The first floor master suite is a dream with a private seating area with fireplace, bath, dble closet,steam shower, full size sauna and private laundry room.



24 ATLANTIC AVE, COHASSET, MA 02025
LIST PRICE: $2,695,000
Amazing authentic Tuscan Villa surrounded by dramatic walled gardens, fountains, pergolas & antique statues. Built by renowned Decorative architect, Henry Pennell (works include The Nave at Trinity Church, The Majestic Theatre, Boston) Fabulous living room and dining room with ceilings that have dramatic museum quality frescos.



401 JERUSALEM RD, COHASSET, MA 02025
LIST PRICE: $2,750,000
Direct Ocean front property along the Cohasset Gold Coast. Ever changing views which span 190 degrees. See Boston, the North Shore and Minot's light all from this spectacular location. Open floor plan which is ready for entertaining or great family living. Currently one floor living allows easy living and amazing views from every room.



99 ATLANTIC AVE, COHASSET, MA 02025
LIST PRICE: $2,995,000
Sandy Cove oceanfront residence on a private drive off Atlantic Ave. This home boasts spectacular ocean views from all sides and is perfect for family living and entertaining. Enjoy true seaside living with the expansive formal Living Room with fireplace, formal Dining Room, Library with built-ins and a generous kitchen and open family room with a front row view of Minot's light.



21 SHELDON, COHASSET, MA 02025
LIST PRICE: $4,925,000
Welcome to "The Ledges" with panoramic views from Boston Light to Minot Lighthouse. This new construction Coastal Shingle-Style home was completed in 2011 and boasts over 250 feet of oceanfront living. The 13-room property is resplendent with incredible attention to detail that includes a curved-wall foyer, coffered ceiling study and hardwood floors throughout.



42 GRASSHOPPER LN, SCITUATE, MA 02066
LIST PRICE: $2,150,000
Stunning 5 bedroom 3.5 bath one of a kind custom home, built by a Master Craftsman in the heart of much sought after Minot. Wonderful light filled open floor plan with perfect mixture of upscale and casual seaside living. This home was built in 2003 with all of the special upgrades including a chef's kitchen with Wolf stove and Sub Zero refrigerator.

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10 bedrooms, 9 full baths, 3 half baths | Web ID: 0037231
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EAST HAMPTON, NY | $28,995,000
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Sunset views from 12,000 sq. ft. estate with 203 ft. frontage on Georgica Pond adjacent to 17 acre reserve. Premier quality construction by Jeffrey Colle featuring 7 bedrooms, 30 ft. living room, hand-pegged parquet de Versailles floors, 18th century fireplaces, walnut paneled library, media room, family room/kitchen opening to limestone terrace with infinity-edge pool/spa. Two bedroom cottage.
www.www.JeffreyCollePondHouse.com





BRIDGEHAMPTON SOUTH, NY | $16,000,000
8 bedrooms, 9.5 baths | Web ID: 0037408
Steps from the ocean, this cutting-edge 12,000+/- sq. ft. modern barn-style home constructed to the highest standards features an elegant façade with glass entrance opening to an expanse of space and light. The vaulted ceilings and massive windows create airy living spaces that flow into the south facing landscape. A spectacular great room features walls of windows leading to a slate patio and a spectacular heated gunite pool/spa and pool house. The gourmet kitchen with mosaic tile, built-in banquette, breakfast bar and elegant cabinetry. Sitting room and office feature sliding doors that open to the grounds. Floating nautical style staircase with oak treads and steel and wire railings topped with a wooden handrail leads to the upper and lower levels. Eight bedrooms including the master suite featuring glass sitting area, water views and luxurious bath. Lower level features a home theatre, billiards room, 2 bedroom guest suite, glass-walled fitness studio and wine cellar. 3-car garage. Just completed.



SAGAPONACK, NY | $10,975,000
3 bedrooms, 2 full baths | Web ID: 0036752
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MONTAUK, NY | $9,150,000
5 bedrooms, 3 full baths | Web ID: 0037301
On 1.5+/- acres perched high on a bluff is classic Robert A.M. Stern designed Modern capturing panoramic ocean vistas from every vantage point. From every room this home captures the essence of old Montauk casual chic. First and second story decks offer additional entertaining space. Private stairway leads to one of the best beaches in the world. Numerous expansion opportunities include 6,000+/- sq. ft. residence, heated pool and pool house. Spectacular setting.



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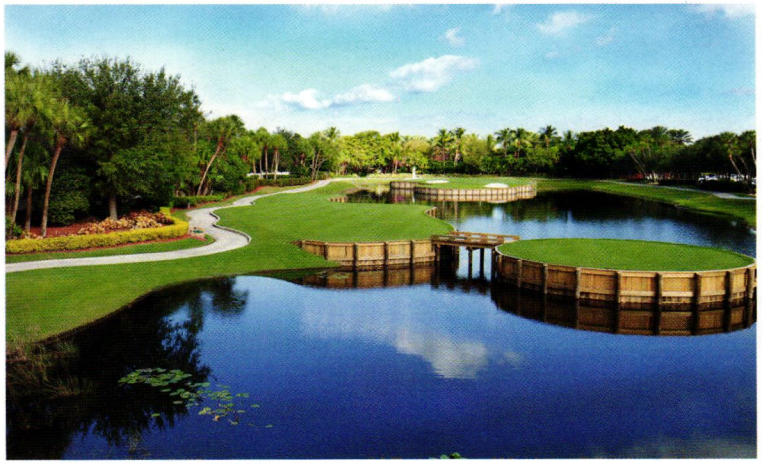

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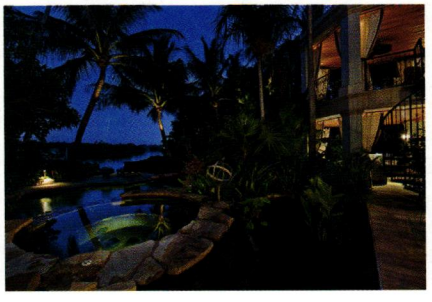

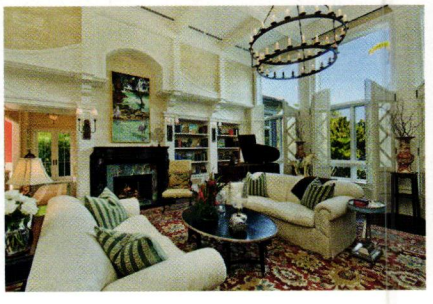

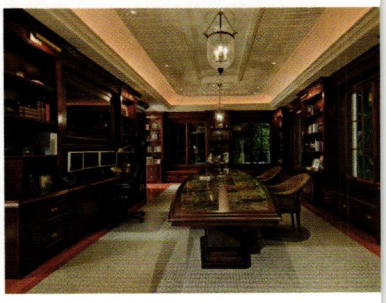

3675 GORDON DRIVE - PORT ROYAL

Designed with functionality as well as beauty this luxury home is not only sophisticated but truly elegant offering a perfect balance between formality and livability. Thoughtfully designed by Jeff Harrell in the style of a Caribbean plantation this home presents a clean breezy tropical Florida look with enriched interiors that feature wide-plank black walnut floors and white millwork throughout. This luxury compound offers five bedroom suites plus retreat / study where interior and exterior rooms seamlessly flow that create a resort like atmosphere. Idealistically situated on Champney Bay with serene views of the beyond estuary the lushly landscaped grounds with a mature tropical ambiance create a perfect balance with nature. This property also qualifies for a full Port Royal Club membership.

Bedrooms: 5 + Den
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List Price: $13,900,000 - Furnished

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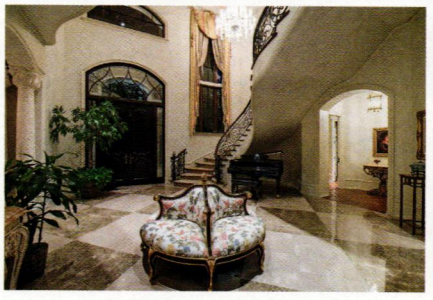



1253 WAGGLE WAY - ESTATES AT BAY COLONY

Exceptional, custom estate located in the highly desired Estates at Bay Colony that offers luxury and sophistication that is hard to surpass. This home sprawls over 10,453 sq. feet of living area and shows absolutely outstanding attention to detail and exquisite taste & style. Features include beautiful marble and wood floors, intricate millwork and stonework throughout, multiple detailed marble fireplaces, wine room, large coffered ceilings, gourmet kitchen and much more! The Master Suite features his and her baths with walk-in wardrobe closets, large balcony and even an adjoining morning kitchen. Savor the rich study with extensive built-ins, cherry cabinetry and mahogany flooring. The open lanai offers the perfect place for al fresco dining and is only one of the many excellent entertaining locations. As an exclusive entitlement to this gated golf course community, residents enjoy membership in an unparalleled private beach and tennis club with in sight of the Ritz-Carlton. Bay Colony, one of the most elegant, distinctly upscale communities to be found anywhere in the country is a natural environment close to cosmopolitan enticements yet isolated enough its residents may never want to leave.

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Bathrooms: 7.3
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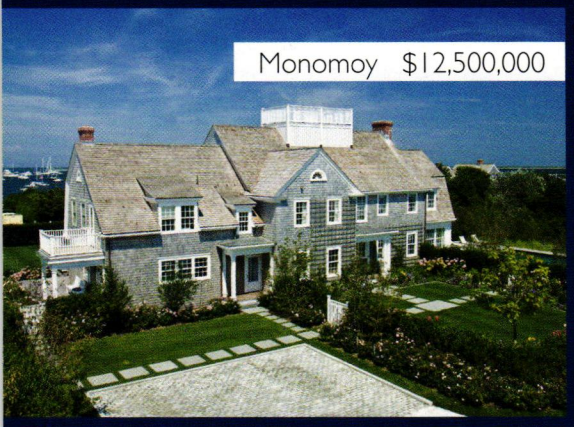

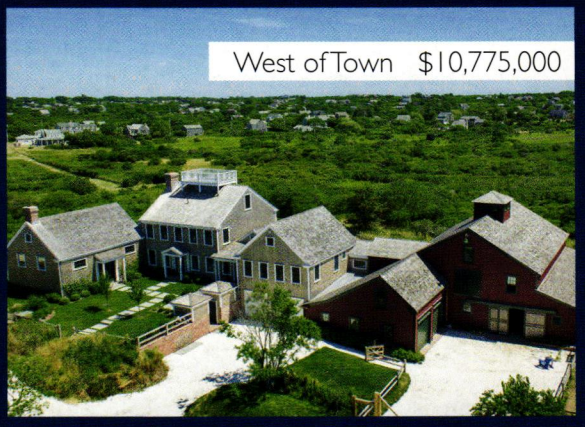

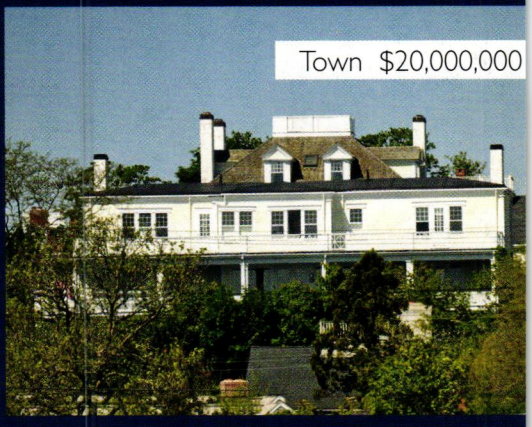

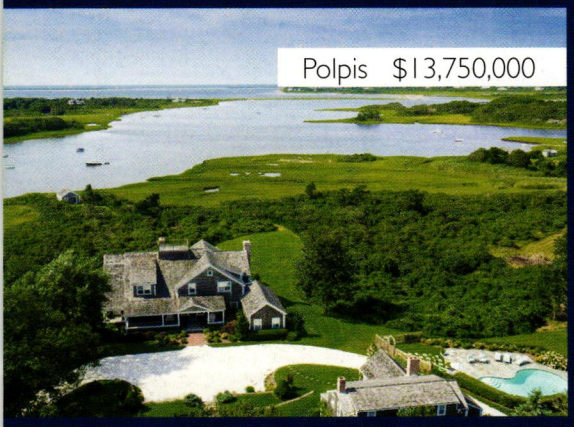





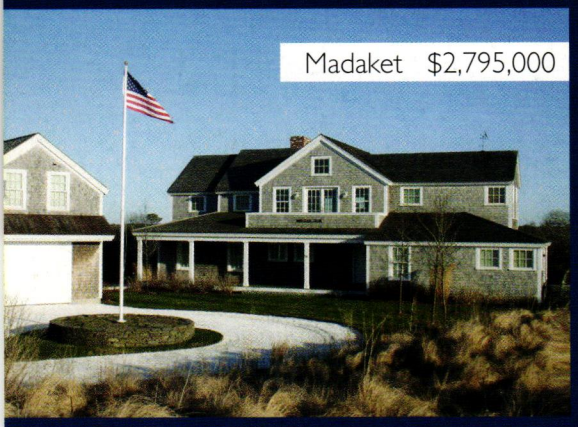





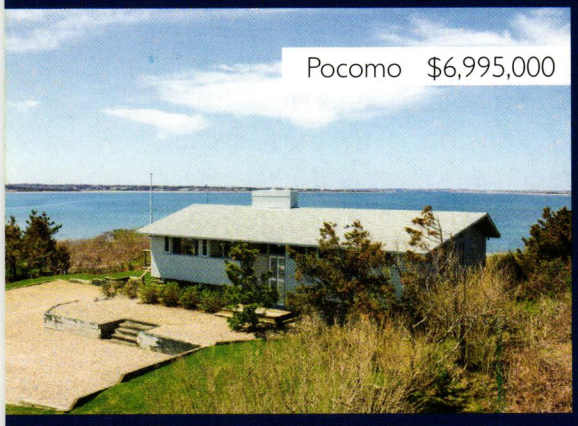



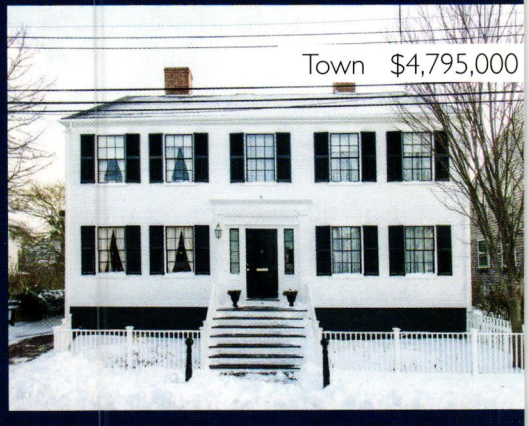

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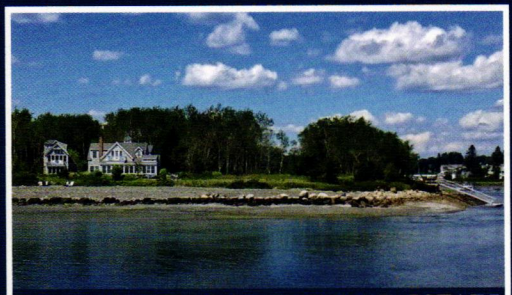

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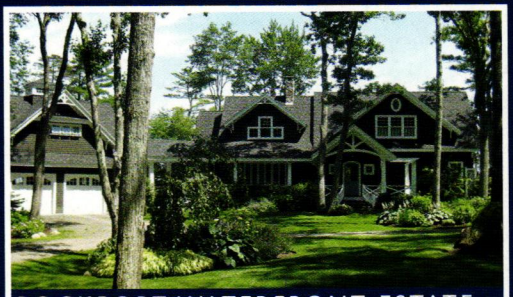

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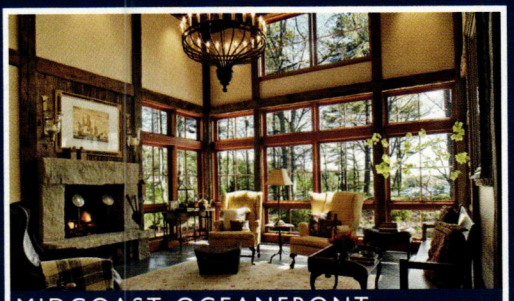

MIDCOAST OCEANFRONT

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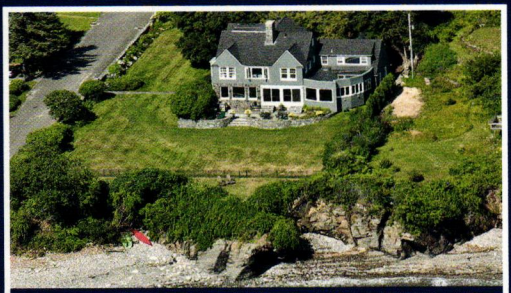

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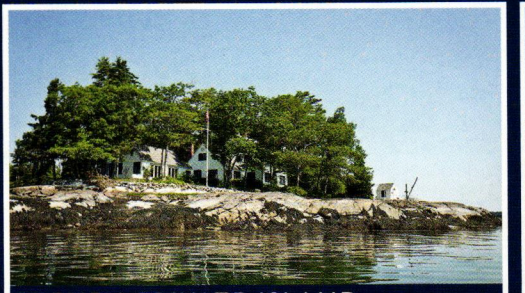

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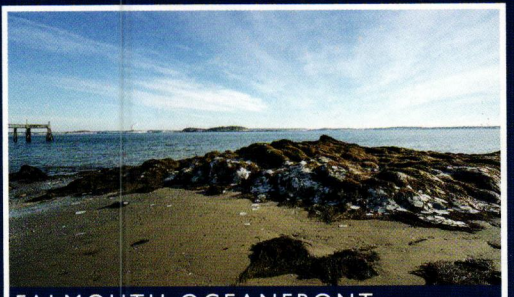

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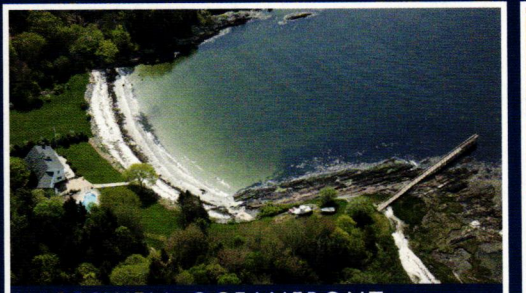

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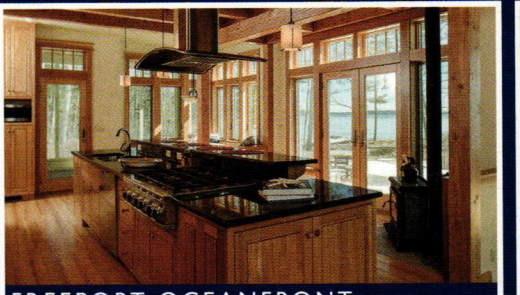

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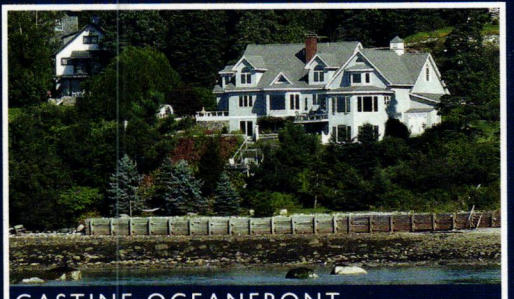

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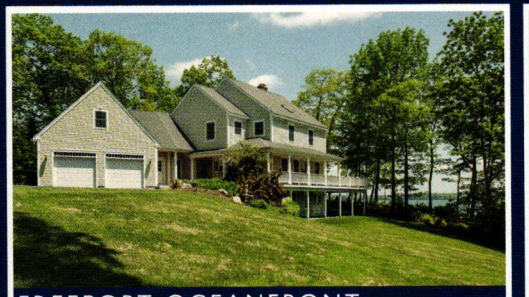

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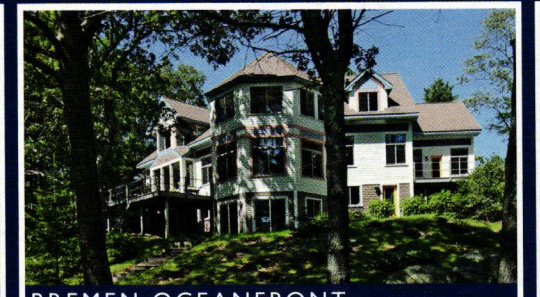

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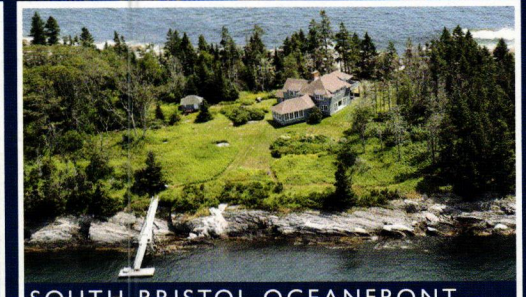

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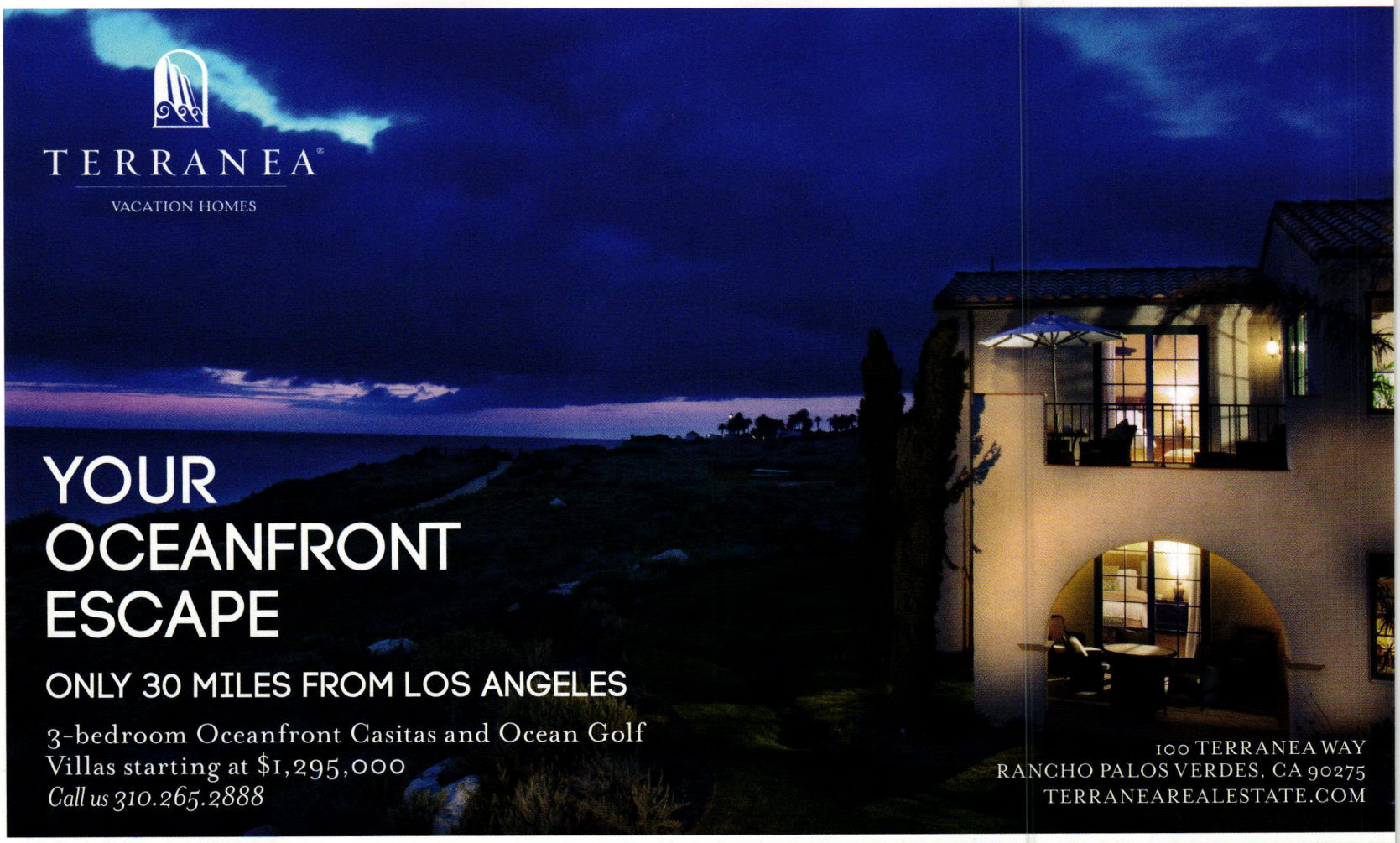
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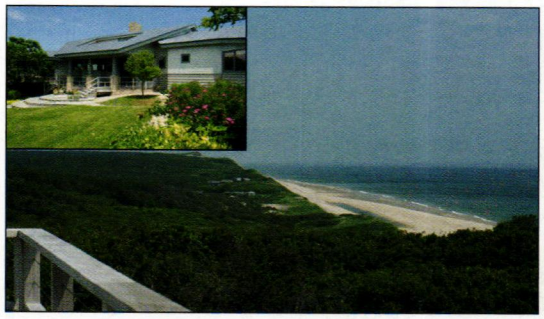

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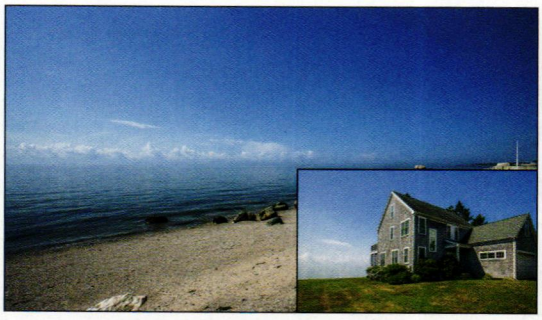

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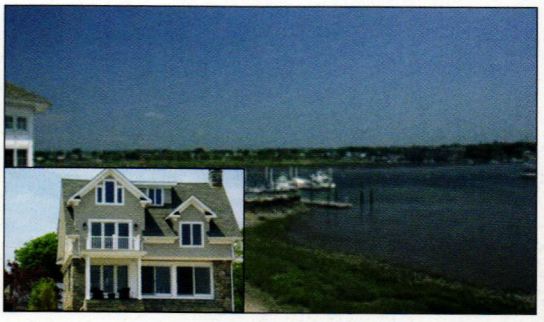

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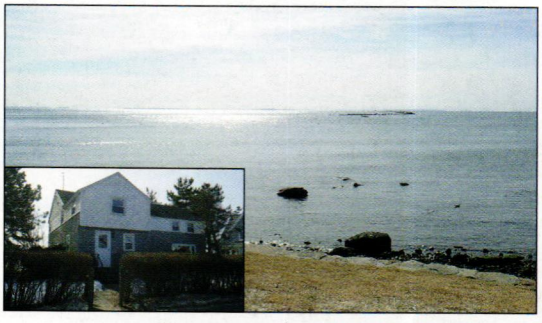

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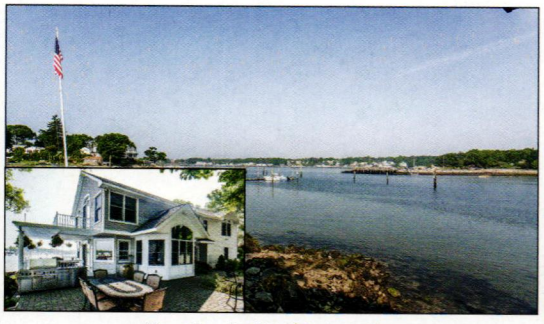

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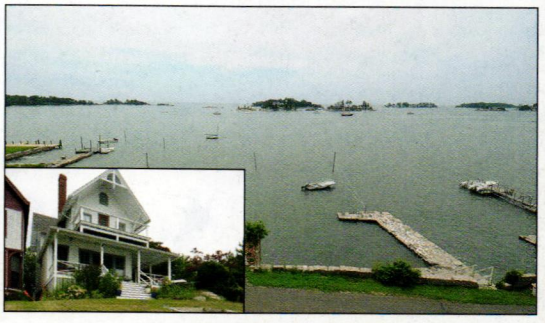

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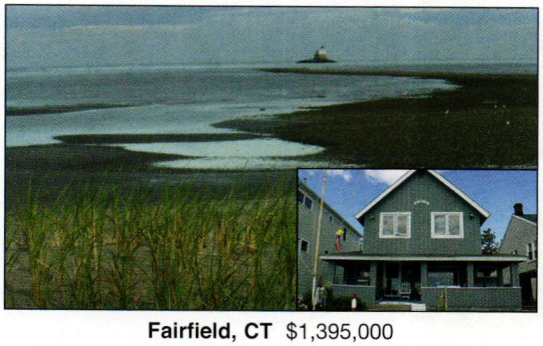

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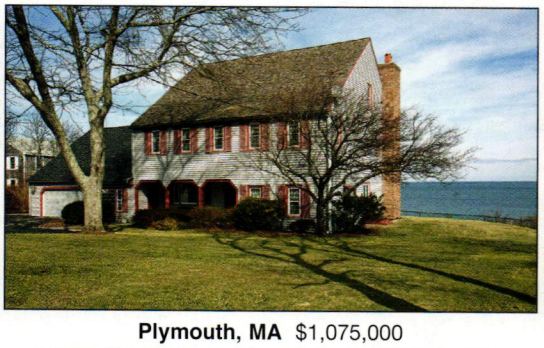

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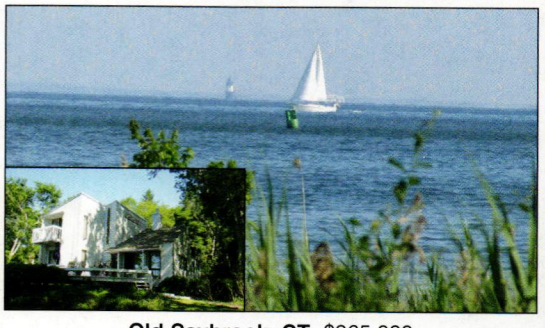

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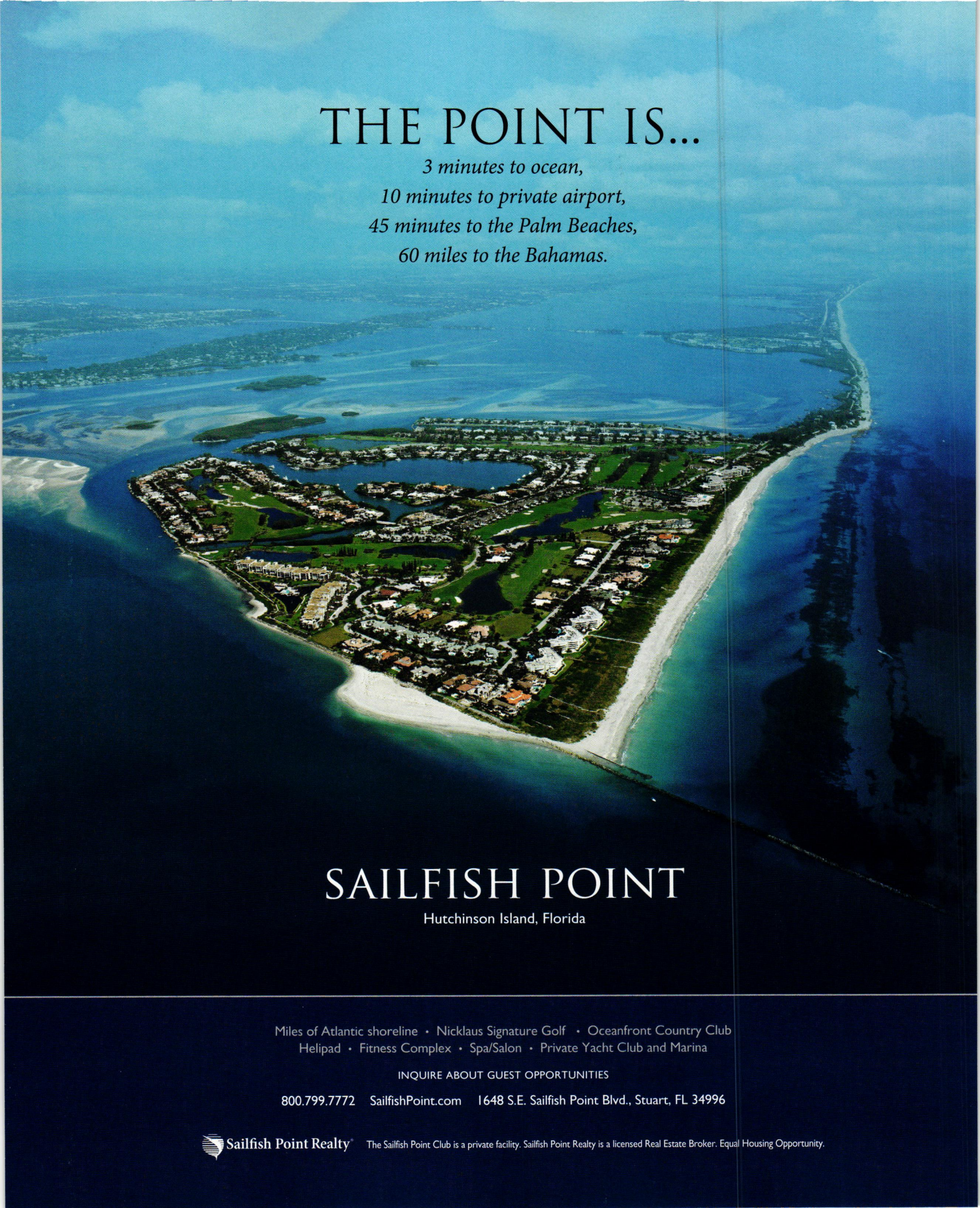
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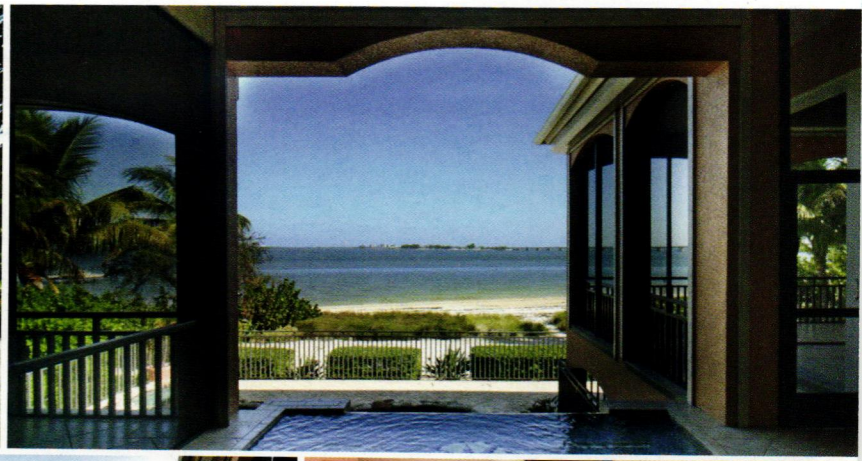
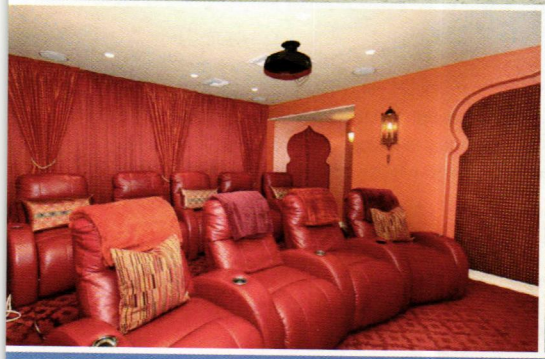

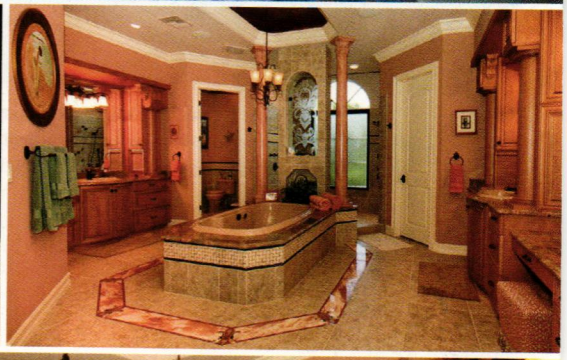

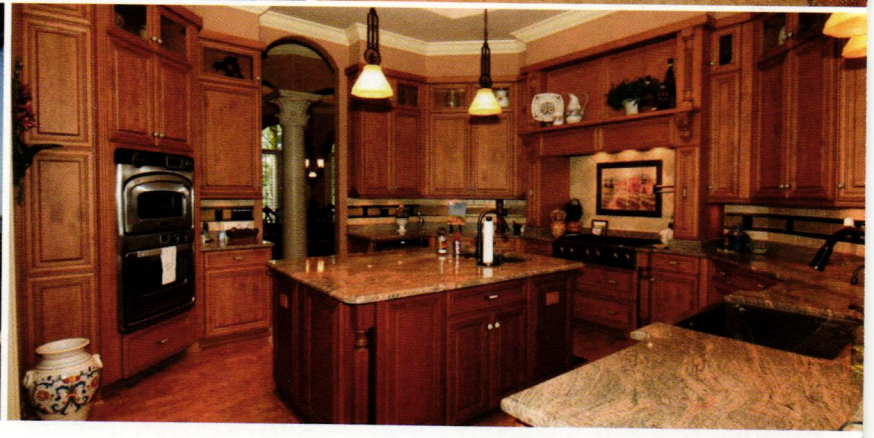

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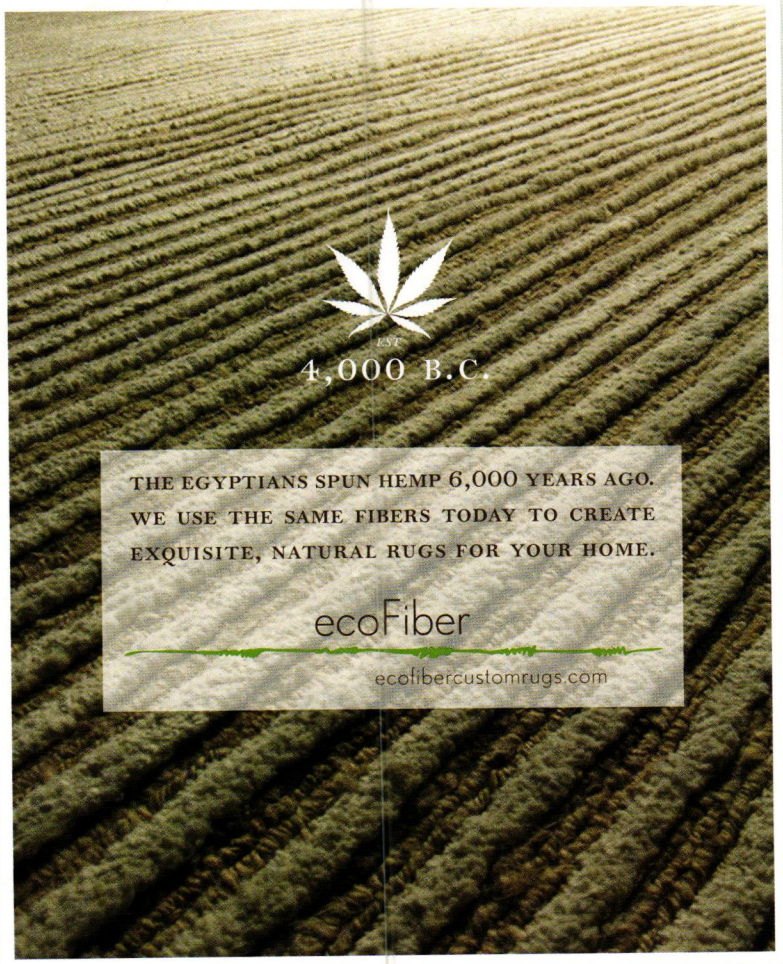

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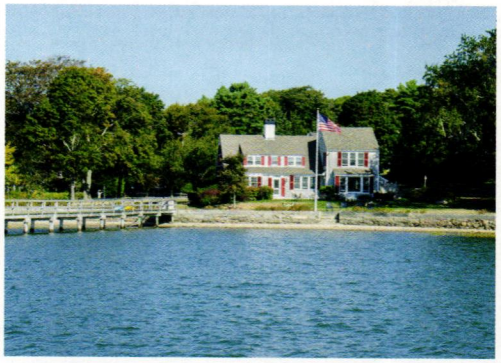

DUXBURY, MA. Waterfront six bedroom/six bath Antique Cape with private dock and 200' of water frontage. Landmark 1+ acre setting on desirable King Caesar Rd, offering antique charm with modern conveniences. 2010 addition with decorator granite kitchen. Five fireplaces, 3-car detached garage. **$3,795,000**



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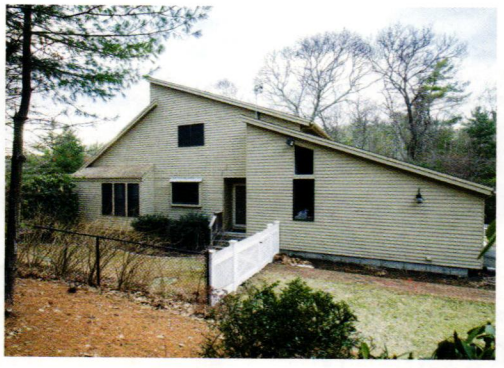

DUXBURY, MA. Sunlit four bedroom home on 8+ acre setting! Two story open concept living. Retreat 20' master suite with spa bath, updated kitchen and baths. Finished 24' lower level family room, office and workshop. Multi-tier deck overlooking pool and fenced yard. **$724,000**



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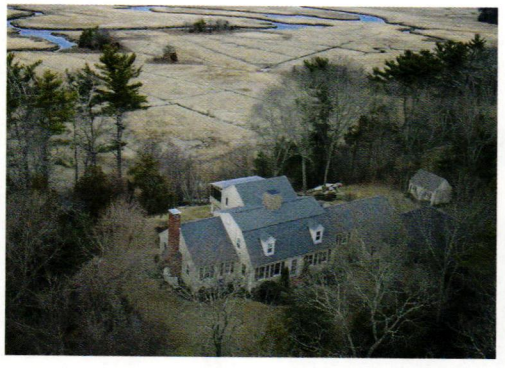

DUXBURY, MA. Five bedroom Cape sited on 2.8 acre setting with Back River views and access. 4,000sf detailed open floor plan includes 33' custom granite Chef's kitchen, first floor master suite with dressing room. Two guest suites, 2-car attached garage, central air. **$1,575,000**



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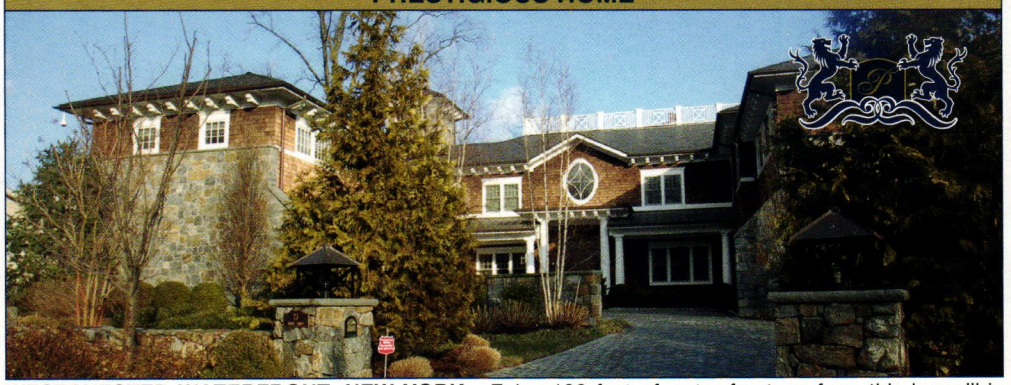



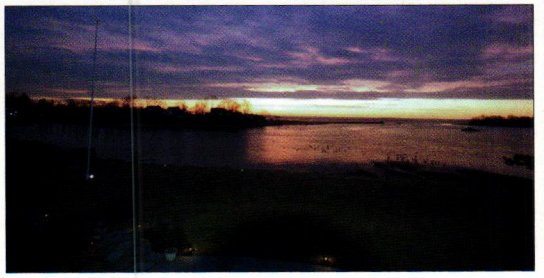

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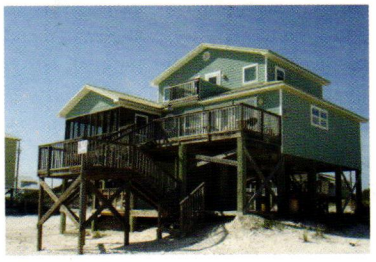

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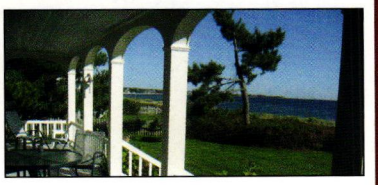
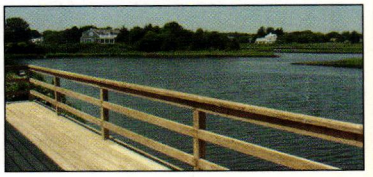


Centerville-Quintessential beachfront home with 2 miles of sandy beach on Nantucket Sound. Every room has a view! Five en-suite bedrooms , all with beach or river views. This home has been lovingly maintained with wood floors throughout, 2 fireplaces, riverside and beachside covered porches. The large formal dining room is ideal for casual dining or formal family dinners! Bright sunny living room with white and blue beach decor invites you to enjoy and unwind any time of day! $4,500,000.





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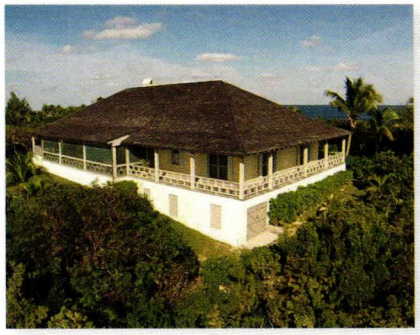
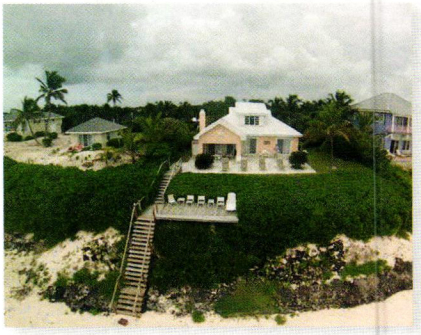


Juicy Hill House

Harbour Island, The Bahamas
4 bed/4.5 bath, $3,900,000.00
Perched atop one of the highest points of the island and situated on a verdant 2 acre property Juicy Hill offers spectacular views of both the ocean and harbour. This ranch-style estate was inspired by a 17th century sugar plantation home on the island of Guadeloupe.



Sunnyside

Harbour Island, The Bahamas
4 bed/3 bath, $2,950,000
Sunnyside's large sun terrace and covered patio both overlook the Pink Sand Beach and stunning turquoise Bahamian water. A few short steps down the home's private beach access and guests will find themselves on one of the widest and most private parts of the beach

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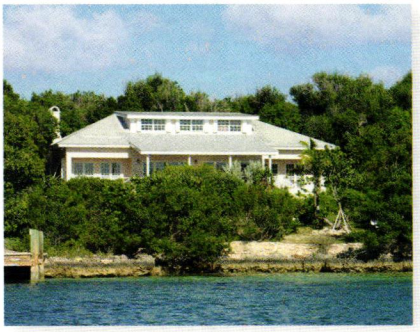

Gumelemi Bluff

Harbour Island, The Bahamas
4 bed/4 bath, $5,700,000
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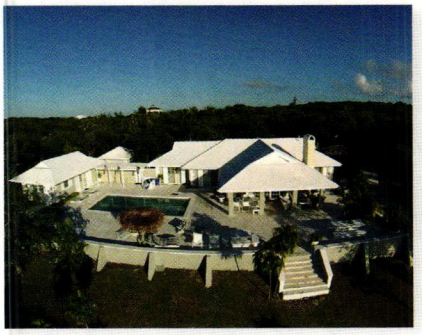

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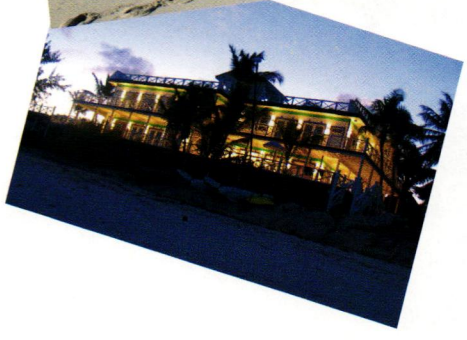

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