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But wait—it gets better. After a bit of investigation, we learned that Paradise Point, the Obamas' "Winter White House" featured exclusively on the cover of our March/April 2010 issue, was bought by none other than an *Ocean Home* subscriber.

As luck would have it, Glenn Weinberg, the vice president of a Baltimore real estate development firm, was willing to talk to *Ocean Home* about his recent purchase. Though no such plans have been confirmed, Weinberg and his wife, Debra, hope the Obamas will return to what is now their property for another vacation. If they do, says Weinberg, the First Family will find things just as they left them, as the couple has no plans to redecorate their new rental property.

In this issue, you'll find more incredible properties to peruse, from a coastal-Massachusetts home ("Hot Property," page 16) to a fortress-like estate on Grenada ("Cliff Hanger," page 32). There's plenty here, too, for those of you who aren't house hunting, but are looking for ways to increase the value of your current homes or perhaps simply freshen things up a bit.

For example, for "Garden Variety" (page 66), Paula de la Cruz talked to art and landscape architecture experts about creating world-class sculpture gardens on private estates. If you have an oceanfront home, it's likely in a location that stays relatively warm year-round. Still, says de la Cruz, winter months can mean fewer plants and flowers to choose from, and thus are a good time to focus more on structure when it comes to your home's landscape.

Another timely topic continues to be what's going on in the Gulf. In "Gulf Course" (page 48), Regina Cole provides an in-depth update on tourism and commerce there and efforts to restore normalcy to the area now that the source of the oil spill has been sealed. Reports from the region are positive, and we hope they'll grow increasingly so in the coming months.

In the mean time, read on, and sweet dreams. —**Lindsay Lambert, Editor**



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The selection of home sites and homes is spectacular. Only 520 residences complete the 532-acre Sailfish Point community. The 24-hour security patrol of the gated community assures year-round safety to homeowners and their homes. Privacy and security mean that residents feel free to traverse the

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HOT TUB

A spa suite at The Club at The Spa
at Terranea. See page 42.



SAY HELLO TO SHANGRI-LA Expectations are bound to be high when you name your properties after an imaginary utopia. Rasa Sentosa Resort is aiming for luxurious bliss and, well, utopia, as it embarks on a complete makeover of its guest rooms and facilities, including its pool, gym, spa, children's club, restaurants, and meeting rooms. Rasa Sentosa Resort is the only resort in Singapore with a beachfront location on Sentosa Island. Overlooking the South China Sea, it enjoys close proximity to mainland Singapore, which is conveniently linked by a causeway. Besides numerous island attractions, it is minutes away from VivoCity, one of the largest shopping malls in Singapore. The project is targeted for completion in early 2011 and will reopen as Shangri-La's Rasa Sentosa Resort. www.shangri-la.com. —**Melissa Gillespie**

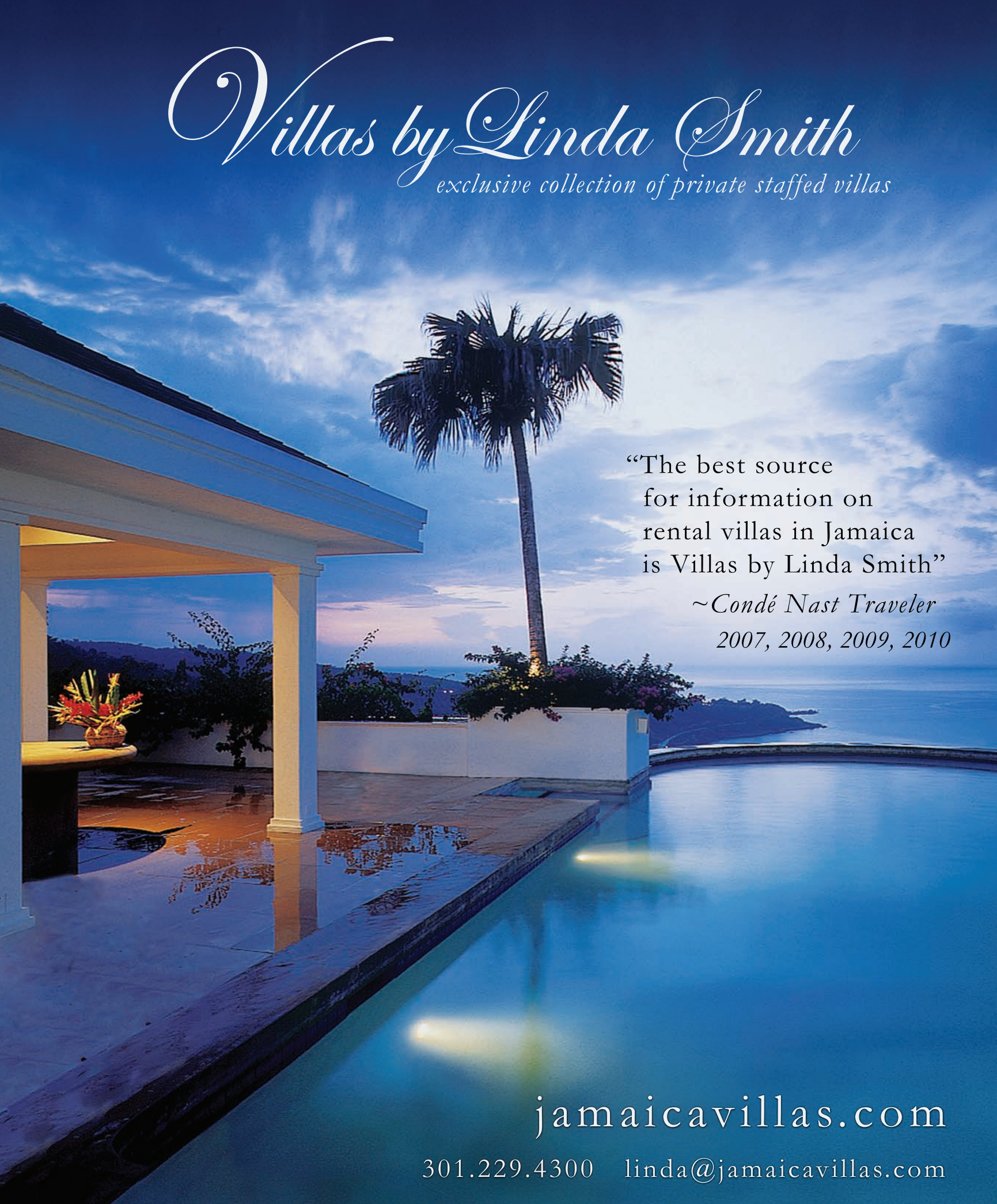
Village Life

On the southern side of Great Abaco Island in the Bahamas, **Schooner Bay** will occupy 320 acres, with Marsh Harbour and the famed Abaco Cays to the north, and the pristine beaches and fishing villages of rural Abaco to the south. Construction is underway for the first 10 homes at Schooner Bay. Forty-five of Schooner Bay's 130 phase-one lots are sold or reserved,



with 600 homes planned over the next 15-plus years. With completion of The Island neighborhood in the harbor, more than 28 homes will be completed by late 2011. Lot sizes range from less than 2,000 square feet to more than 42,000 square feet and are priced from \$105,000 to \$2 million for one-acre beach lots. All structures will be built to LEED standards using green materials that emphasize urbanism and sustainability. Plus, more than two-thirds of the private land will be preserved as common, no-build green space.

The village will be centered around a 14-acre harbor, with a mix of shops, offices, restaurants, and an all-age school and community center. schoonerbaybahamas.com.

A photograph of a luxurious villa at dusk. On the left, a covered patio with white columns is visible, with a small table holding a vase of red flowers. A large, tall palm tree stands in the center, its reflection visible in the calm water of a swimming pool that occupies the foreground. The sky is a deep blue with soft clouds, and the ocean is visible in the distance under the twilight sky.

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Garza Blanca is Mexico's newest planned paradise.

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The Preserve's beach area has 46 two-bedroom, three-bedroom, and penthouse residences. Six penthouses are in the Atrium building and have a level of service and convenience that is unavailable at any other of the resort locations. Two additional beachfront buildings, each with 18 residences and two penthouses, are located on the south side of the beach. Phase I penthouses range from 3,714 square feet to 6,109 square feet. Two- and three-bedroom residences starting at 2,260 square feet also are available. All residences have large balconies.

Currently under development, the hillside area of Garza Blanca Preserve will have seven 12-story residential buildings with two



SAND SANCTUARY
Garza Blanca Preserve.

units per floor. They will contain two- and three-bedroom units, as well as penthouses. Rock wall terraces with hanging gardens and four pool areas will highlight the hillside.

Amenities include a tennis club, a beach club, a European health spa, an executive fitness center, a retail village (with a deli, a market, shops, an Internet café, and a restaurant), and hiking trails leading to a common area with a waterfall. A pedestrian bridge, suitable for golf carts, connects the hillside and beachside areas, leading from the hillside directly to the main Atrium lobby, the beach, and the two beachfront infinity pools.

The beachfront phase is completed, and site work for the hillside residences is underway. Prices start at \$929,000. garzablancapreserve.com.

OVERWATER DELIGHT

In The Bahamas, **Kamalame Cay** is a private island resort just off the Andros Island coast. Its secluded beachfront cottages are ideal for relaxing and rejuvenating. The Overwater Spa at Kamalame, billed as the only one of its kind in the Bahamas, is located on a turquoise lagoon; its five treatment rooms face the surrounding sea with floor-to-ceiling windows that fully retract. Kamalame Cay recently unveiled a new villa, Cacoanut; a deep-water channel; and upgrades to The Overwater Spa's treatment rooms. The new deep-water channel (seven feet at low tide), launched in August 2010, allows the resort to dock up to six vessels. The Cacoanut villa, on the farthest and most private end of the beach, sleeps up to 12 guests in six bedrooms and features a full kitchen and wraparound terraces with sweeping sea views. Rates for Cacoanut start at \$3,140 per night. kamalame.com.



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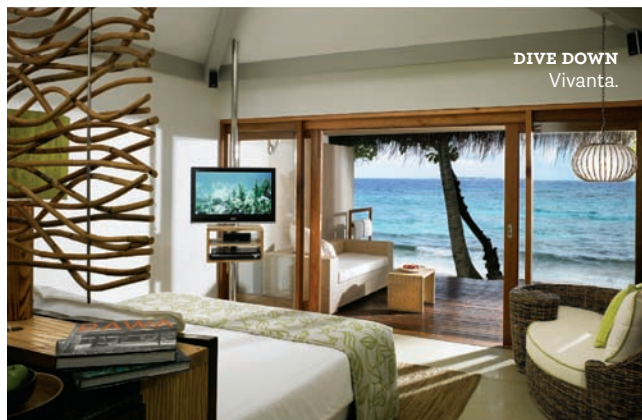


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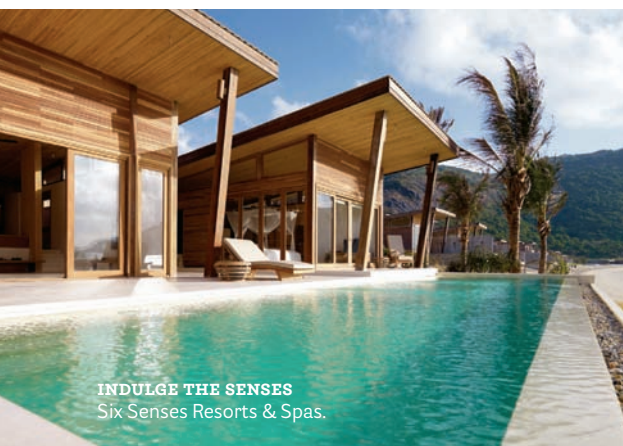
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Natural Splendor in the Dominican

Balcones del Atlántico, a beachfront resort in the village of Las Terrenas on the Samaná Peninsula of the Dominican Republic, opened this fall and has a December 2010 grand opening event planned. The Caribbean beach resort features lavish two- and three-bedroom villa suites, a spa, a beachside restaurant, a beach bar, and a wide variety of Caribbean vacation activities, including water sports and ecotourism. A master-planned project developing in phases, the resort initially features 86 units, and will eventually consist of approxi-



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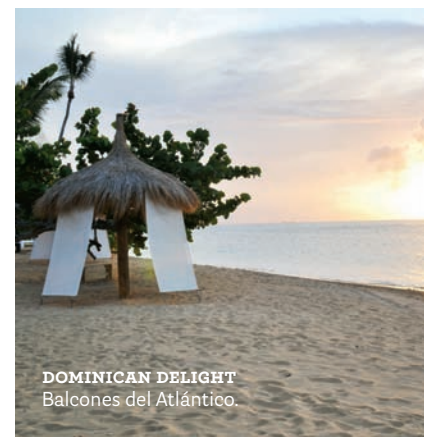
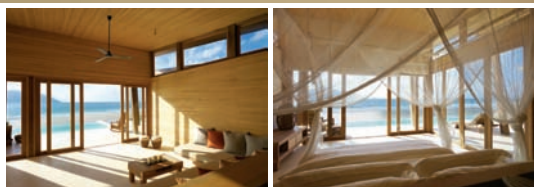
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Resort and spa juggernaut Six Senses takes on Vietnam.

SIX SENSES RESORTS & SPAS, in conjunction with Indochina Land, opens Six Senses Hideaway Con Dao in Vietnam in December. Con Dao is part of a 16-island archipelago, lying 100 miles off the southeast coast of mainland Vietnam. True to its philosophy of selecting remote but accessible areas of outstanding natural beauty, the resort is located in a relatively untouched part of Vietnam.

Six Senses Hideaway Con Dao’s contemporary architecture has been designed to enhance the natural beauty of the site. Its design, layout, and general scale, along with the color and texture of the building materials, fit seamlessly into the terrain. Following Six Senses’ commitment to the environment and support of the local community, all materials and resources have been chosen from local sustainable sources.

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Balcones del Atlántico.

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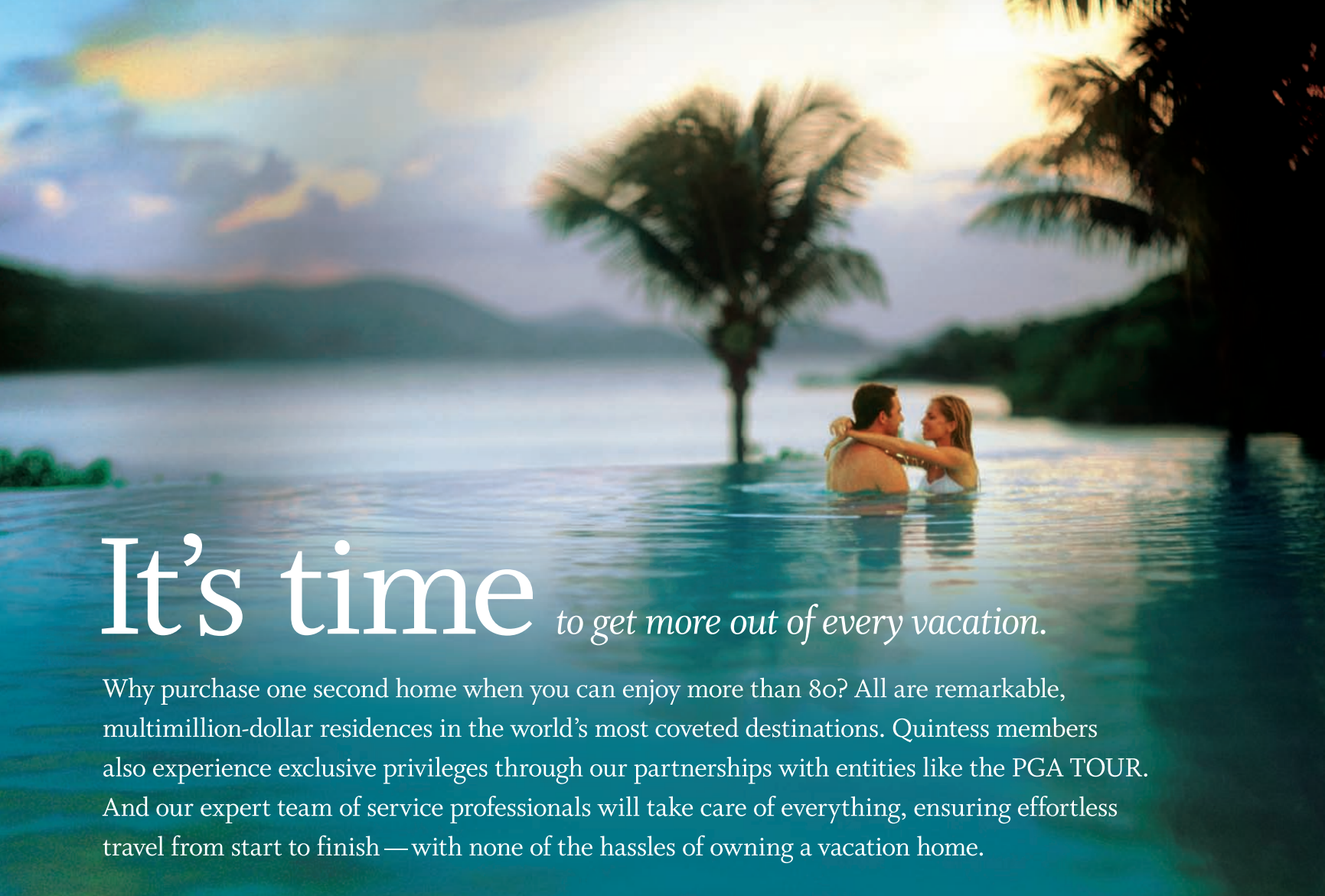


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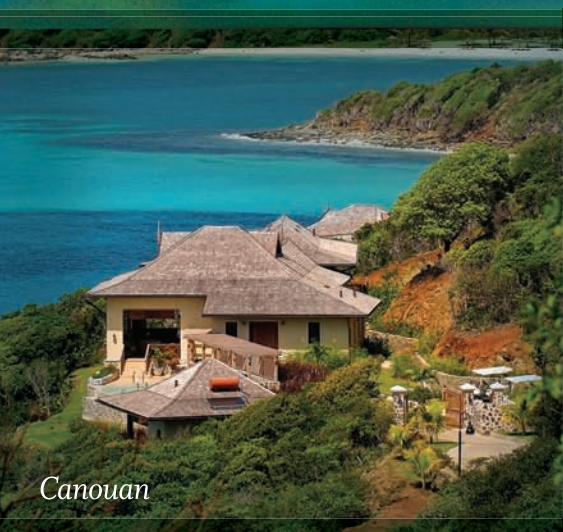
Built in 2001, this Hingham home is the total package, with more than 10,000 square feet of living space. The waterfront property is custom designed to provide views of the Boston skyline and Hingham Harbor from its South Shore setting. The 18-room Colonial-style home has five bedrooms, six full baths and two half baths, a four-car heated garage, and a custom-built gourmet kitchen with a 20-foot island. Brazilian blue king marble countertops and manicured landscape are just a couple of the home's appealing amenities. Want to entertain outside? With an illuminated 185-foot water dock and an infinity-edge pool surrounded by a bluestone patio and spa, your guests might just want to overstay their welcome. —Brooke Neuman

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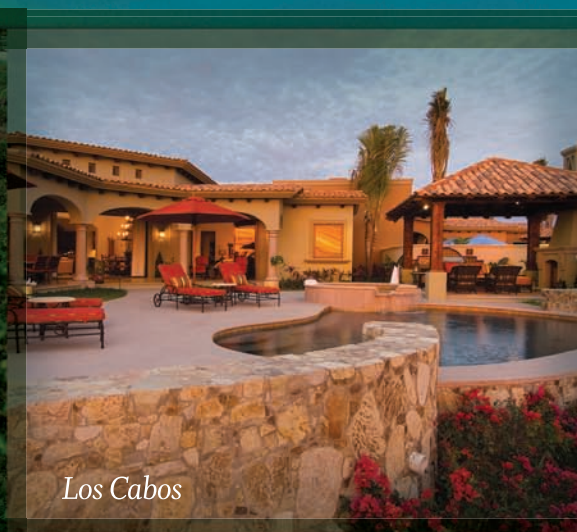


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Pacific Paradise

Villa Perezoso brings modern luxury to Costa Rica's peaceful Pacific shores. By [Anna Perocchi](#)

FEW LUXURY VILLAS capture the breeze of the sea and the warmth of the sun quite like Villa Perezoso, located amid the natural beauty of Manuel Antonio National Park along Costa Rica's Pacific coast. Villa Perezoso is situated on a tropical hillside, just minutes from breathtaking beaches and the vibrant town of Quepos.

The Balinese-inspired villa sleeps 10 to 12 guests and is complete with a private staff and resort-like amenities. "[Villa Perezoso offers] a brilliant combination of the luxury,

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Villa Perezoso comprises three master suites; a fully equipped entertainment room; four full baths; a meditation room; two gourmet kitchens; a plunge pool and a Jacuzzi; an open-air living room; multiple private decks; and a wraparound terrace. Bedrooms have flat-screen TVs, DVD players, wireless Internet, and ocean views.

One special feature of Villa Perezoso lies atop a circular staircase, a loft surrounded by windows that give way to beautiful views. The loft opens to a sunny terrace, the perfect place to relax in the sun or enjoy cocktails with friends. Once here, it's easy to see why one visit to Villa Perezoso isn't enough. *Daily, weekly, and holiday rates available. 866-460-2591, villaperezoso.com.*



Market Watch

FUNNYMAN'S MANSE

Chevy Chase's former estate at 19 Lee Avenue in East Hampton is on the market for \$33 million. The 10,000-square-foot home has 10 bedrooms, a foyer with a fireplace, a sun room, and a master wing with a private sitting room and double dressing rooms and baths.

SOFTWARE SALE

Microsoft Corp. co-founder **Paul Allen** is selling his contemporary home on Carbon Beach, a.k.a. "Billionaire's Beach," in Malibu. The roughly 5,800-square-foot home, listed for \$29.5 million, has five bedrooms, a pool, a gym, and a screening room. Allen also recently put his 303-foot yacht up for sale for \$160 million.

PARADISE FOR RENT

Meg Ryan's Spanish-style Bel Air home is for rent at \$40,000/month. The spacious beachfront home has six bedrooms, seven baths, four fireplaces, hardwood floors, wood-beamed ceilings, and a modern kitchen with appliances. —**M.G.**



Caribbean Dream

An expansive oceanfront estate on St. John offers unspoiled beauty and privacy. By **Melissa Gillespie**

THE SMALLEST of the US Virgin Islands, St. John is about as far away as you can get from the hustle and bustle of the mainland while still in US territory.

From the white-sand beaches that beckon you toward the warm turquoise waters to the lush tropical forests, the 19-square-mile island of St. John delivers on its promise of paradise. At the peak of a peninsula on this treasure of an island sits the luxurious Presidio del Mar.

Presidio del Mar (Spanish for “fortress by the sea”) is situated on a 1.6-acre waterfront peninsula within the gated community of Estate Peter Bay, within Virgin Islands National Park on St. John’s renowned North Shore. Drawing on the architectural traditions of the island’s historic Danish sugar mills, Presidio is constructed of native stone and brick, with mahogany and bronze accents.

The Presidio spans approximately 9,746 square feet of interior space and features six bedrooms, each with private verandahs featuring both indoor and tropical outdoor showers; walk-in closets; mini refrigerators; and coffee makers. In addition to the expansive sleeping quarters, Presidio’s many common areas include an executive office, a breakfast room, a family room, a formal dining room, a full exercise room, an outdoor veranda, a grill court, and bar dining areas. The property also boasts a guest house with its own gourmet kitchen and laundry, and a full reception area, perfect for on-site staffing.

Chances are the combination of exterior amenities, lush landscaping, and ideal weather will keep you outdoors. Relax at the heated pool with swim-in grottos, a poolside hot tub, and granite bars. Or, follow one of the many natural stone paths and swim along the white-sand beaches of Peter Bay. A wide, scenic perimeter path around the entire compound makes for an ideal morning or evening walk without leaving the premises. Or, if you’re in search of something a bit more adventurous, a pristine coral reef surrounds the property, providing excellent opportunities for diving and snorkeling.

Surrounded on three sides by crystal-clear Caribbean waters, Presidio del Mar’s dramatic location offers majestic views, incomparable serenity, and the ultimate in privacy. Presidio del Mar will transform your Caribbean dream into a reality! *Diana Beam, RE/MAX Island Paradise Realty, Inc., 340-775-0949, presidiodelmar.com.*

MAR AND AWAY: Presidio del Mar’s architecture was inspired by the island’s Danish sugar mills. Beach views and a grotto-style pool up the ante for luxury.



DRUMLINE
Kelly Drum and his
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The Beat Goes On

Kelly Drum captains his Fort Lauderdale real estate business to new levels of success. By **Scott Kauffman**

AT A TIME WHEN many of the high-end yachting and real estate markets are seemingly bobbing up and down like a docked boat, Kelly Drum continues to deliver nothing but sweet-sounding music in his swanky South Florida city, known for mega yachts and mega waterfront living. How else can one explain this past September for Drum, who owns Fort Lauderdale-based Drum Realty, the family's flagship Lauderdale Marina, and numerous other marine and real estate interests?

For instance, on September 15, Drum closed on a \$4.6 million Intracoastal Waterway property that features a grand 9,569-square-foot British Colonial estate home with 250 feet of water frontage in the exclusive Rio Vista neighborhood of Fort Lauderdale. Then, on that same day, Drum and the Yacht Auction Group (co-founded with JP King Auction Company) closed on

a \$2.27 million sale of the 126-foot motor yacht called *Emerald Isle*. Originally priced at \$7 million, the luxurious Christensen yacht, which received a \$2 million refit in 2009, was actually sold post-auction and had three offers total.

Another positive sign that the Fort Lauderdale market is truly on the mend was Drum's \$7.64 million sale of the Bontona Point estate lot that featured 700 feet of dream water frontage and an 18,000-square-foot home that is being torn down.

All this success should come as no surprise, considering the Drum family has been ingrained in the fabric of Fort Lauderdale for decades. Drum's grandfather and one-time Fort Lauderdale mayor, Bob Cox, first arrived here in 1948, when he docked his 90-foot boat in Port Everglades, the only place that could hold a nine-foot draft boat. 954-931-3222 or 954-764-4242, drumrealty.com.

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Cape Remake

A Boston couple teams up with their designer daughter to freshen up a guest suite in their Cape Cod home.

By **Lindsay Lambert**

NOT LONG AGO, prominent Boston couple Jim and Stephanie Sokolove renovated their beach house in Yarmouth, on Cape Cod. The only space untouched was a guest suite, as the couple couldn't decide on a look for it. But when at last the time came to freshen up the rooms, the Sokoloves knew just where to turn—to their daughter, Lindsey Miller.

Miller is a California-based interior designer and the owner of Lindsey Miller Design, LLC, which specializes in high-end residential and hospitality design. She also owns Former Furniture, an online marketplace for previously owned A-list designer furniture and exclusive showroom pieces.

With Miller's design savvy and a family bond on their side, Stephanie, owner of trendy Boston restaurant Stephanie's on Newbury, and her husband, Jim, a well-known attorney, set to work with their daughter on the final phase of the makeover.

Miller describes the pre-makeover space as “dated” and with a “girly flair,” adding that “the fabrics were worn and old, as were the colors in the room—powder blue and pink.”

During the three-month process, Miller collaborated mostly with her mom, sourcing products by Drexel Heritage, Kravet, Stark Carpet, Pindler & Pindler, and Vaughn Lighting from Former Furniture. Much of the furniture was reupholstered by Christine DiStasio at American Chair & Seating.

To add interest and dimension to a mostly neutral backdrop, Miller chose



CAPE ESCAPE: To give the guest suite in her parents' Cape Cod home a dramatically new look, Lindsey Miller chose a neutral palette accented with coral and products from her online marketplace, Former Furniture.

coral accents. “We found this wonderful striped textile that had the neutral tones, as well as the burst of coral color.” Now, the suite evokes an “elegant beach look” and is a “clean, crisp, and soothing space to be in.”

Although the Sokoloves now have a space they're proud to offer guests, the best part of the process, says Stephanie, was having Miller involved.

“We collaborated on the design of the space because we have very different but complementary design aesthetics, and I knew that, together, our ideas

would create a unit that we both would love. We respect each other's opinions. No arguments, just lighthearted fun.”

Of the results, Stephanie says, “It's exactly what I envisioned the space to look like and what I wanted it to be.” Echoing her daughter's sentiments, she adds that “‘Crisp,’ ‘clean,’ and ‘soothing’ were the adjectives we used in the beginning to decide the design direction, and it certainly captures all of those. It's the best getaway on the Cape!”

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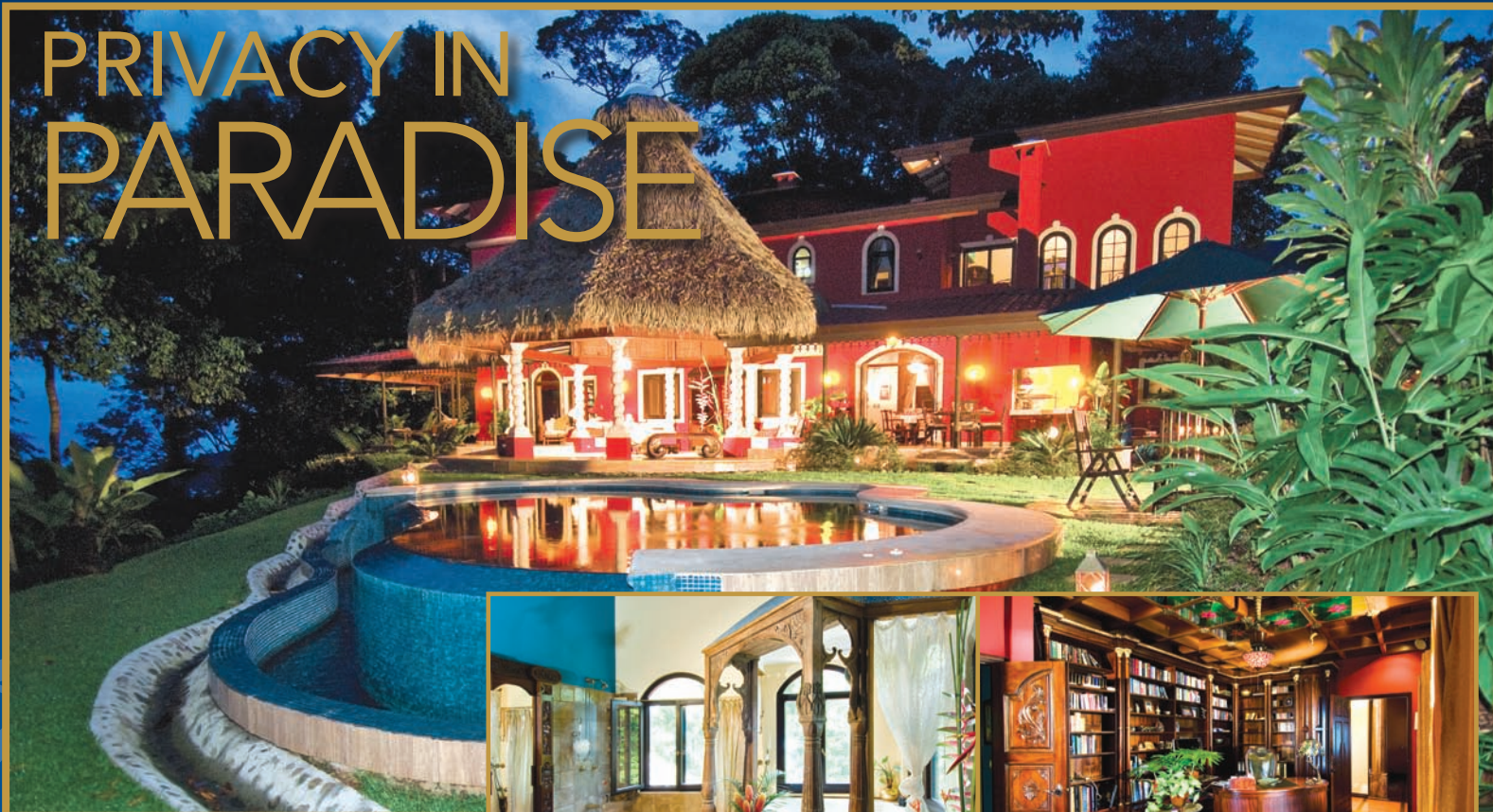
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A finely appointed chef's kitchen - laden with a stone facade and beamed ceilings - serves custom cabinetry and fine wood counters, professional grade appliances and casual dining. The residence is backed with a lounging porch, designed with an outdoor BarBQ; a pool terrace

supports the estate, enjoying outdoor dining, cooking and lounging. The infinity pool "spills" over the meticulously landscaped grounds, luring one to to yoga platform feet from the big blue. Detailed Balinese garden furniture is strewn about the property.

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getting local fish, fruit, and vegetables a pleasure.

Chef Staicoff's dish, however, transcends the taste buds. "This dish is all about fun," he continues, adding that he likes to make this salad for occasions when the setting is a little less formal, and guests can relax and just enjoy the spirit and beauty of the Caribbean.

—Lisa Rogak

Coconut-Crusted Shrimp, Melon & Mango Salad

SERVES 4

- 3 coconuts
- 1/2 honeydew melon, peeled, seeded, and diced into 1/2-inch cubes
- 1 mango, peeled, seeded, and diced into 1/2-inch cubes
- 1 tbsp. lime juice
- 1 tbsp. olive oil
- Kosher salt
- 12 jumbo shrimp, peeled and deveined
- 1/2 c. all-purpose flour
- 1 egg, lightly beaten

Taste of the Tropics

At Montpelier Plantation in Nevis, Chef Kosta Staicoff's coconut-crusted shrimp with melon-and-mango salad is the star of the show.

NEVIS ISN'T the easiest place to reach. The journey to this Caribbean island typically involves at least one change of planes—usually more—and a ferry ride. However, once you make it to Montpelier Plantation, a small wind-swept resort tucked away on the island, you'll discover the effort was worth it, especially upon tasting executive chef Kosta Staicoff's coconut-crusted shrimp with melon-and-mango salad.

Chef Staicoff cut his culinary teeth in Portland, Oregon, where he followed in

the footsteps of many Pacific Northwest chefs by relying on local ingredients as much as possible. After working as a sous chef at the acclaimed Peerless Restaurant in Ashland, Oregon, he headed to Montpelier Plantation in 2007 and has been reveling in the sheer quantity of fresh produce on the island ever since. "The variety of mangoes on Nevis inspired this dish," he says. "We literally have dozens of different kinds on just this small island alone. And the tight-knit community makes

Crack the coconuts in half. Set two aside. For the third, remove the hard shell and grate the meat with a medium-sized grater. Arrange on paper towels to dry.

In a medium-size mixing bowl, combine the honeydew and mango. Drizzle lime juice and olive oil over the fruit and sprinkle with salt to taste. Lightly toss and set aside.

Set the flour, egg, and grated coconut into three separate dishes. Season the shrimp with salt. Dip each shrimp first into the flour, then the egg, and finally the grated coconut. Preheat a deep fryer until it reaches 340°F; deep fry the shrimp for 40 seconds, or until golden.

Divide the mango-and-melon salad among the four coconut halves, top each with three shrimp, and serve.

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Alfresco A/V

How to host friends and family in your own state-of-the-art outdoor entertainment space.

By **Brooke Neuman**

FEW THINGS ARE MORE relaxing than hanging out in the back yard—lounging poolside or grilling. Adding to the appeal of spending time outside, experts agree that big trends for 2010 include outdoor home theaters and speakers. Outdoor entertainment, however, comes with the problem of unpredictable weather. Rather than shuffling all your entertainment inside and fussing over wires and plugs, innovators have created outdoor all-weather models that will leave you worry-free. Manufacturers like Luxurite and Pantel offer outdoor LCD TVs that provide outstanding quality and appearance. Models now incorporate function and entertainment, while aluminum casts and finishes allow these TVs to withstand dirt, insects, rain, and extreme temperatures. Models also feature anti-reflective technology that facilitates a clear, crisp picture. And with HD-quality, water-resistant touch screens and remotes, plus numerous mounting options, your backyard could become the ultimate outdoor experience.



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Cliff Hanger

A fortress-like home in Grenada is the island's latest luxury retreat. By **Lindsay Lambert**

BUILT IN 1995 as a private residence by British sailor Robin Viney, Mt. Hartman Bay Estate perches on a verdant cliff overlooking the cerulean sea. The property's setting is similar to many in the Caribbean, but its fascinating features, inside and out, set it apart from the rest.

What is most unique about this estate is that it was built not only on a cliff, but *into* it, earning it the nickname "the cave" by locals. Some say that Viney, who died before its completion, might have chosen the home's design to render it a safe haven during a disaster of apocalyptic scale. Other features of the house lend credibility to the shelter theory: a desalination plant that draws water from 50 feet below the sea bed; a generator powered by a diesel tank engine; and 18-inch-thick reinforced basement walls, to name a few.

With its fortress-like features, Viney's home felt more about lockdown than luxury, and it was slow to sell after his passing. However, in 2002, British entrepreneur Richard Lee and his wife, Rosa, an architect, fell in love with what they call its "Gaudi-meets-Gollum" architecture. When the couple bought the estate as a family getaway, it was about 70 percent complete, but they stripped it back to about 35 percent completion and started over.

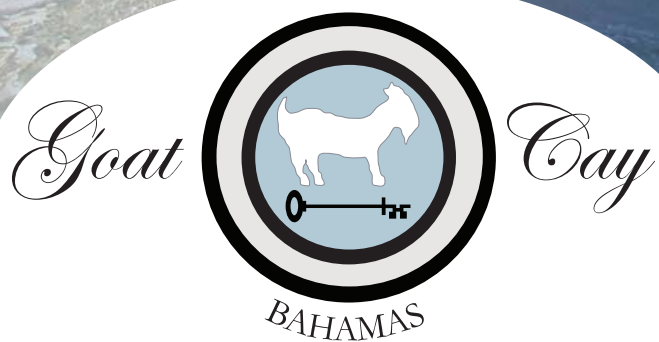
Today, the home, which the couple has repurposed for sale as a hotel/villa, is awash in Greek Island white, which "reflects the sun and accentuates the organic lines of the building while highlighting the green of the grass roof," Richard says. The couple also added more bedrooms, a new hotel-standard kitchen with a walk-in cold room, a top-floor suite with a Juliet balcony, and an 80-foot swimming pool.

The final changes were made to the estate's separate four-bedroom thatched beach house, which they completed with a more informal feeling compared to that of the cave house. Richard Lee says the house's giant suites, with wood and limestone floors, have novel, round bathrooms with semi-sunken baths and "risqué, open-air showers that are actually totally private." The beach house has its own swimming pool, along with a large outdoor Tiki bar and kitchen, and, now, its very own beach.

But now, with their children in school and schedules increasingly difficult to synchronize, the couple says it's time to sell. The new owner is tough to predict, says Rosa, adding that the ideal candidate will be "someone who... enjoys smiling at the world and at himself sometimes. It's a house without pretension." At this modern-day fortress, pretense doesn't stand a chance. 473-405-5400, mounthartmanbay.com.



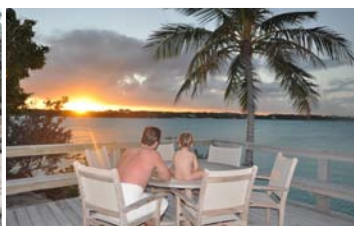
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CANDACE DYAL doesn't really think of herself as being eco-minded, but she will say, rather matter-of-factly, "I don't like to waste anything." Nonetheless, the home she renovated on Kiawah Island in South Carolina in 2009 became the island's first LEED-certified residence.

As the president of Dyal Compass, which specializes in design, real estate development, and luxury rental properties, Dyal has spent significant time in residential and vacation island regions. However, Kiawah Island is special. "I know the island like the back of my hand," she explains, adding that there, more than on other islands, "nature is

the boss"—meaning natural landscape, not development, dominates.

With that in mind, Dyal couldn't pass up the chance to acquire an old Georgian home on a double oceanfront lot. It had "good bones," she says, but wasn't up to today's hurricane codes. Together with South Carolina-based Christopher Rose Architects, Dyal created a shingle-style home that's "more casual, more approachable," and better suits the island's current lifestyle.

Located at 109 Flyway Drive (and now for sale), the estate comprises a main house and a guest cottage/pool house, encompassing 7,363 total square feet. The five bedrooms in the main

house—with all guests on the second floor and the master occupying the entire third floor—are impressive, as are the three additional bedrooms in the guest cottage. The benefit: "You have your own personal space," Dyal says, yet it's also "a platform for relationships."

More significant, though, it's a platform for "green" living through simple measures. Some original elements were reused, like pine flooring and mahogany wall paneling. Furthermore, solar panels and a Velux solar water heating system in the guest cottage eliminate an electric bill. Low-flow faucets and toilets are in both houses, and rain water is captured for reuse. For the large outdoor deck, ideal for parties, Dyal selected garapa, a hardwood that has a natural golden tone, therefore requiring no stain.

Above all, the home at 109 Flyway Drive is "a platform with a conscience," Dyal says. —*Diane M. Byrne*

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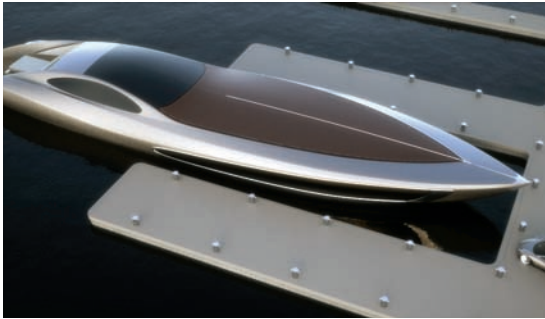
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STRAND-CRAFT 122 Some boatbuilders gradually introduce larger and larger pleasure craft to their lines before jumping into the megayacht market, a.k.a. 80-foot-plus projects. Strand-Craft, a Swedish builder that began offering sportboat models just two years ago, didn't want to wait that long—it's promoting this 122-foot concept yacht. To make it even more attractive to buyers, Strand-Craft will equip it with a car, styled to match. The yacht is expected to perform as impressively as it looks. Twin 4,610-hp MTU engines should push it to 43 knots, or about 49.5 mph. Not fast enough? Opt for a 5,100-hp Vericor turbine to be added, and Strand-Craft says it'll hit 55 knots, or 63 mph. For the interior, Strand-Craft proposes an Art Deco design, though it welcomes input from buyers. Regardless of your choices, you'll get four staterooms, including the master suite, plus a spacious salon. Large side windows and a skylight help keep the main deck airy, but for fresh air, you can take either of two staircases up to a partially enclosed alfresco relaxation area. As for the car, Strand-Craft envisions it being capable of a blistering 233 mph. *Strand-Craft will begin production upon contract agreement, with just six to be built. Pricing: approximately \$26 million. strand-craft.com. —Diane M. Byrne*

Yacht Watch

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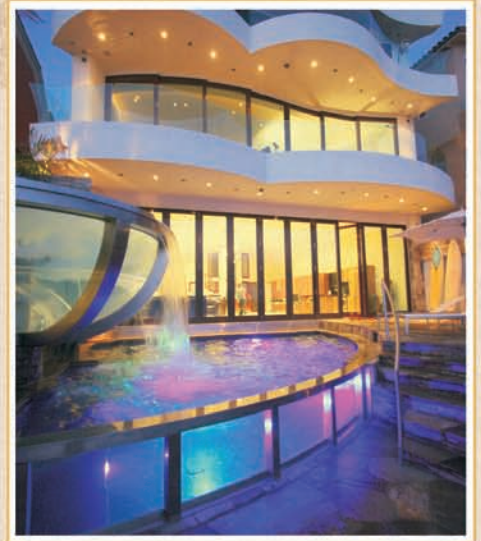




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Belizean Beauty

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The majority of the country is covered in forest, making the interior a tropi-

cal playground with various options to explore. Belize is known as the center of the Mayan world, and remnants of the Mayan Golden Age can be found scattered throughout the country, including the well-known architectural sites of the Cayo district. Belize also boasts the longest barrier reef in the Western hemisphere. Whether you enjoy boating, snorkeling, or just soaking up rays, the islands off the coast of Belize—Amber-

gris Caye and Caye Caulker—serve up the best the beach has to offer.

What visitors are likely to find most welcoming, however, are the Belizean people. Culturally, Belize is home to one of the most diverse groups in Central America, not to mention that as a former British colony, English is the official language. The population includes Mayan, Mestizo, Creole, Garifuna, East Indian, Mennonite, Arab, and Chinese, as well as a number of European, American, and other expatriates. The warmth of the Belizeans, coupled with the ease of navigating the country, make Belize a truly desirable destination. —*Rebecca Bernard Aguiar*

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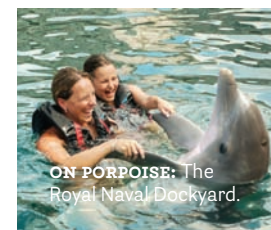
hills are dotted with 94 pastel-pink cottage-style rooms and suites with whitewashed roofs. Cambridge perfectly mixes subdued British flavor with a laid-back Bermudian flair: indulge in high tea, try a few rounds of croquet, or just relax on a private beach.

Cambridge Beaches features three restaurants, including the surfside Breezes, where guests can dine by candlelight right on the beach; the slightly more formal Tamarisk, which overlooks the marina and Mangrove Bay; or Shutters, for poolside snacks. A full array of treatments is offered at the Ocean Spa, from an Indian Head Massage to the Revive Jet Lag treatment. But why not spring for a massage at the Ocean Spa Pagoda in the Seaview Gardens? There, guests can enjoy lavish treatments while listening to the gentle waves lapping at the sand. 800-468-7300; cambridgebeaches.com. —*Lisa Rogak*

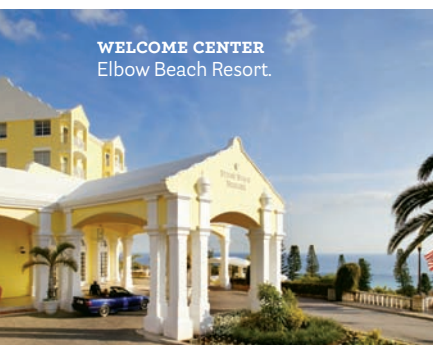
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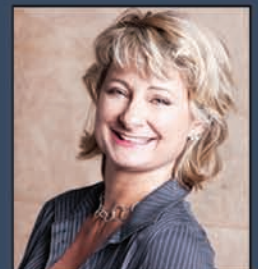
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Reward flights are still surprisingly easy to earn and find. It just takes a few good tricks.

By **Paul Rubio**

FREQUENT FLYER PROGRAMS have survived economic turmoil, terrorism, oil spikes, and bankruptcies, but the terms and conditions of earning and using reward miles continues to change. According to mileage guru Gary Steiger of FreeFrequentFlyerMiles.com, it's still possible to maximize rewards within the binding constraints of fine print.

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Avoid taxes and fees. British Airways Executive Club and Virgin Flying Club

are notorious for charging outlandish taxes and fees on reward tickets. As a result, frequent flyer miles from these two programs are better used with their US-based partners.

Don't hoard your miles. Miles don't earn interest, and some expire. Tiered rewards systems, like Delta's, now "make tickets more expensive in terms of miles, thus devaluing the miles already earned," says Steiger. Future changes are unlikely to benefit travelers, so book those reward flights now.



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With its infamous, faulty oil well finally and officially “dead” and cleanup efforts still under way, life in the Gulf goes on.



Gulf Course

By Regina Cole



Beaches and resorts in the Gulf
eagerly welcome guests.



FLORIDA FAVORITES
From top, La Playa Beach
Resort in Naples, and
homes in the Rosemary
Beach community.

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TENNESSEE FAMILY OF FOUR HAS A long-standing vacation tradition: after school lets out, they join their South Carolina cousins for a week at a rented house on St. George's Island. The 22-mile barrier island off the historic Florida panhandle town of Apalachicola boasts some of the most beautiful and serene beaches on the Gulf Coast.

This year, however, they didn't go.

"We followed the news about the oil spill. We didn't want to expose our children to unsafe conditions," says the family's patriarch, requesting that his family remain anonymous. "Plus," he adds, "it would be heartbreaking to see anything spoil those sugar-white-sand beaches."

This particular family wasn't alone in its thinking: businesses along the Gulf Coast reeled as oil spilled into the Gulf of Mexico. To lure back visitors like this family, many offer deals, including free rounds of golf, late check out, bonus nights, and restaurant vouchers. They join in from Texas to Naples, Florida, where the LaPlaya Beach and Golf Resort welcomes guests with special offers, including 50-percent-off rates, \$50-per-day resort credits, free valet parking, and 50-percent-off tee times.

The LEED-certified Northwest Florida Beaches International Airport, the "greenest airport in the nation" and the first international airport built in the U.S. in more than a decade, opened in May. Convenient to the panhandle between Pensacola and Tallahassee, the airport is minutes from Rosemary Beach, an architecturally fascinating and diverse town that celebrates New



THE GOOD LIFE

Clockwise from top right, beautiful Bellingrath Gardens; pastry Chef Shun Li of the Windsor Court Hotel; tea at Windsor Court's Le Salon; and a relaxing moment at La Playa Beach Resort.





BACK IN BUSINESS
Clockwise from top left, kayak rentals in Franklin County; cocktails at the Windsor Court Hotel's Polo Club Lounge; shopping at Rosemary Beach; and spa therapy at the Windsor Court.



Seafood Safety

White House Executive Chef Cris Comerford turns up in NOLA in a show of support for Gulf seafood.

In 2005, Glenda Caesar's house spent 14 days underwater after Hurricane Katrina. On September 13, she and her five grandchildren returned to a house rebuilt by the non-profit St. Bernard Project. The ribbon cutting marked the start of a festive block party, hosted by prominent chefs and a few Food Network celebs. This noteworthy group included White House Executive Chef Cris Comerford and her colleague Tafari Campbell.

It was the grand finale of a weekend, some events of which were held at the city's legendary Windsor Court Hotel, in which the Louisiana Seafood Board (LSB) showed the chefs that Gulf seafood is safe and good as ever. "We want to tell the public that seafood coming out of here is not just safe, but actually very high in quality and very good," an LSB spokesperson says.

Federal and local sources echo this sentiment. The FDA states: "There is no reason to believe that any contaminated product has made its way to the market...The FDA oversees a mandatory safety program for all fish and fishery products under the provisions of the Federal Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act, The Public Health Service Act, and related regulations."

The Alabama Department of Public Health agrees. "Any fish available for commercial sale...comes from non-contaminated waters. Contaminated fish and seafood will not be allowed on the market by regulatory agencies."

Of her own supportive efforts, Comerford says, "I'm honored to be doing this."

Urbanism: gridlocked, automobile-dependent suburbia is quite the opposite of this village designed for walking. Every stay here, whether in a guest room or a large plantation house, includes endless DVD rentals, complimentary tennis, and fitness club access.

Apalachicola, famous for oysters, sponge diving, and the invention of air conditioning, was once the third-largest port on the Gulf of Mexico. Founded in 1832, the town still boasts handsome houses from the 19th and early 20th centuries facing wide, tree-lined streets; more than 900 buildings are in its extensive National Register District. A stroller's delight, Apalachicola offers antiques shops and fashionable boutiques, while the Victorian Gibson Inn provides modern amenities, along with the Southern charm of a wide porch with rocking chairs and creaky wooden floors. St. George's Island is just offshore, and much to the delight of gourmands, plump local oysters are being harvested again.

Gulf Shores and Orange Beach, Alabama, collections of small offshore towns on the barrier islands flanking Mobile Bay, saw significant oil on the beaches and in the water in June and July. However, since the well was capped, impact has been minimal. "We see occasional tar balls, but they get picked up right away," says Gulf Shores mayor Robert Craft. "Our beaches are as picture perfect as they've ever been. Our waters are sparkling turquoise and open for swimming and fishing."

The Alabama Department of Public Health lifted all swimming advisories on July 30, and the innkeepers reported a heartening increase in guest traffic beginning in August.

Nearby Mobile, which is protected by a deep bay, saw no impact. The city's many restaurants include the folksy Winzel's Oyster House and the chic and contemporary True, both temples to legendary Gulf seafood. Chef Wesley True recently took part in a cook-off

that brought celebrated chefs together in New Orleans in order to test and taste Gulf seafood (see sidebar).

"We want to get the word out that seafood is safe to eat," says Bob Omain-sky, president of the Mobile Chapter of the Alabama Restaurant Association. "We are more closely monitored and inspected than we ever have been in the past. When I hear folks say that Gulf seafood isn't safe to eat, it just tears my heart out. I don't know where everyone's getting this incorrect information."

There's plenty more to Mobile, however. The city actually hosted the country's first Mardi Gras fete in 1703. (The famous celebration did not reach New Orleans until the 1840s.) Visitors can learn all about the famous festival at the Mobile Carnival Museum, or visit during early February for a celebration that is still the most authentic. Then drive to beautiful Bellingrath Gardens, or rent a kayak at the 5 Rivers Delta Center. Three-fourths of all the water in Alabama drains into Mobile Bay, a facility that serves as a gateway to more than 250,000 acres of waterways, woods, and wetlands.

On Point Clear, along the east shore of Mobile Bay, is the charming town of Fairhope and the Grand Hotel Resort, Golf Club & Spa. The venerable inn, originally built in 1847, reopened in April 2006 after a \$50 million renovation that included repairs to the damages caused by Hurricane Katrina. This historic hotel, recipient of the AAA Four-Diamond Award, is full of good old Southern hospitality. It boasts one of the South's great spas, as well as an artist-in-residence program. Nall, the artist who trained at the Ecole des Beaux-Arts in Paris and was mentored by Salvador Dali, serves in this capacity, dividing his time working between Alabama and the French Riviera. His art is on display throughout Mobile, including at RSA Tower, Alabama's tallest building, and the beautiful, newly renovated downtown Battle House Hotel.

BAHAMA *breeze*

Tucked away on a secluded, pristine promontory,
Nandana brings a whole new level of luxury living to Grand Bahama Island.

BY LINDSAY LAMBERT





Nandana's pavilions cluster around an infinity-edge pool.

At first sight from a few thousand feet up in the air, it's hard to believe that a Bahamian beach waits below at Nandana. The resort, which comprises a cluster of pavilions built from teak and copper, looks more like a place plucked from the beaches of Bali or Thailand.

But make no mistake: the resort's surrounding white-sand beaches and crystalline waters, rife with native fish and flora, are distinctly Bahamian, as is the hospitality guests enjoy once they arrive here.

Opened in 2009, Nandana occupies a serene stretch of oceanfront within a private gated community on the quiet West End of Grand Bahama Island. The resort accommodates up to 12 guests in three types of accommodations: Bangala, or Bungalow, Suites; master Pavilion Suites; and a tented Canopy Suite. The Bangala and Pavilion suites cluster around a large main pavilion and 120-foot infinity-edge pool. Large bathrooms with soaring ceilings are complete with indoor and outdoor showers (Pavilion Suites also have Jacuzzi tubs), and generously sized closets provide ample storage space for a vacation's worth of wardrobe.

Making the most of its beachfront setting and offering guests what arguably is the best ocean view around, one of Nandana's two master suites features floor-to-ceiling glass walls on two sides that retract fully, dissolving any type of barrier between inside and out. Across the length of the infinity-edge pool, another Pavilion Suite has a patio that has its own private plunge pool.

For what some might consider an even more romantic stay, guests can choose Nandana's 2,000-square-foot tented Canopy Suite. The suite is outfitted with the same furnishings and amenities found in the guest pavilions, but its safari-like ambience offers an altogether different exotic experience.

Although the architecture and ambience alone are worth a visit to Nandana—the property is a veritable treasure trove of Asian antiques and artifacts—what stands out most are the amenities and extras that come with it, starting with a private staff. Nandana, an exclusive-rental resort, employs a complete, full-time staff, who are at guests' beck and call most hours of the day. For us, that meant a steady supply of sophisticated snacks and homemade cocktails by the pool, as well as instant tips when it came time to explore the island.

Another amenity guests should take special care not to miss is Nandana's 50-foot deep-sea-fishing yacht. We spent a sun-drenched morning aboard the boat under the expert tutelage of Nandana's own boat captain, who helped us reel barracuda and other native fish aboard. Upon exceeding our quota of freshly caught fish, we set out for a nearby deserted island, where we were greeted by Nandana staff and treated to a picnic on the beach.

Here, like true pioneers, guests can snorkel and explore the uninhabited island, or simply laze in tepid, shallow surf—cocktails in hand, if they please. While visitors to the island can easily spot colorful starfish in its waters, it's also a hotbed for harvesting conch; the mountains of discarded conch shells on its shores make for great photo ops.

EAST MEETS WEST
Nandana's Thai style was inspired by its owners' many trips to Asia. Its construction is largely of teak from the owners' teak business, and much of its authentic décor was brought in from Asia and the South Pacific. Below right, Nandana's private 50-foot deep-sea-fishing yacht awaits.







STYLE SAFARI

Nandana's 120-foot infinity-edge pool overlooks the Atlantic Ocean (opposite). Set farther back from the beach amid a handful of swaying palms, the resort's 2,000-square-foot tented Canopy Suite was inspired by Aman-i-Khas, Aman Resorts' Indian wilderness camp.

Back on Grand Bahama, there are plenty of options for guests who prefer to explore on land, as well. Visitors can take the resort's bicycles for a spin, or traverse more rugged terrain on a pair of ATVs. For more involved exploring, however, the best option is a drive in Nandana's SUV. Nandana's soft-spoken house manager, Vinay, played tour guide to our group for a day that included stops at various points around the island.

Although guests can sample Grand Bahama's more commercial offerings in touristy Port Lucaya, our favorite stop was the less-trafficked Port Lucayan National Park. One of three national parks on the island, and purportedly the most popular, Lucayan national Park is also the only place on Grand Bahama where visitors can see all six of the island's ecosys-

tems in the same location. There, on a self-guided tour, we wound our way along a system of pathways, stopping along the way to spot mangroves, orchids, and other rare species. The highlight of our visit, however, was emerging from the park's tree-shaded trails onto the vast and silent Gold Rock Beach. The beach is a truly beautiful sight to behold, particularly during low tide, when a bare and rippled sea floor is in full view.

Such adventures are sure to ignite an appetite. At Bishop's Restaurant & Lounge on the island's East End, patrons can sidle up to a sleepy beachfront bar for local beer and fried conch and fish dishes, not to mention conversation with friendly locals. But it's back at Nandana where cuisine is at its best, thanks to its duo of chefs, who present carefully crafted menus using fresh, local ingredients. During our stay, we feasted on ceviches, tartars, and entrees made with lobster and the fish we caught earlier.

Upon departing from Nandana, after several days spent savoring the best of what Grand Bahama has to offer, the only thing we saw when looking back was paradise. *\$4,700-\$12,500/night, nandanaresort.com.*



Maine

The photograph captures a bright, airy interior of a modern home. Large floor-to-ceiling windows on the left offer a view of a lush green landscape. A vibrant orange lounge chair sits on a light-colored wooden floor near the windows. To the right, a glass-enclosed fireplace is visible, with flames burning within. The architecture features clean lines and a mix of materials, including wood, glass, and concrete. The overall atmosphere is one of contemporary elegance and openness.

Wanting a whole new house but loath to leave their pastoral, coastal setting, a Maine family razes one abode and builds a contemporary country home in its place. **By Anna Kasabian**
Photographs by Wayne Fuji'i



Frame

A minimalist new home exists where a 19th-century Cape Cod-style residence stood for more than 100 years.



GLASS HOUSE: Glass walls throughout the new house give the home a contemporary spin and allow natural light to pour in. Exteriors still recall the old 19th-century Cape that once stood here.

EVEN AFTER YEARS OF ROUTINE RENOVATIONS and repairs to their 19th-century Cape Cod-style home on Maine's Casco Bay, the desire for a newer, more contemporary home became too much for one family to deny. But a move would mean leaving their beloved bucolic setting behind, a reality they weren't ready to face. They didn't want to leave this wonderful spot, with its four seasons of magical country views, and they didn't want to completely turn their back on the home's 100-year history. After all, this is New England, and those special architectural details, like a high-pitched roof, attached barn, and wood shingles, were part of the visual stew that was both familiar and comforting.

So the challenge was this: How do you marry the new lifestyle with the old? How do you hold onto old details and introduce a new look that distinguishes a new lifestyle? Then there

were the old perennial gardens that surrounded the house—gardens that gave color, texture, and a few pretty views from inside the old Cape. The gardens just had to stay. But how?

Enter award-winning architecture firm Elliott & Elliott of Blue Hill, Maine, and Christine Cantwell, from The Industrial Design Studio of Portland. They would be the perfect team.

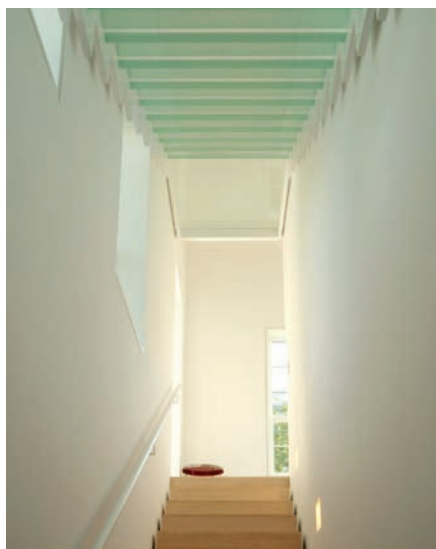
After a few meetings, it became apparent that this time, there would be no renovating. The old Cape would come down, a new build taking its place. As for the traditional details the family lived with for so long, the design team would ensure they be recalled and restated in the new structure.

As demolition and then construction ensued, the gardens were kept under the watchful eye of David Emery, who has tended them for 20 years. Portions of the garden were dismantled, dug up, and moved aside—a precious puzzle of flowers, bushes, and hedges that was eventually replanted around



PAST AND PRESENT

Traditional touches like gray shingles and a high-pitched roof pay homage to the family's former house. Spare décor and crisp, clean spaces bring the home completely into the 21st century.



the new home. The same held true for the stone wall: parts were moved and rebuilt and, where necessary, new segments were incorporated.

Today, the meadow is the same as always; the view to Casco Bay is as mesmerizing and blue as ever, and a new family home that comprises a series of wooden clapboard boxes and glass boxes is a light-filled, modernist toast to a new lifestyle.

"The original house was a 19th-century home, and it was the scale of the house and the history that needed to be reflected in the new home," explains Corey Papadopoli, project architect. "As you can tell, there is a love of the traditional, but as their life evolved, they turned to the clean, crisp, minimalist space...they really wanted to look back and forward here."

Papadopoli notes that in the planning stages, the architects and designers reflected upon the Cape's size and pro-

portions and were successful at developing a direct architectural reference to this and the barns that so often attached to a main house in rural Maine. "The downside of the old house was that it didn't engage [the family] in any way; it didn't open up to them," he says. Now, the new home embraces the natural light and the views while maintaining the integrity and spirit of what once stood here.

Matt Elliott, principal of Elliott & Elliott Architecture, notes that while the original gardens were quite beautiful, one had to be outside to fully enjoy them. After all, a Cape is not about expansive windows, but there was a wonderful opportunity here to take full advantage of the views this mature garden offered with the concept of the new space.

The main level of the home recalls architectural details of a barn complete with wooden floors, which then dovetail seamlessly with the glass rooms and stone floors. The rooms



Sunlight plays against walls
in an office/family room.



GREAT OUTDOORS

Skylights, high windows, and floor-to-ceiling doors mean the outdoors are always a prominent backdrop, even inside the home.



gently cascade down to the garden-level entry, then to the kitchen, living room, dining room, and sitting room area, and down again to the master bedroom. "This descending keeps you in touch with the gardens," Elliott explains.

Hardware and fixtures are a blend of contemporary and traditional, depending on the section where they are located, but the overall visual theme here is simplicity and clean lines. A perfect example is the gas fireplace with recessed burners; flames emerge from the floor in a modernist sculpture that recalls the old hearth and fireplace. "I have always felt the best definition of a house is that one of its main functions is as a light catcher," says designer Christine Cantwell.

With the glass-walled rooms, striking glass staircase, skylights, and windows that sequin high-walled rooms, this home is a perfect light catcher. Cantwell is quick to point out that the final design came with meticulous planning.

"We built three-dimensional models, and we worked with everything we did at the scale of the human body. We got to understand the space; [we saw] how it looks and feels and studied the quality of light at all seasons and anticipated how to work with it," Cantwell says. Likewise, the decision to have furnishings that were more sculptural in form than simply square and hard-edged was an end product of the process.

The rich gumdrop colors of the Italian-made furniture demarcate the social zones. They are pleasing waves of color that remind of us, depending on the season, of wind-tossed fall leaves or the punches of color that emerge from the surrounding garden's summer blooms. These zones are planted on the wood floors, some with area rugs, with furnishings either of wool or leather.

Kitchen cabinets by Boffi are acrylic, smooth, and subdued to re-emphasize the minimalist, modern viewpoint. They sit quietly in the background, as do the lighting and other functional details found in the bathrooms, bedrooms, and halls.

Depending on the light, there can be a wonderful play of shadows or sunlight that can change in a flash at dawn or dusk or with a swift wash of clouds that crosses the sky.

"Someone asked me if there was going to be art on the walls, or is the garden the art? The garden is very interactive with the house...we wanted this, the interior, to have a calmness so the interactivity would be subtle and sophisticated, no matter what the season," Cantwell says.





A bronze wall by Lutsko Associates serves as both a water feature and a garden sculpture in a San Francisco home.



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SCULPTURE AND LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE EXPERTS
WEIGH IN ON HOW TO CREATE AND MAINTAIN A MUSEUM-WORTHY
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BY PAULA DE LA CRUZ

Let's talk about BIG.

As in landscape: sprawling white oaks, rolling hills, and avenues of red maples. Now, imagine that as the background for something even bigger, like a mammoth steel cube dangling from a 30-foot leaning block. This is "Suspended," a work by Israeli sculptor Menashe Kadishman at Storm King Art Center, the 500-acre sculpture park in Mountainville, New York.

While hundreds of acres might not be an option for smaller estates—particularly those by the ocean—finding the right context for displaying works requires adapting your land or garden. Here, David Collens, Storm King's director and chief curator—along with noted landscape architects, artists, and collectors—explains how to best create or frame your own collection.

SCALE & LAYOUT

An art collection that flows from the intimate indoors to the vastness of a garden must make a weighty statement, lest the pieces get lost in the scenery. Collens says that at Storm King, he is "constantly adapting the landscape, making clearings among trees, or moving sculptures from a hilltop to a valley to emphasize the scale of the pieces."

For the most part, outdoor sculptures are placed in existing gardens where immediate surroundings must be modified. This can involve building platforms, installing drainage and paths, and ensuring there's sufficient room for construction equipment and cranes. When positioning a sculpture, it may also be necessary to prune trees, remove shrubs, or substitute tree species. Some sculptures benefit from the absence of color around them, in which case flowering trees and shrubs should be few. The most successfully designed sculpture gardens are those that revolve around an established collection, but in many cases, landscape architects

will build a frame that allows a collection to grow over a span of decades.

Ron Lutsko, a San Francisco-based ASLA award-winning landscape architect, says he designs "many gardens and landscapes that are really outdoor galleries, with enclosures to allow for the singular appreciation of a piece. We set up the works so that when entering a space, you are always facing the art."

THE GARDEN AS SCULPTURE

Where the garden ends and the art begins doesn't always have to be clearly defined, especially in areas housing smaller collections. "Landscape can be the art, and elements in it can be sculptural," Lutsko suggests. A good example of this is a water feature he built last year into a curved bronze wall. Inorganic components like metal structures, great rocks, or boulders are the bones of a garden, and they balance the proportions between sculpture and space. They also serve as points of reference to help give you a sense of scale. Boulders will always be present in the life of a garden, while trees and shrubs mature, die, and eventually have to be replaced. In Lutsko's designs, deciduous trees are hugely important for the roles they play in "providing shade or full sun, depending on the seasons. In sculpture, shadows become part of the composition."

MAINTENANCE

Site-specific art, made entirely of earthen materials that change and erode with the weather, is more problematic to maintain. "In the case of 'Wavefield,'" Collens says of Maya Lin's 2007 land art installation of gravel, soil, and grass, "we only started letting people walk through the waves two seasons after we started the work. After a particularly dry summer, we are also reseeded areas." For other works, he says, "We are constantly waxing, painting, removing bird droppings. It's an ongoing process."

These are the trials and pleasures one gets from sculpture. "We can't [arrange] or touch a painting or photograph the way we do three-dimensional works," says Simon Levit, a seasoned philanthropist and collector in Tulsa, Oklahoma. "But putting something outside in your garden also means you have to protect it. I wanted to bring a marble piece from Uruguay this year, but it would have cracked during the winter." Sea salt poses a whole different set of issues to collectors. Untreated plain-carbon steel will not stand up to constant exposure to salt air, whereas weathering steel is the best choice for sculptures displayed by the coast.

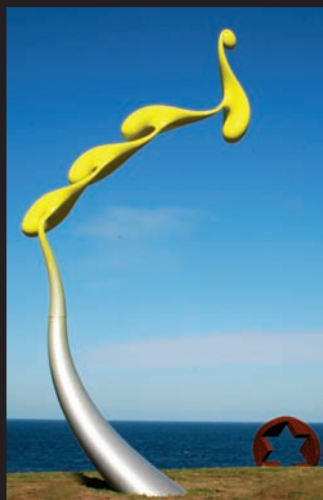
PERMANENT OR TEMPORARY WORK

Certain materials have limited life spans but are less expensive than more permanent ones, like marble or bronze. Impermanent installations can also save you from having to move the piece if you only intend to keep your home for a number of years or don't mind incurring the cost of insurance for it during that time. Storm King's "Stream: A Folded Drawing," by Stephen Talasnik, is a three-dimensional bamboo installation inspired by linear drawings that will only be up for two years, through 2012. It is the first time the park has invested in temporary work. "I like the idea of making something very large, in a light material that is not intimidating like steel can be. Bamboo is very strong, but it's a warm material," says Talasnik, who also partnered with a filmmaker to record the construction of his sculpture.

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WELL SCULPTED: All art exhibited at Sculpture by the Sea, Bondi, 2009. Clockwise from top left, "Dying for a Drink," by Phil Hall; "Prelude to the Waves," by Faith Semiz; "A Symbolic Inscription of the Imaginary," by Nicholas Elias; "Transition," by Satu Bushnell; "Eye Sea You," by Tim Wetherell and Shayn Amber Wetherell; "Big Drink," by Justin Drape and Simone Brandse; and "Morpheus," by Phil Price.

Previous spread photograph, Marion Brenner. This page, clockwise from top left: Samantha Burns, Jamie Williams (2), Samantha Burns (4)



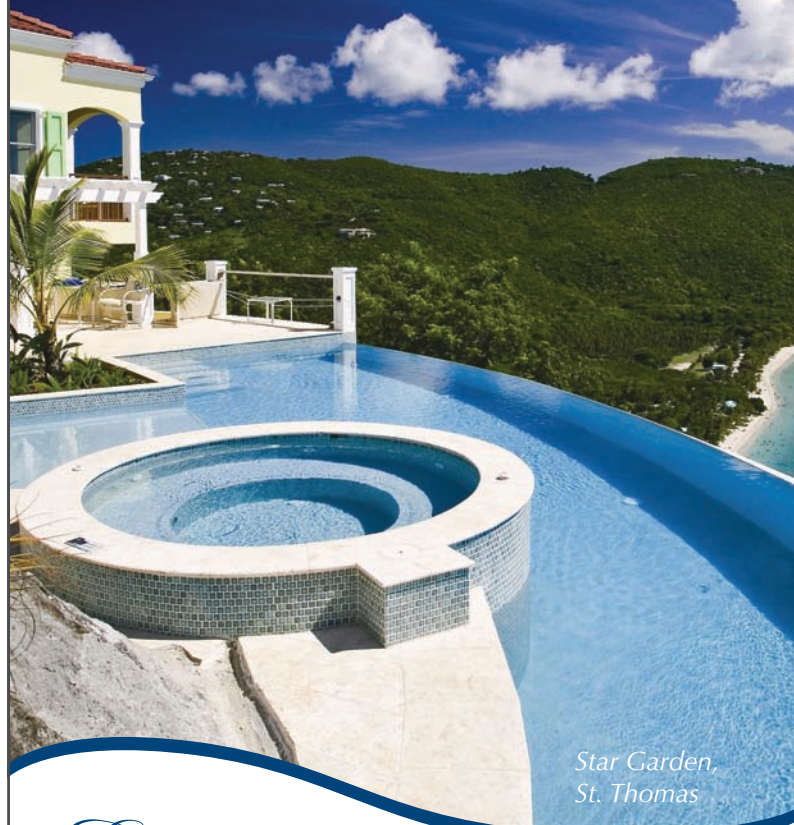


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Talasnik sees his architectural models as points of departure where many art forms can overlap. This past October, Storm King organized a dance performance around the sculpture, where dancers moved from Talasnik's "Stream" to Isamu Noguchi's nearby "Momo Taro." The distance between these two works, one built with bamboo and the other with granite, is a successful example of using contrast, which is a key element in any sculpture garden.

What connects the artwork in a well-thought-out collection are the feelings that each piece brings out. Says Levit: "It doesn't matter if it comes from a well-known artist, or someone you never heard of. If the talent is there, that's all that counts."



LIVING ART: "Suspended," by Menashe Kadishman, 1977.

Photograph by Jerry L. Thompson

GETTING STARTED

Experts suggest sculpture parks worldwide that will help you get familiar with artists and their works and will inspire the perfect arrangement of your own garden.

UNITED STATES

Nasher Sculpture Center: Dallas Home to some famous artists' three-dimensional works, with many key pieces by Matisse, Picasso, and Giacometti. nasher.sculpturecenter.org. **The Sydney and Walda Besthoff Sculpture Garden:** New Orleans This collection started with a sculptural fountain commissioned to Isamu Noguchi in 1960. A lagoon divides the park into a pine and magnolia grove and live oak forest. noma.org/sgarden/index.html. **The Noguchi Museum:** Long Island City, NY A good first step in learning the works of 20th-century Japanese-American master Isamu Noguchi. A block away is **Socrates Sculpture Park**, created by artist Mark di Suvero in 1986 to provide young sculptors exhibit space. noguchi.org. socrates.sculpturepark.org. **Storm King Art Center:** Mountainville, NY The standard for American sculpture parks of modern and contemporary artwork. The center closes to everyone but members in the winter. stormking.org. **Grounds**

for Sculpture: Hamilton, NJ Tulsa collector Simon Levit recommends this as a place "to fall in love all over again." Home to 240 contemporary works, some commissioned especially for the park, including its 35-acre arboretum. Kevin Sbraga, chef of the park's restaurant, Rat's, recently won Bravo's cooking competition "Top Chef." groundsfor Sculpture.org.

WORLDWIDE

Kröller-Müller Museum: Otterlo, Netherlands One of the largest sculpture parks in Europe, located on 62 acres of Hoge Veluwe National Park. Enjoy sculptures from your own bicycle, or rent one at the entrance of the park. kmm.nl. **Sculpture by the Sea:** Australia/Denmark Every year from the end of October until the following July, the world's largest free sculpture exhibition travels between the Australian beaches of Bondi and Cottesloe, and then to Aarhus, Denmark. Collectors can acquire the works exhibited. sculpturebythesea.com.

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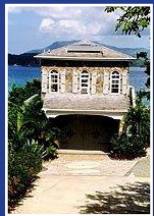
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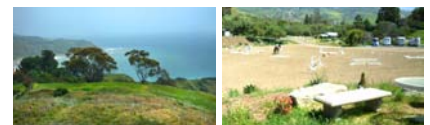
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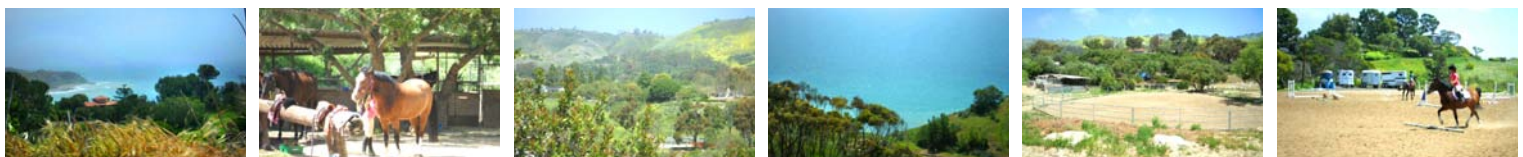


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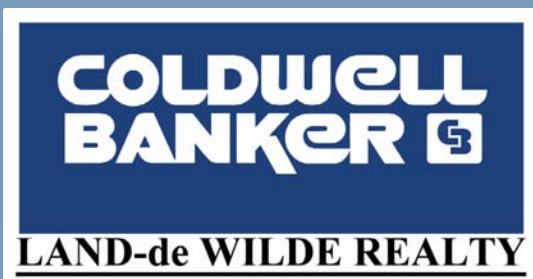
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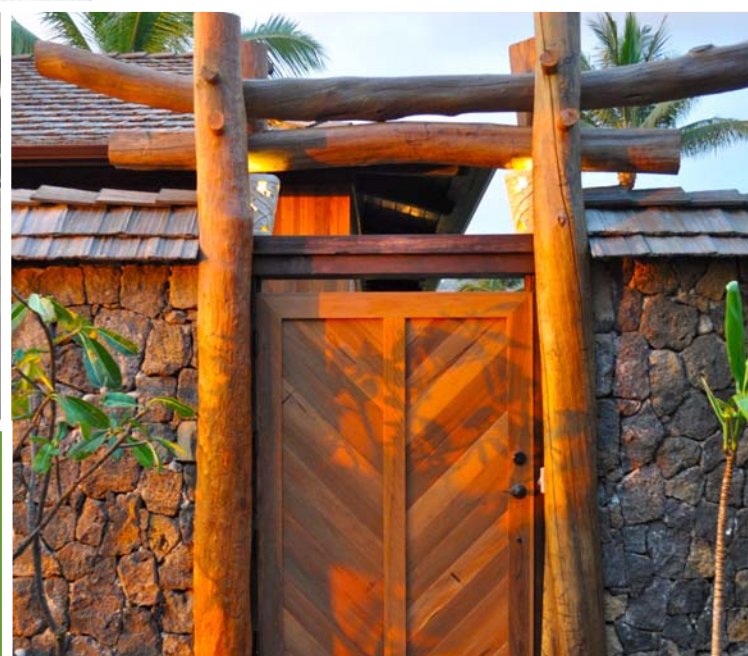
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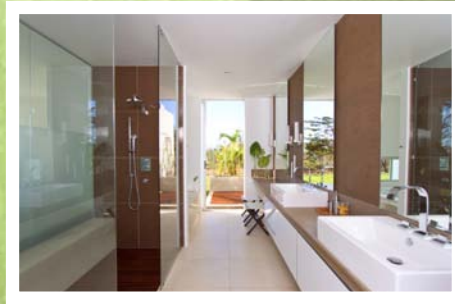
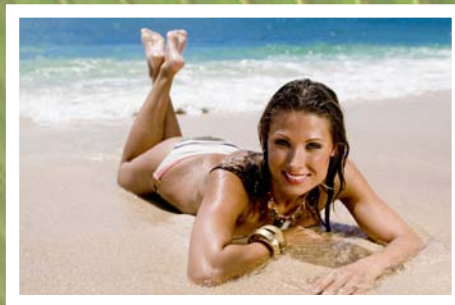
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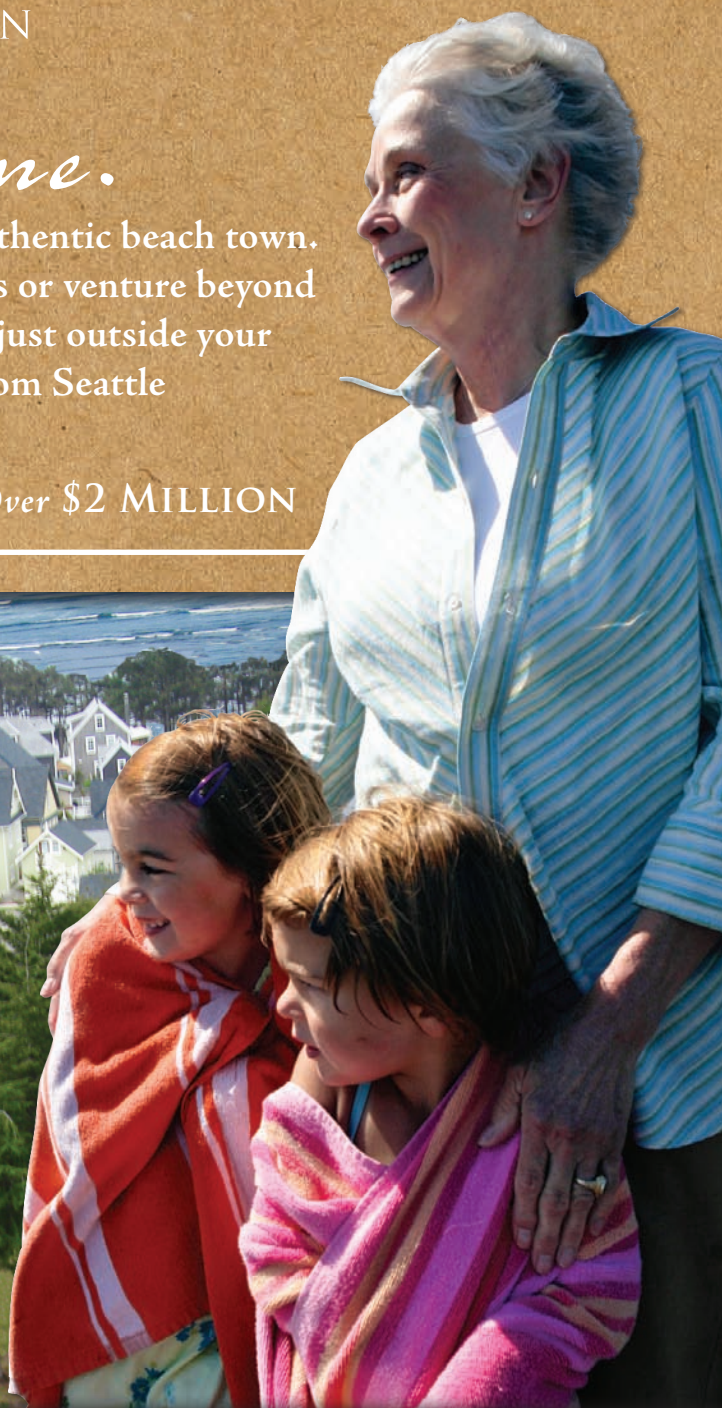
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Adam Katz's Long Island home is the epitome of luxury living by the sea. By **Lauren Price**

REAL ESTATE DEVELOPER ADAM KATZ doesn't just run a successful real estate company. A highly rated jet pilot, he is also the founder and owner of Talon Air, an elite New York-based private jet service. In fact, Katz frequently flies the jets himself, especially when the likes of Mick Jagger, Henry Kissinger, Johnny Depp, or Martin Scorsese are on board. Katz's primary residence is a stunning gated modern stone house set back from the main road in Kings Point on Long Island.

Was your home's proximity to the water important from the start, or did the house "pick" you? Views and direct access to the water were key factors, so I would not have purchased this house

unless it were on the water and had jaw-dropping views of Manhattan's skyline and East River bridges.

How much work did you put into redefining the house as

your own? It was built for tennis legend Vitas Gerulaitis in 1983. After purchasing it in 2007, I did a \$3.5 million gut renovation, rebuilding it as a six-bedroom smart house, using a Creston system for controlling everything from lighting, sound, and temperature control to operating any of the 20 flat-screen TVs that fold down from the ceilings. I added a movie theater, a solarium with a sunken hot tub, a customized gym, outdoor kitchens and fire pits, Jacuzzis, an infinity-edge pool, radiant heat terraces, and a dock for my 135-foot motoryacht and 47-foot Intrepid speed boat, with Ipe (Brazilian Walnut) steps leading to a private beach.

Did your designs reflect waterfront living? The house is built in the round, and the windows, which are huge, face the water. It truly feels as if you're actually at sea.

What do you love most about waterfront living? I love the privacy of it all, and the views are always spectacular, particularly when the sun sets across Manhattan. Better yet, I can commute to the city via my speedboat in 15 minutes.

Is one particular room in the house used most? For me, it's the 2,000-square-foot master bedroom, mostly because of the water views and the comfort of relaxing near a wood-burning fireplace. And it's where my home office is. Like I said

before, because the house was built in the round, it really feels like you're sleeping on a ship at sea.

Which room typically provides the biggest impact for arriving guests, and how often do you entertain? Definitely the living room, because its water views are practically panoramic. We do entertain a great deal, probably several times a week.

If you had to move, what would you miss most about the house? Well, of course, living on the water and its views. They just make you feel like you're a movie star on a multi-million-dollar movie set.

What do you find most challenging about waterfront living? Cold temperatures and wind are pretty intolerable during the winter months, which is why we head down to the Bahamas and live and sail around on the yacht.

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