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THE DRIVE SOUTH FROM SAN JOSE, California to Carmel-by-the-Sea is a scenic stretch of highway ideally suited for beefy sports cars, especially those of the supercharged convertible variety. It was here, behind the wheel of one particular speedy ragtop, that I found myself at the beginning of a week-long vacation at an oceanside villa in Carmel, and I was doing my best to get there in a hurry.

After a year of living in the mountains of Lake Tahoe, I was anxious to dive into the ocean again. As a kid growing up on the East Coast, summers were spent at the beach, one in particular in Gloucester, Massachusetts, where rock outcroppings and an outgoing tide provided hours of Jacques Cousteau-like moments. As I got older, Newport, Rhode Island reeled me in with its surf and nightlife. Now, a quiet beach with easy rolling waves is all I need to put me at ease. But in that car, speeding south to Carmel with my foot jammed on the gas pedal, it seemed as if I were on my way to the best beach in the world. It wasn't so much what I had been told about the beach, but what I *hadn't* been told. Would I meet Clint Eastwood? Would I play at Pebble Beach? Would my life somehow change dramatically? At the very least, I hoped to catch a few waves in the crystal-clear blue Northern California water. And after a year of snow and mountains, that was all that mattered to me.

But the reality of the best beach eluded me. Shortly after arriving at the villa, my earlier roadside pit stop caught up to me. The emergency room doctors would later say that my severe stomach pains were caused by tainted lettuce and after five days of bed rest, my Carmel-by-the-bathroom vacation was over. No beach, no golf, and no Clint Eastwood.

Perhaps finding that best beach is a state of mind, an untouchable place that only exists in our imagination. Or maybe not. In this issue, we take you to 15 beaches ("The Best Beaches," page 52), where oceanfront living is more than just a state of mind; it's the best investment your sun-drenched dollar will ever make. Let us know what you think. Where's your best beach? Head over to oceanhomemag.com and tell us about it. **Jack Morris, Editor**



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FOUR SQUARE
Couples Tower Isle.
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ROCK RESORT
Hard Rock Hotel Panama.

This One Goes to 11

Hard Rock Hotels sets up shop in Panama. By **Melissa Gillespie**

PLANS ARE UNDERWAY for a new location of the Hard Rock Hotels brand in Panama, a 400-room luxury condo-hotel resort development on the Pacific Ocean. The resort will feature oceanfront views along 1,200 feet of Panama's coast. Projected to open in 2012, Hard Rock Hotel Panama will offer rock-star suites—a signature trademark of the Hard Rock brand—luxury “swim-

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Planned attractions currently include a 200,000-square-foot pool, two signature restaurants featuring South American cuisine, a signature bar offering adult nightlife and dancing, and the luxurious Rock Spa with floating treatment cabanas. The resort is part of a planned destination complex that will also include an 18-hole golf course. Lots are currently available for sale, starting at just over \$300,000. 888-726-6501, hardrockcondospanama.com.

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The resort comprises 42 pool villas, including beach and hilltop reserves, beach and hilltop retreats, and the Eco Villa, as well as 20 private residences, situated along the beachfront and on the hillside overlooking the Gulf of Thailand. Several villas feature private spa suites, and each features an electric vehicle and charging station. A Six Senses Spa is a highlight within the resort.



THE HIGH LIFE
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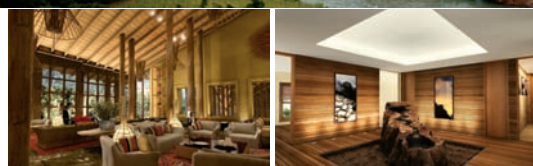
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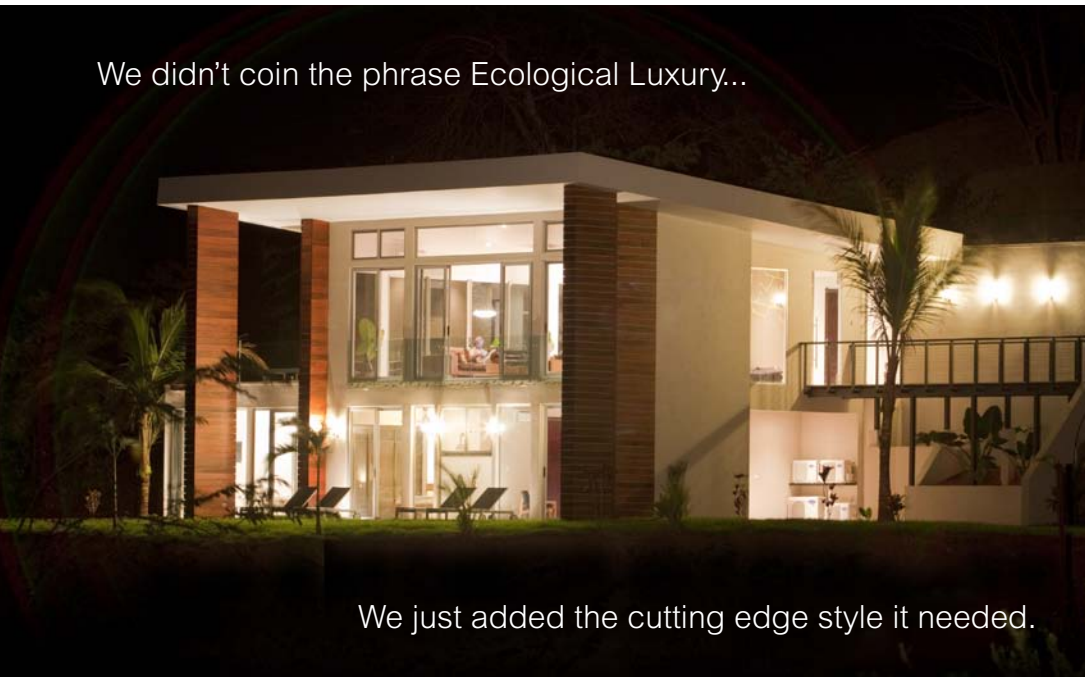


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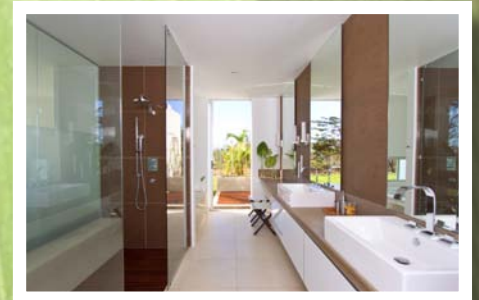
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Market Watch

WORST OF TIMES

Actor **Nicolas Cage** might be a big to-do at the box office, but his real estate dealings could use a blockbuster hit, having recently lost his \$17 million Bel Air, CA estate to foreclosure, as well as hundreds of acres of land in the Malibu hills worth over \$8 million.

CLIMATE CHANGE

Former Vice President **Al Gore** recently dropped \$8,875,000 on an ocean-view villa on 1.5 acres in Montecito, CA. The home features six fireplaces, five bedrooms, and nine bathrooms, as well as a swimming pool, spa, and fountains.

GOING BACK TO CALI

Actor **Richard Chamberlain** is selling his Maui home for \$19 million and moving to Los Angeles. The six bedroom, 6,000-square-foot home was built in 2005 and sits on a half acre of land with 100 feet of beach frontage.



MASS. APPEAL
Nantucket's Harborview Place.



Island Bliss

In-town amenities and seaside views make Nantucket's Harborview Place a must-book. By **Scott Kauffman**

AN INTERNATIONAL LAWYER with a taste for collecting historic real estate, Mitch Willey always sought the services of a five-star hotel yet craved the solitude and convenience of a private home. His solution: Time & Place Homes, a company Willey started that markets luxurious and exclusive private vacation rentals all over the world. Nantucket Island is now the setting of Willey's newest property catch, Harborview Place, a secluded waterfront enclave of 10 restored cottages available for rent or purchase. Located just two blocks from Straight Wharf and historic Main Street, this charming compound comprises a playful mix of homes that are laid out in the shape of a horseshoe.

Tradition aside, Harborview is just steps away from one of the island's primary ferry landings, affording great views of Nantucket

Harbor and the picturesque estates of Monomoy. This peaceful in-town oasis feels like it's a world away from the Massachusetts mainland. The 10 residences are uniquely designed in Nantucket's timeless tradition of simple elegance, including a classic fisherman's cottage by the water and a historic barn.

Harborview boasts an array of amenities and private club services from a personal concierge to pre-stocked, privately staffed units, an owners' lounge and private beach services, transportation, spa treatments, and anything else your island heart desires. Of course, no trip to Nantucket would be complete without getting out on the water, and what better way to see the island than cruising around in one of Harborview's new hassle- and maintenance-free Boston Whaler 200 Dauntless club boats.

"Everything is so close, so you don't need a car," says Jon McLoughlin, the director of sales and marketing for Time and Place Homes. "Staying at Harborview Place is really like having your own home." \$450-\$2,700 per night, *Time and Place Homes*, 202-286-6110, harborviewnantucket.com.



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Southern Charm

Kiawah Island real estate rebounds after a sluggish 2009.

AFTER ACQUIRING the luxurious Kiawah Island, South Carolina resort community in 1988, Kiawah Partners chairman/CEO Buddy Darby has seen his fair share of economic downturns. If first quarter real estate sales are any indication, however, it appears that Darby's 10,000-acre barrier island has bounced back from perhaps the biggest recession of them all.

Indeed, through the end of March, Kiawah Island Real Estate recorded \$61.5 million dollars in residential sales, a 59 percent increase over the first quarter of 2009. The strong first-quarter earnings were fueled by \$39.5 million in vacation home sales in March, which exceeded the total sales volume for the entire first quarter of 2009 and represented the biggest month in properties sold (25) since April 2008. The sales keep piling up as another \$37 million in properties were under

contract in April with the average price being \$1.5 million for single-family homes, villas, and homesites.

Darby, whose Kiawah Partners is the master developer of this exclusive island 21 miles from Charleston, credits a literal thaw in the north for Kiawah's sales bounce. Other factors include a growing confidence in the equity markets, knowledge that Kiawah is backed by a "healthy developer that's not over-leveraged," a resort developer who "doesn't have any debt on his properties," and a community association holding \$14 million in reserves.

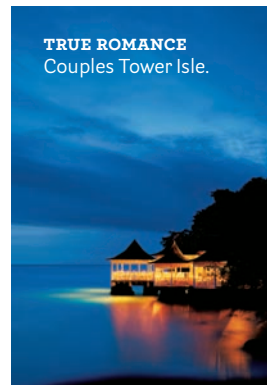
"People are starting to buy again. Once the snow thawed in the Northeast, they started coming down and we've just had a remarkable March and April," adds Darby. "Anytime there's a harsh winter we tend to hear people say, 'I'm done.'"

What's especially refreshing for Darby is the heightened activity in Kiawah's upper-end homes above \$2.5 million (11 were sold through May compared with 14 in all of 2009). "Who knows where this will all end up at the end of the year, but right now we're hanging 10," Darby says. "I suspect that this is going to continue." —*Scott Kauffman*

Must Sea

FACE LIFT After a \$30 million renovation, the luxurious, all-inclusive Couples Tower Isle (formerly Couples Ocho Rios) on the north coast of Jamaica welcomes guests with a brand new hip and sleek décor. Combining Miami chic with Caribbean casual, the transformed lobby, spa, and 226 guest rooms—including new ocean view suites—feature crisp lines, modern art, and lots of light and airy space. In a nod to its place in history as a hip hangout for the Hollywood elite in the 1950s, the upbeat piano bar showcases fabulous black-and-white photographs of vacationing stars such as Ava Gardner, Errol Flynn, and Lena Horne. Don't miss the fresh juices and healthy snacks at the open-air Veggie Bar, just steps from the white sand beach. And the scenic "Tower Isle" from which the adults-only resort takes its name? This island is for *au naturel* sunbathing only. 800-268-7537, couples.com. —*Kara Williams*

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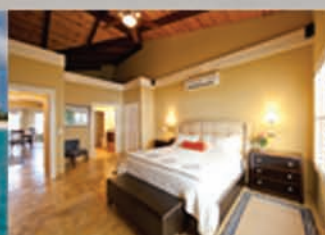
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WINDOW TREATMENT
Truro, Mass. See page 24.





The Green House Effect

This Cape Cod home doesn't just save energy—it sells it back to the grid.
By **Regina Cole**

THE CONTEMPORARY HOUSE high up on a bluff has it all: the ocean directly below, window walls aimed at heart-stopping sunset views, a flexible floor plan that can sleep a crowd or just a couple, a stylish interior, and, best of all, a green design.

But it wasn't easy; the site's 115-foot elevation in Truro, Massachusetts is one of the highest points on Cape Cod.

"Energy-wise, this was a real challenge," says architect Stephanie Horowitz, AIA, of Boston's Zero Energy Design, which specializes in environmentally sensitive construction. "The elevation makes for unbelievable wind speeds," she explains. "The orientation towards the sunset meant west-facing glazing. We compensated with a super-insulated envelope and solar panels on the roof. The house produces more electricity than it needs and sells the surplus back to the grid." Heating and cooling comes from heat-exchanging wells; the radiant floor provides comfort and efficiency in high-ceilinged rooms without affecting air quality.

The homeowners, who have a number of children and grandchildren, wanted a vacation home that would contract and expand as needed. Horowitz responded with a building composed of two modules; one, containing multiple bedrooms and bathrooms, is closed off when the house functions as a couples' retreat. Interior designer Michael Ferzoco of Eleven Interiors created rooms that are, according to the homeowners, "modern without that cold, austere look." Ferzoco chose renewable and environmentally sensitive materials: bamboo flooring, natural and organic upholstery fill, local stone, LED lights, and several pieces of vintage furniture, including a Saarinen Tulip table.

With a shape influenced by the dramatic topography, the 6,200-square-foot house presents a modest façade to the street. Only on the ocean side does it reveal its explosive angles and expanses of glass. zeroenergy.com.



LET THERE BE LIGHT: Perched 115 feet above the Atlantic Ocean, this Truro, MA home has green features like solar panels and radiant floor heating in the kitchen and dining rooms.

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The Speed of Right

Interior designer Ron Dayan gets it done well—and fast.

RON DAYAN IS KNOWN for contriving some of the most exquisite and extravagant homes in the nation, often far ahead of schedule. From a house on Newport Beach to a Mediterranean-style estate in Rancho Santa Fe, California-based Dayan illuminates his creations through self-taught design and global inspirations.

“I’ve been known to do projects in record-breaking time, even across the country,” Dayan explains. “Once a house is built, I am able to gather every element: hand-carved and hand-finished furniture, carpeting, upholstery, and accessories included, and transport them from the West Coast to the East Coast in three weeks.”

The avant-garde designer gathers inspiration from his international travels through some of the most architecturally stunning

countries in the world, including Italy and England. After almost three decades in the design business, Dayan has decorated homes ranging from 4,000 to 40,000 square feet. His clientele includes Motown legend Smokey Robinson, LA Lakers star Kareem Abdul-Jabaar, Barry Gibb of The Bee-Gees, Academy Award winner Louis Gossett, Jr., and many more.

“My clients always get something unique,” Dayan explains. “If a resource is unavailable, I don’t buy it. I don’t wait for anything.”

Not only does Dayan deliver extraordinary results, but he also keeps his clients’ best interest as his top priority. He believes that with today’s real estate market, a home is no longer merely a place where one lives; it’s the most expensive possession a person will ever own. For the last few years, Dayan has been taking a few steps further with his designs and elaborating on the bones of the various properties to increase the value, he explains.

“I design homes the way they should be designed, not to reflect the owner’s personality,” Dayan says. “It’s the art and accessories that reflect the owner, not the home itself.” piccadillydesigns.com. —**Terri Ogan**



PERIOD PIECE
Ron Dayan's elaborate interiors.





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FROM MIAMI BEACH to the Bahamas, Raymond Jungles can transform a blasé rooftop deck into an exotic tropical garden. The landscape architect brings outdoor living spaces to life not only with innovation and creativity, but also with a green thumb, as well.

A few years ago in Coconut Grove, Florida, Jungles was faced with a difficult challenge: creating a rooftop garden that blended in with the style of the 1930s Spanish Colonial interior of his client's home. The Ella Fontanals-Cisneros Rooftop Garden was initially one of Jungles' greatest challenges, but it soon became one of his greatest triumphs.

"This project was in a very refined space on the top of a 39-story building," Jungles explains. "It was brutal because I had to create human elements in an elegant space that blended in with the Spanish architectural style."

Jungles was able to create elements in the outdoor space that made the owners feel as if they were at ground



TOP OF THE WORLD
The Ella Fontanals-Cisneros Rooftop Garden in Coconut Grove, FL

level. What was once a distilled and basic living space became a tropical garden with exotic and tranquil

surroundings. "One key component to keep in mind with any rooftop garden is shade," says Jungles. "I had to create an overhead structure because the sun is blaring up there. I used alpine-type plants with low-water requirement and also designed and engineered awnings with a wind sensor that open and close depending how strong the wind is."

The Ella Fontanals-Cisneros Rooftop Garden includes spacious walkways, a small area to accommodate patio seating, luscious foliage with sun-protective vines, three exquisite waterfalls, and an elegant pool that trickles over a front wall to add ambiance to the sitting area. 305-858-6777, raymondjungles.com. —Terri Ogan



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THE DISH
Pineapple-Glazed
Walu Filet with
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The Local Favorite

Big Island chef Collin Thornton aims to please with his pineapple-glazed walu.

By **Lisa Rogak**

COLLIN THORNTON, executive chef at the Fairmont Orchid Hotel on the Big Island of Hawaii, is a mastermind in nurturing what has come to be known as Big Island Cuisine. Thornton oversees eight different restaurants at the resort, which provide him with ample opportunities to stretch his creativity, all in the pursuit of a memorable dining experience for guests.

One of his signature dishes is Pine-

apple-Glazed Walu Filet with Sweet Potato and Corn Hash, which reflects his philosophy of combining classic cooking methods with contemporary techniques, and then adding the twist of a vibrant, clean presentation. “Walu is a Hawaiian butterfish, and because of its beautiful texture and rich flavor, it’s a favorite among visitors,” says Thornton. Because walu may be hard to find on the mainland, he suggests wahoo or mahi mahi as a substitute.

In the same way that he is inspired by local seafood, produce, and flavorings, he encourages home cooks to be similarly motivated in their own kitchens. “Cooking is all about pushing the boundaries of your palate,” he says. “The sky’s the limit, so don’t be afraid to travel past the horizon and have fun with it!”

Pineapple-Glazed Walu Filet with Sweet Potato and Corn Hash

SERVES 8

PINEAPPLE GLAZE

2 tbsp. olive oil

1 tsp. chopped garlic

1/2 fresh pineapple, chopped

Juice from 2 lemons

Juice from 2 oranges

Juice from 2 limes

1/4 bunch fresh coriander, chopped

Salt and pepper to taste

Heat olive oil in sauté pan over medium-high heat. Add garlic and pineapple and sauté for two minutes. Add citrus juices and reduce by half, about five minutes. Add the coriander and salt and pepper to taste, then remove from heat.

WALU

2 tbsp. olive oil

8 6-oz. walu filets, or wahoo or mahi mahi filets

Salt and pepper

Season both sides of fish with salt and pepper. Heat olive oil in sauté pan over high heat until it smokes. Add fish and sear on one side until golden brown. Remove from heat, flip the fish over, and place in a preheated 350-degree oven for 5-7 minutes until firm.

HASH

2 tbsp. olive oil

1/2 cup onions, chopped

1 tbsp. minced garlic

4 sweet potatoes, boiled, peeled, and diced

3 cups fresh corn kernels, cooked

1/2 cup chicken stock

Sauté onions in olive oil over medium-high heat until translucent. Add garlic and cook for one minute. Add potatoes and corn and sauté until heated through. Add chicken stock and reduce for 1 minute. Season to taste.

To assemble: Place a heaping half-cup of hash on a plate. Set fish on top and drizzle with pineapple glaze.



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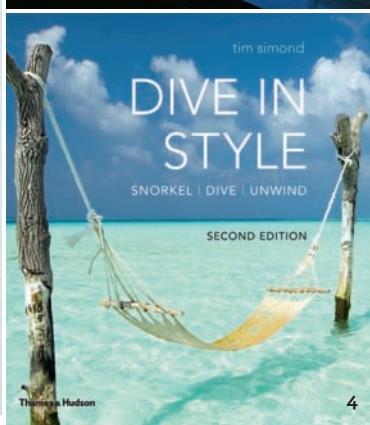
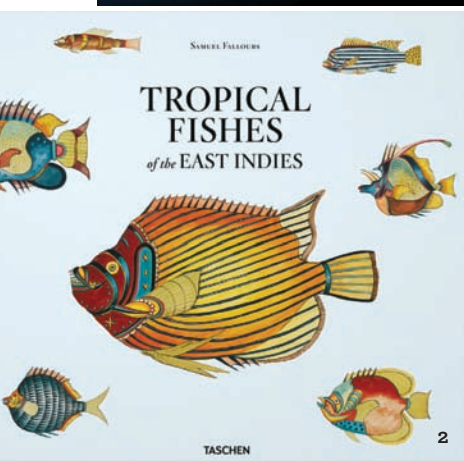
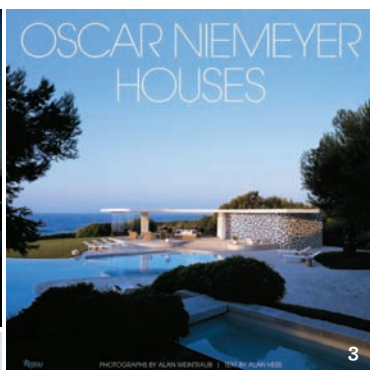
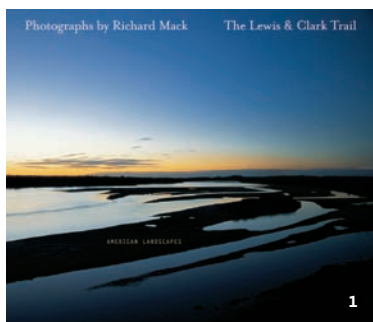
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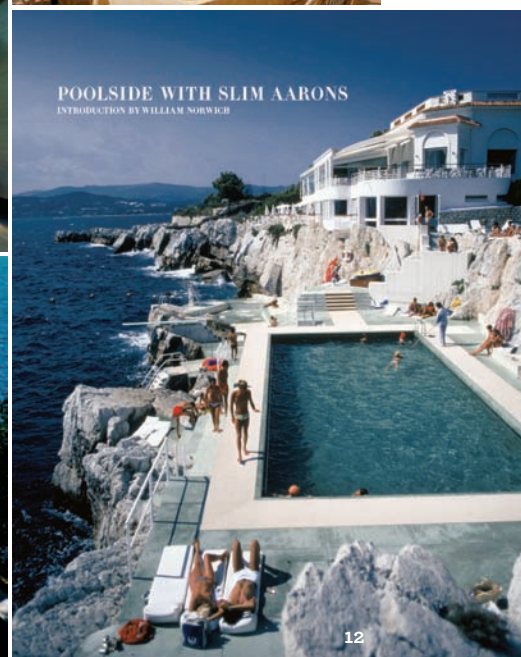
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WATER WORLD
Jack Marshall,
top right, and his
Curaçao home.

Back to the Beach

While the California coast and Idaho mountains appealed to real estate developer Jack Marshall, it was Curaçao that succeeded in stealing his heart.

IT'S A LONG WAY from Oregon's McKenzie River, where he enjoyed fly fishing and water sports as a child, but Jack Marshall considers Curaçao his home just as much as the Pacific Northwest. That says a lot, considering that Marshall, president of the real estate development and consulting company VIDA Group, has owned homes in several stunning locations. "I buy a property almost every place I go [for a development deal]," he says. Those deals have included Elkhorn in Sun Valley, Idaho, the Pebble Beach Lodge and Spanish Bay Resort in California, and Beaver Creek, Colorado.

When Marshall was approached to oversee the creation of the Santa Barbara Plantation on Curaçao, "My wife and I just fell in love," he says. The people and the natural beauty made a big impact on the couple, and another purchase was imminent.

The Santa Barbara Plantation is a planned 1,500-acre re-

sort community that includes a Pete Dye-designed golf course and a Hyatt Regency hotel and spa. Residential offerings range from three-bedroom houses with guest cottages to custom homes. Marshall's home is tucked in the Seru Boca section, which overlooks Spanish Water Bay and the Caribbean. He enlisted the help of noted California-based designer Richard Elmore, who he says "took my ideas and rendered them." With 5,500 square feet of air-conditioned space and about the same in covered outdoor areas, it has a "very Mediterranean" feel, featuring tile roofing and a central open courtyard with a fountain. Inside, it's "eclectic," with terra cotta floor tiles from Columbia, shutters and doors from Java, teak furnishings from Bali, and carpets from Turkey.

"I spend a lot of time in the covered part of the courtyard and what I call the 'outdoor living room,'" Marshall says. That "room" has a gravitational pull. Despite a pianist performing in the central courtyard during a recent party for about 100 Hyatt Regency and government officials, "People migrated to the open covered living area," Marshall recalls with a laugh. "The pianist was playing away with nobody there!" —*Diane M. Byrne*

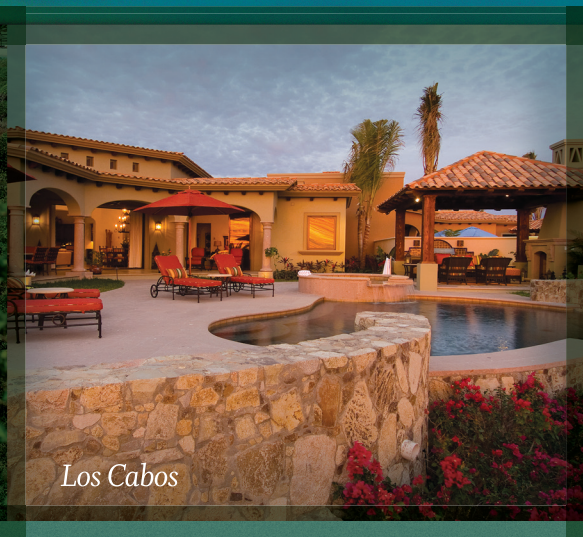


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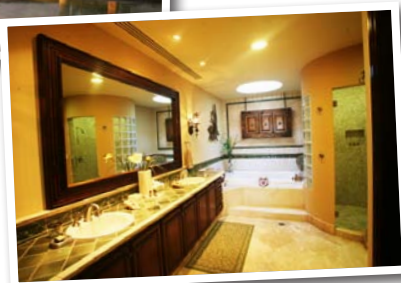
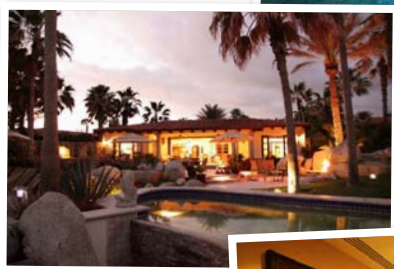
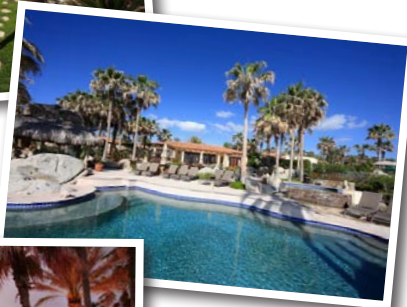
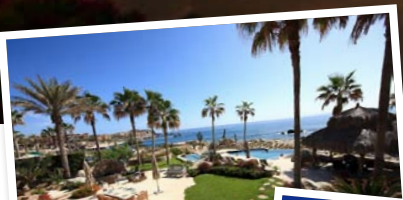


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VERO TIME
Costa d'Este.

Conga Line

Gloria Estefan spices up Florida's Vero Beach at Costa d'Este.

POP STAR GLORIA ESTEFAN has been a music maven for decades. Now, the Miami denizen and her husband, Emilio, are making music in the resort business. Their latest hit is Costa d'Este Beach Resort, the Estefan's oceanfront hotel in Vero Beach.

The intimate \$50 million luxury resort that opened two years ago features 94 stylish rooms, including four suites, the gourmet Cuban-fusion Oriente restaurant and lounge, the al fresco Cabana Bar, a European-style spa, an infinity-edge pool, and a fitness room—all of which are reflective of the simple yet elegant styles and tastes of the Estefans themselves. For instance, general manager Awilda Rivera notes that a beautiful orchid, Gloria's favorite flower, can be found on a beaded curtain that is illuminated

each night. Yet that's just one of her personal touches at Costa d'Este, a "home away from home" for the couple, when they're not relaxing at their nearby home in Vero Beach.

"There's a warm sense of style without being overwhelmed and flavors of South Beach without all the hustle of Miami," Rivera adds. "Everything is very clean, streamlined, and clutter-free. When you pull up, there's a sense of arrival in its simplicity, whether it's the waterfall, the sounds of the ocean, or the Nag Champa incense in your room."

The Estefans have actually been involved in the hotel and restaurant business since the early 1990s, starting with their first Cuban restaurant, Larios on the Beach on Ocean Drive in South Beach. Soon after, they acquired the Cardozo Hotel in Miami. Today, the Cuban couple has seven restaurants and three hotels. The design scheme for Costa d'Este Beach Resort is centered on various organic geometrical expressions, namely the circle. Drawing inspiration from sunrises, bubbles, and nesting sea turtles, Todd Tragash and Isabel Saavedra-Tragash of Miami-based STA Architecture successfully created a chic oasis that celebrates nature and heavily reflects the Estefan's old Miami personality. Gloria and Emilio who were personally involved in all aspects of the design process, previously worked with STA on their Vero Beach home and Miami Beach corporate headquarters.

"Costa d'Este reflects the laid-back vibe and environmental consciousness of Vero Beach," Emilio says. "It's one of the main reasons we first fell in love with the community." Rates start at \$249 per room. 877-562-9919, costadeste.com. —**Scott Kauffman**

The Agenda

LIFTOFF If you've never seen a rocket blast off from its launch pad, now's your chance. If the weather holds, head up to the **Kennedy Space Center** on July 30 where NASA's Atlas V rocket will launch a new satellite. 866-737-5235, kennedyspacecenter.com.

ONE LOVE What better way to take in a warm summer night on the ocean than at **Captain Hiram's** in Vero Beach with reggae star Beres Hammond? Sink your toes in the sand and feel the vibe on July 21. 772-589-4345, hirams.com.

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RESORT LIFE
Vero Beach Hotel & Spa.

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INTO THE BLUE: From left, Camana Bay town center; the Residences at the Ritz Carlton, Grand Cayman; scuba diving at Stingray City; Abacus at Camana Bay.

Ahead of the Tide

Grand Cayman Island bucks the economic trends with new resorts and some sweet treats.

AS PART OF the British West Indies, Grand Cayman is at once more Western and more developed than other islands in the region because of its great infrastructure, thanks to international banking community investments in the 1960s. Between Seven Mile Beach and the nightlife of Georgetown, visitors have a wide variety of attractions for a great vacation—or for a second home.

Despite cutbacks on other Caribbean islands due to the economy, Grand Cayman has been forging full-steam ahead in the last few years with a full roster of new luxury developments. Within Dragon Bay at The Residences at The Ritz Carlton, Grand Cayman, you'll find The Deckhouses, which are comprised of 19 private waterfront properties (with five bedrooms each), while Secret Harbour will replicate an exclusive maritime community when it breaks ground early this summer.

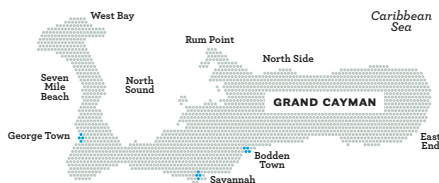
The belle of the ball is Camana Bay, a 500-acre mixed-use community in West Bay. The focal point is the 75-foot high Observation Tower, with an interior mosaic deep sea scene designed with Venetian glass tiles, giving visitors a 360-degree bird's-eye view of Grand Cayman. —*Lisa Rogak*



Trend Watch

FACEBOOK IT If the seemingly unending search for the best hotel has you pulling out your hair, fear no more. **TravelMuse**, the online tool that allows you to store all of your online fact finding missions in one place, recently launched a new Travel Planner, an application that takes your Facebook friends' comments about your trip and saves them in your TravelMuse trip folder. There is also the "Ask Friends" feature that allows you to ask for specific advice. Requests are posted to your wall and comments are put back into your trip folder. travelmuse.com.

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③ WHAT TO DO

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Leader of the Pack

Despite new luggage fees, you can still enjoy a stress-free vacation. By **Diane M. Byrne**

TO SAY THAT MELANIE NAYER is a frequent traveler is akin to saying Claude Monet liked to paint. She's a travel writer and hotel reviewer who contributes to a number of publications, including the *New York Daily News* and Gadling.com, the world's top travel blog. But more importantly, she's sympathetic to travelers bemoaning the loss of free baggage check. "People are, quite frankly, ticked off at the airlines," she says. But she also understands the industry's stance. "Remember, at the end of the day, it's a business, and they have to make money."

Even with the rising costs of checked luggage, Nayer says there are ways to manage both your money and stress.

Take advantage of frequent-flyer programs. "Frequent flyer status goes a long way," Nayer says. The elite level on several airlines' programs rewards you with free baggage checks.

Realize that airline baggage fees are cheaper than other options. Luggage-shipping services, which pick up your bags from your home and deliver them to your hotel or other destination, are receiving a lot of attention because of consumers' frustration. But some companies charge far more than the airlines do. "If you go back and look at the prices [from the airlines], you're actually saving money," Nayer explains. That's not to say shipping is always a bad idea. She says it can be quite convenient for bulky sports equipment, like golf clubs, or other items you can live without for a day or two before you board the plane.

Avoid overpacking. Nayer is adamant that most travelers taking a trip lasting up to a week can fit everything in a carry-on. "Mix and match" is the key, she says. Pack one nice pair of pants and one nice shirt, for example, plus clothes that can be dressed up or down. Another tip: skip the extra outfit that you think you'll need if you spill something on it. "Woolite has travel packs that I swear by," Nayer says.

Buy hard-cased luggage. Soft luggage can expand, so that's where many

travelers run into trouble in trying to fit their items beneath the seat or in the overhead, Nayer explains.

Give yourself time to clear security. "Don't assume you're going to fly through," she says. Taxis get stuck in traffic, plus random security checks can and do occur. If you're pulled out of line, "Let them do their jobs," Nayer says. Give kids checklists and make them responsible for placing their shoes, iPods, and other items in the X-ray buckets.



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CAPELLA PEDREGAL, MEXICO

Scroll through the images of the Capella Pedregal Residences, situated on a beautiful private stretch of beach in Cabo San Lucas, Mexico, and you'll swear someone is playing with Photoshop at your expense. Here you'll find a mountainous backdrop, white sand shores, the deep blue Pacific stretching endlessly to the west, and structures that resemble a modern-day Mayan paradise. A boater's or sport fisherman's dream, this community offers its own yacht club, direct access (by boat, through a 300-meter rock tunnel) to Cab San Lucas Marina, and a variety of vessels and ocean excursions. Other amenities include fine dining, a spa, a state-of-the-art fitness center, concierge, and more. Shared-ownership residences start at \$460,000 and full-ownership homes start at \$2.9 million. CAPELLAPEDREGAL.COM

LA JOLLA SHORES, CALIFORNIA

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It's hard to imagine a more quintessential California beach experience than La Jolla Shores. Bookended by golden-hued cliffs, this one-mile stretch of sand has it all. Surfing, kayaking, snorkeling, and scuba are all just a 100-yard dash away, and for those with young children, the tide pools of La Jolla Cove are a perfect place to view crabs, starfish, and other marine life. Homes here range from \$3 million

for a property just a block from the water to \$30 million for oceanfront bedroom bliss. Stepping away from the sand and surf, downtown La Jolla offers Girard Avenue, lined with boutiques, galleries, cafes, spas, and jewelry stores. Other nearby amenities include a golf course, a yacht club, and the renowned La Jolla Playhouse, founded by the legendary Gregory Peck, a La Jolla local. LAJOLLA.COM

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PLAYA COSON, DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

Though most associate a stay in the Dominican Republic with the resorts at Punta Cana, one of the island's best-kept secrets is becoming a destination (and real estate opportunity) of choice for those in the know. Las Terranas, a small village on the northwestern portion of the island, boasts some of the Caribbean's best beaches, and Playa Coson may just be the Holy Grail. Endless stretches of sand and palm trees slope gently toward deep turquoise water and offer as much seclusion as one could ever imagine. Activities include fishing, hiking, diving, and whale watching, while restaurants and shops await in town. A new highway and airport have also made the journey here safer and more convenient. Current real estate opportunities include everything from villas on the sand (where \$2.6 million will get you the house of your dreams) to hillside condos to vast expanses of open, available land.

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SUNSET BEACH, NORTH CAROLINA

If the idea of getting away from it all is appealing, then so will be Ocean Ridge Plantation, located on the barrier island of Sunset Beach in North Carolina. Miles of sand dunes and beaches are just a walk or bike ride away in this private village. A veritable golfer's paradise, Ocean Ridge is home to four award-winning courses, with a fifth set to open this fall. What's even better is that the luxury homes here list for around \$1.5 million and lower. Other amenities include a private beach club, spa and fitness center, fishing lake, nature trails and walking/biking paths, community gardens, swimming pools, and playgrounds. Shopping and fine dining opportunities are abundant in nearby Wilmington or Myrtle Beach, South Carolina. OCEANRIDGE.COM

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PALM BEACH, FLORIDA

On a map, it's but a sliver of land between Lake Worth and the Atlantic, but when it comes to luxurious coastal living, there are few places more iconic than Palm Beach. From the yachts lining the Intracoastal Waterway to oceanfront mansions along North Ocean Blvd. to the legendary boutiques of Worth Avenue and its endless parties and galas, the 10 square miles known simply as "the island" seem to have it all. For the sports-minded, there's the golf and tennis clubs, including those of the iconic Breakers Hotel. Water and beach lovers can take advantage of the warm cerulean ocean (think boating, surfing, scuba, and more), which boasts an average temperature of 75 degrees. While \$10 million will buy you a dream home with every amenity, \$30 million or more will ensure your status as a serious South Florida real estate mogul. SOTHEBYSHOMES.COM/PALMBEACH

MAIN BEACH, EAST HAMPTON

Windswept dunes and grasses meet seemingly endless stretches of sand at East Hampton, New York's Main Beach. A playground for the famous (and sometimes infamous), this historic and upscale community "keeps it real" with clean white sands and small crowds due to limited parking. A pavilion straight from a 1950s era postcard offers casual eats and a place to host a summer party, while high-end boutiques, eateries, a movie theater, and the art galleries of Main Street are all less than 1.5 miles away. This "old-school" beach also boasts volleyball nets, great surf, and a fair number of Hollywood personalities. Loaded with New England charm, pastoral estates and modest homes near the shore are available for \$1 million and up.

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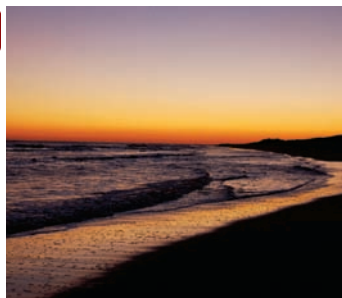
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PINK SANDS BEACH, BAHAMAS

Known as one of the best beaches in the Bahamas, if not the world, Harbor Island's Pink Sands Beach gets its unique color from shells of the foraminifera, an amoeba that is abundant in the area's waters. Of course, the biology behind this natural wonder probably won't be the first thing on your mind as you dip your toes in the placid waters of Harbor Island. Pink Sands Resort, a sheltered and sumptuous destination tucked away in the tropical gardens just off the beach, is now offering a limited number of lots for private ownership, priced between \$700,000 and \$1.5 million. Amenities include a freshwater swimming pool, massage service, tennis courts, a beachfront bar, a boutique, a library, a business center, and more. PINKSANDSRESORT.COM

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ST. JEAN BEACH, ST. BARTS



Though you won't find hermitic seclusion on St. Jean Beach in St. Barts, you will find a long stretch of bone-white sand and some of the most stunning blue water anywhere. Those who like their beaches with a little hustle and bustle will appreciate the bevy of bodies, cafes, resorts, and shops. Luxury yachts line the waters here, and it's not uncommon to see the likes of Jay-Z and Beyoncé out for a pleasure cruise. Though

divided by the picturesque Eden Rock, an outcropping upon which sits the four-star Eden Rock Hotel, the beach is approximately eight miles in length and outrageously beautiful every step of the way. Luxury villas for sale or rent dot the shore and hillsides and besides "being seen," the activities of choice are windsurfing, scuba, and dining in one of the many gourmet restaurants nearby.

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ALYS BEACH, FLORIDA

The planned seaside community of Alys Beach, located in Walton County along the Gulf Coast of Florida, is equal parts old-world Mediterranean charm and trend-setting, eco-friendly design. Every square foot of the property, from the \$5 million pool and surrounding cabanas to the clean lines and stark white paint of the community's very edifice, was designed with luxury and beauty in mind. Crystal blue gulf waters meet white sand shores, and even those who aren't fortunate enough to have snagged one of the beachfront properties will still have an ocean view. Three- and four-bedroom units range from \$1.5 million to \$2.5 million. Private beach and tennis clubs, a community center, an amphitheater, and parks are just some of the amenities. ALYSBEACH.COM

BAHIA BEACH, PUERTO RICO

Does the idea of a luxurious, master-planned resort and golf community with two miles of private beachfront situated on 438 acres in the middle of the Caribbean sound good? We thought so. St. Regis Resort and Residences Beach Resort, a five-star community that sits at the foot of the Puerto Rico's El Yunque rainforest preserve, is all of the above and more. Fronted by two miles of pristine beach, the Bahia Beach Golf Club features an award-winning course designed by Robert Trent Jones, Jr. Four high-security gated communities have already been completed, with offerings ranging from \$700,000 for a 1,700+ square-foot golf-front villa or condo to the \$10 million custom-built, 10,000+ square-foot oceanfront and golf-front estate homes of St. Regis Residences-Las Estancias. STREGISBALHARBOR.COM



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HUALALAI BEACH, HAWAII

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The Kohala Coast, on the Big Island of Hawaii, gets 340 days of sunshine per year. So the odds are in your favor, whether you wish to work on your tan or practice your short game. Open year round, the beach community of Hualalai offers the chance to do both. Comprised of nearly 400 villas, custom homes, and/or home sites ranging in price from \$1.7

million to \$29 million, Hualalai affords homeowners the chance to play at one of the stunning nearby golf courses, including the Jack Nicklaus Signature course, paddle an outrigger from the Canoe Club, head out into the surf, go scuba diving, or cast a line out and battle for your very own Awa, a prized Hawaiian game fish. HUALALAIREALTY.COM



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POIPU BEACH, HAWAII

Poipu Beach consistently gets top billing on many “best beaches” lists with good reason. It’s on the Hawaiian island of Kauai, but that’s really just the beginning. The Poipu Beach area encompasses three picturesque miles of crescent-shaped sandy beaches and gorgeous reef and rock formations, including the cliffs at Shipwreck Beach, site of the famed plunge that Anne Heche and Harrison Ford took in the movie *Six Days, Seven Nights*. Snorkeling, surfing, whale spotting, or just lounging in the sun are the preferred activities, but with golf courses, spas, and shopping nearby, even a day away from the beach is still a pretty good time. Home prices range from \$1.5 to \$5.7 million. POIPUBEACH.ORG

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SAMARA BEACH, COSTA RICA

Samara Beach is known for its (relatively) gentle waves, family-friendly activities, and the rocky cliffs that form its northern and southern borders. Considered one of the safest beaches in Costa Rica, this crescent-shaped gem also boasts diving and snorkeling, surfing, and nearby fishing and boat tours. Just a six-minute drive from the beach is the in-development gated community of Parque Buena Vista, which will feature 25 sites set within the canopy of a private forest reserve. Priced around \$1.2 million, estates are based on a Mexican rancho style and come with a palapa roof and a bright color palette. All estates include a guesthouse, infinity pool, and ocean views. SAMARABEACH.COM



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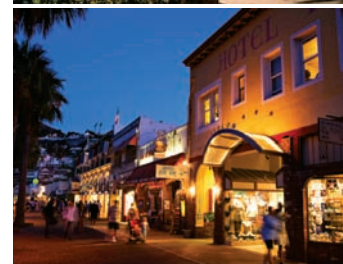


KIAWAH ISLAND BEACH, SOUTH CAROLINA

Twenty-one miles south of Charleston, South Carolina is the barrier island of Kiawah, which lays claim to a beautiful 10-mile stretch of undisturbed natural beach and dunes. Just feet from the shoreline is the prestigious Kiawah Island Club, a private club with two renowned 18-hole courses—one designed by Tom Fazio, the other by Tom Watson—and memberships restricted to only those who own property on the island. There are also five more courses open to the public. Not to be outdone, the club's tennis quotient was voted “#1 In the World” by tennisresortsonline.com. Lots are available from \$250,000 to \$5.9 million, and homes range from \$255,000 to \$14 million. Options when not whacking a ball with a racket or club are dining at nearly a dozen restaurants, getting pampered at The Sanctuary Spa, or taking a kayak or walking tour. KIWAHISLAND.COM

SOUTH BEACH, CALIFORNIA

Ruggedly beautiful and a mere 22 miles off the coast of Los Angeles is Santa Catalina Island, a popular destination for boaters in southern California. Mountainous topography spills directly into the sea and the city of Avalon, the only incorporated community on the island. The historic Catalina Island Yacht Club plays host to vessels of all shapes and sizes. Nearby is the pretty little strip of sand known as South Beach, where one can wade in the calm waters while watching shoppers and tourists mill past. Breathtaking views of this idyllic scene can be enjoyed from one of the villas inside Hamilton Cove, a private gated community. Prices range from around \$700,000 for smaller units, while three-bedroom villas go for approximately \$1 to \$2 million. CATALINA.COM



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BY ANNA KASABIAN



Two California architects light up the Maui coastline with a sun-drenched vacation home inspired by luxurious resort living.





The dramatic entryway with its high ceiling makes guests and the homeowners feel as if they're walking into a luxurious hotel every day.

WHEN YOU GET TWO CREATIVE FORCES TOGETHER, it's not uncommon to have a fireworks display of ideas light up a room. At least it's a pretty common occurrence for the husband-and-wife architectural team of Jim and Karen LeCron of Arr/LeCron Architects, Inc. in Santa Barbara, who share a passion for creating dreamy getaways from California to Hawaii.

Their current project, a mere four months on the drawing board, took them to Maui, where they decided to build a home that mirrors all the details of a resort. The difference? This is your own private beachfront resort, and once you are here, you can choose to cocoon yourself in your suite and meet your friends by the pool only after you've melted your stress away.

The idea for this particular home came to them several years ago when the couple was vacationing in Maui. While they loved the island, they had grown tired of staying in hotel rooms and condominiums that felt confining and cramped after a few days, and it occurred to them that they were not alone.

"We have a vacation home on Lake Tahoe, and we have friends and family come there," Jim says. "So we thought how much fun it would be to build a vacation home in Hawaii, but with a resort-theme twist." In fact, while attending the University of California at Berkeley, Karen wrote her thesis

on resort design at Lake Tahoe's Squaw Valley Ski Resort and learned first-hand from countless interviews what it is that people look for in a destination resort.

Together with a few other couples, they ended up purchasing this magnificent slice of Maui oceanfront property, with views of Molokai and Lanai, and decided this would be the perfect site for their mini-resort.

The home sits in the neighborhood known as the Jewel of Kahana and is minutes from Kapalua Bay, known as the home to one of the world's best beaches. "It's a place we have been coming to for years and years. It's a good destination for families; it's very kid friendly, and there are fabulous restaurants and lots of amenities," Karen says.

The couple laid out the design plans for the home by thinking about all those details that create the resort experience—from the private rooms to the common spaces in resorts and how they all function. Then they thought about how to translate those experiences into the scale of a home. "We imagined ourselves in the space and visualized in three dimensions what the experience would be like. Part of that process was the dream or fantasy aspect," Karen explains.

And just as you'd find at a resort, the home boasts individual suites. These have been designed with pocket doors that



Pocket doors in the secondary catering kitchen, when opened, create a seamless transition into the backyard with views out over the ocean.

disappear when fully opened, providing seamless transition to outside rooms, and each suite has its own wet bar, stunning designer bathroom, flat-screen television, and endless water views. There is a common area for entering and exiting, which functions much like a hotel lobby where you can make plans to meet poolside or at the bar (adjacent to the kitchen) and be on your way. The kitchen is open, informal, and welcoming. Whether the homeowner is cooking for family or guests or if a guest chef comes in for a demo and dinner party, the kitchen is a place laid out for socializing.

“We designed the house for entertaining, but also so anyone staying here can be pampered. There’s the main kitchen, and then there is a second kitchen that is accessible to caterers. We’ve had private chefs come in and put on private luaus. They get to work behind the scenes and hide the dishes,” she says, noting that the home’s design could also serve well as a company retreat. The second floor, complete with a pool table and big-screen television, has the open feeling of a mezzanine and game room.

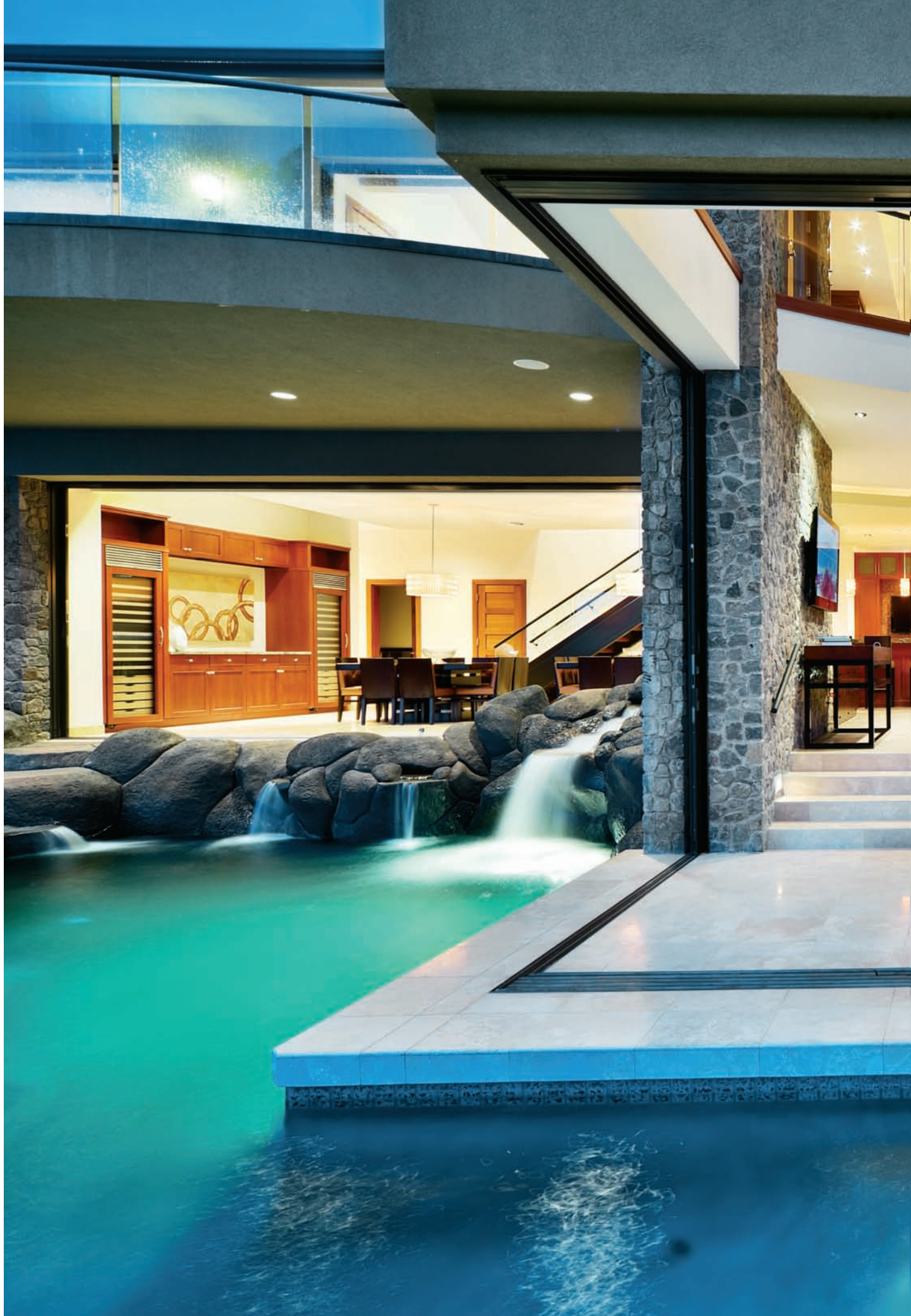
The overall feeling here is contemporary and clean with lots of glass, native Kapalua blue rock that was quarried out of the site, and travertine stone, which moves from inside to outside with no demarcation. Brazilian cherry and Sappelli

woods add warm accents. As you move throughout the house, you will find a palette comprised of ocean colors, whether it be walls, fabric stone, or tile. It is also deemed a “smart house,” as all mechanics and lighting can be controlled from certain locations within the house, as well as remotely by computer. And there are some other interesting, practical touches, like the automated translucent blinds that disappear into the ceiling once the hot daytime sun sets.

The swimming pool, complete with waterfalls and a spa, comes up to the house and is designed to look like a tropical lagoon. It’s so close to the house that you can be in the pool and still converse with people who are in the dining room. The main house is 9,800 square feet in size, and there is also a two-story guesthouse or ohana to accommodate even more guests. The ohana is as luxurious as the main house and has its own kitchen, patio, and sleeping loft.

Rows of palm trees shelter the 400-foot-wide, 200-foot-long parcel of land from the road, and a carpet of emerald green lawn rolls to the ocean’s edge. The property is being sold furnished, and bathrooms come with bathrobes, shampoo, massage oil, and all the necessities to start a vacation. \$14,900,000, *Mary Anne Fitch, Maui Estates International, 808-250-1583, soldmaui.com.*

Why go out when your home has an entertainment area like this? Featured here is the pool with lounge area, rock waterfalls, dining room, and main kitchen.







ABOVE: The master bedroom's open-wall pocket doors, private deck, and spectacular views. **BELOW:** The second-floor billiards lounge with its own bar.





ABOVE: The open design of the main kitchen is ideal for informal entertaining and dining. **BELOW:** The master bathroom with glass shower and ocean views.







Simply Divine

Empty white sand beaches,
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By **LINDSAY LAMBERT**

This summer is sure to set some hearts aflutter in the Caribbean, as Viceroy Anguilla, which made its hotly anticipated debut late in 2009, prepares to unveil its third and final phase of development. With the latest round of additions to include two new dining outlets and pools, meeting rooms, and an expanded spa, all of which complete the resort's already extensive top-shelf amenities, Viceroy is well on its way to cementing its place among the island's top properties.

This is no small feat, given that neighboring resorts on Anguilla's tony west end include Cap Juluca, CuisinArt, Temenos, and Malliouhana resorts, all with their own A-list offerings.

Viceroy Anguilla (the company's first real estate development in the Caribbean) attracts the chic and the jet-set with its 35-acre lush beachfront setting and its sleek, sexy style. California-based destination design firm WATG is responsible for the resort's crisp, clean construction, which allows its ocean setting to take center stage. Bradford McNamee, the firm's vice president and lead architect on the Viceroy project, has given credit to that "striking interrelationship of the buildings and the landscape"—more specifically, Meads Bay and Barnes Bay—for setting the Viceroy apart from its Caribbean competitors.

Tying in beautifully with the structure is the resort's interior design scheme, the creation of Viceroy muse Kelly Wearstler. For the Anguilla property, Wearstler, who also conceptualized Viceroy properties in Miami, Santa Monica, and Palm Springs, as well as the Tides resort in South Beach, created a contemporary backdrop, keeping the mood mellow with a palette of creamy colors that recall the resort's white sand surroundings. Texture-rich touches of metal, glass, wood, and stone serve as a tasteful tribute to Anguilla's rugged, natural beauty.

As for inventory, Viceroy Anguilla

consists of 166 private oceanfront villas, beachfront suites, and blufftop guest rooms, with views ranging from leafy gardens to pristine shoreline. Each unit has its own private pool, making much-sought-after privacy all too easy to come by here. Custom Sferra bed linens are among the resort's plush soft goods, and, in some units, silver travertine outdoor showers are outfitted with rain showerheads and built-in benches. In select units, home-style amenities—full kitchens with premium appliances, cookware, and china; washer/dryers; wine chillers; warming drawers; and Nespresso espresso machines—make for easy living during an extended stay. Outdoor kitchens and covered outdoor dining areas in other units mean hours of alfresco entertaining.

Those who are likely most eager for the resort's completion have invested in Viceroy on a more long-term basis by buying into its ownership program. At press time, 88 of the resort's 134 available units have been sold, with \$20 million in sales coming in 2010 alone. Prices for the remaining 46 units range from \$950,000 to \$9 million. Like the rest of the resort's accommodations, the homes are fully furnished and feature Wearstler's custom décor. Of course, private pools and state-of-the-art residence technologies are standard issue, as well.

A major draw for would-be owners at Viceroy Anguilla is having a home that is distinctive from the one next

door, something that is not normally the case with resort living. Buyers can choose from four residence styles: Standalone Private Villas, which break down further into beachfront, blufftop, and ocean view options, are laid out in four- and five-bedroom configurations on one or two floors and feature up to five and a half baths. The most sprawling oceanfront villas, Pintail Villas 1 and 2 and Royal Tern Villas 3 and 4, top out at nearly 10,000 square feet of combined indoor and outdoor living space. Viceroy's four two-story Townhomes, meanwhile, overlook Meads Bay from coral bluffs near the center of the resort. The three- and four-bedroom Townhomes total up to 6,500 square feet of living space. Viceroy's single-story Beachfront Resort Residences, similar in style to apartments or condominiums, are positioned around a turquoise swimming pool adjacent to Meads Bay's beach. The layouts range from studios to three bedrooms and comprise up to three and a half baths and 3,300 square feet, while the bluff top version of this pad can be purchased as a regular or deluxe studio or with one or two bedrooms. Viceroy Penthouses, the fourth and final option, boast three bedrooms and views stretching across the Caribbean Sea. All residence options at Viceroy Anguilla are outfitted with private plunge pools, Sony LCD high-definition flat-screen TVs with DVD players, custom lighting design, GE Monogram kitchen accessories, stacked washer/dryer units, and wireless Internet, to name a few amenities.

Like many of its counterparts in other Caribbean destinations, Viceroy Anguilla allows its owners the option to enter their residences into its Rental Management Program. The system offers homeowners effortless care as well as the opportunity to turn their investments into another source of income.

"The biggest perk or privilege [of owning a home at Viceroy Anguilla], other than owning a piece of the finest



THE GOOD LIFE
Clockwise from top left: One of the many oceanfront villas designed by California-based WATG's Bradford McNamee; a villa dining area with ocean views; spectacular views from the resort's signature restaurant, Cobà; breakfast in bed in a villa master bedroom; seating for four at Cobà.





DOWN TIME
Clockwise from top left: Interior designer Kelly Wearstler modeled the creamy colors after the resort's white sands; the resort juts out into Meads and Barnes bays; a marble-lined master bathroom with outdoor shower; a junior master suite; a private plunge pool and sundeck with ocean views.



resort in the Caribbean, was the Rental Management Program,” says one buyer, who, like many others here who own these exclusive island hideaways, favors anonymity. “I had always wanted to own [property] and spend time on an island with a premier resort and amenities like the Viceroy, but being able to put the residence back into an equitable rental program with a well-run company like Barnes Bay Development, which developed Viceroy Anguilla, made the decision easy, as I can recoup my maintenance on the property and potentially turn it into a positive cash flow situation.”

Despite similar island ownership opportunities cropping up all over the Caribbean, this owner says that while photographs of Viceroy Anguilla provided the first peek at luxury living here, it was a personal visit with the staff and management that sealed the deal when it came to choosing a place to buy. “I had been to the island, but never to the Viceroy, and was looking for a first-class resort with full amenities in the Caribbean,” the owner says. “By the pictures, it appeared to be the best. Upon staying at the resort and experiencing the fantastic staff and management and the quality of the residences and the location and its proximity to the beach, I fell in love with the place in a short amount of time.”

Of life in general at Viceroy Anguilla, the buyer, who planned to close on a 2,200-square-foot townhome by the end of May, says “Activity is kept to a minimum, with the daytime filled with getting sun on the amazing beach, and the nighttime consisting of enjoying oceanfront dining either at the Viceroy’s great restaurants or taking a car service to many of the island’s fine eating establishments.”

There is some truth to the notion that guests could easily plan a stay at Viceroy entirely based on a schedule of meals at the resort’s five restaurants. Signature eatery Cobà is a destination unto itself, where diners enjoy a

menu of fresh seafood prepared with Asian influences among stunning sea views at the convergence of Meads and Barnes bays. The theme of freshly caught seafood and locally grown fruits and vegetables continues at the Viceroy’s remaining restaurants, which include Aleta (known for its seasonal selections), the Sunset Lounge (cocktails and light bites that change daily or seasonally), Bamboo Bar & Grill (set to open later this year), and The Half Shell (a laid-back spot that serves gourmet bento boxes for guests on the go). Even in its restaurants, the Viceroy’s ocean views and natural setting continue to be the focus, and guests are given every opportunity to enjoy the resort’s dining options in proximity to its landscape, be it while dining on finer fare at a table overlooking Meads Bay and Barnes Bay at sunset, snacking on a chaise lounge directly on the beach, or toasting friends and family on a poolside patio.

That’s not to say, of course, that adventure doesn’t exist for those who seek it. In fact, Viceroy Anguilla relies on the services of its own Sea Centre to arrange excursions for guests that include day-long fishing, scuba, or snorkel outings, or even a jaunt to a nearby deserted island. The resort also employs a team of knowledgeable travel guides who are always at the ready to create a customized itinerary for guests with interest in the island’s history and culture. Teens and children are entertained through the Viceroy’s Kids’ Club, Teen Activities, and Families at Play programs, giving parents and kids the option to enjoy

time on their own, together, or both.

Our pick for the most anticipated event of the summer for resort guests and owners is the expansion and completion of The Spa at Viceroy Anguilla. The facility currently occupies a two-story villa overlooking the Caribbean Sea, where guests can indulge in services that promote “whole-person health” through what insiders here call “curated wellness experiences founded on the fundamental principles of balance, breath, and beauty.” Although the spa’s aim is to increase awareness of healthful living practices and encourage personal development, there’s plenty of opportunity for pure indulgence, as well. The spa boasts a menu of lavish massages, facials, and nail care (an array of extra services includes everything from LED light therapy to lash tinting), most of which guests can enjoy in one of its individual or couple’s treatment rooms or even in the privacy of their own accommodations.

Continuing with its theme of whole-person health and wellbeing, the Spa at Viceroy Anguilla also houses a fitness center that offers exercise, meditation, cooking, or healthy lifestyle programs, which provide insight through classes, presentations, and excursions. The facility is also equipped with Technogym cardio, strength and Kinesis equipment, and a yoga/Pilates studio, and offers private fitness training for the most effective workout. But even with all of these activities to choose from, some might argue that just a stay at this world-class Caribbean retreat is enough to set your heart racing.

THE NUMBERS VICEROY ANGUILLA

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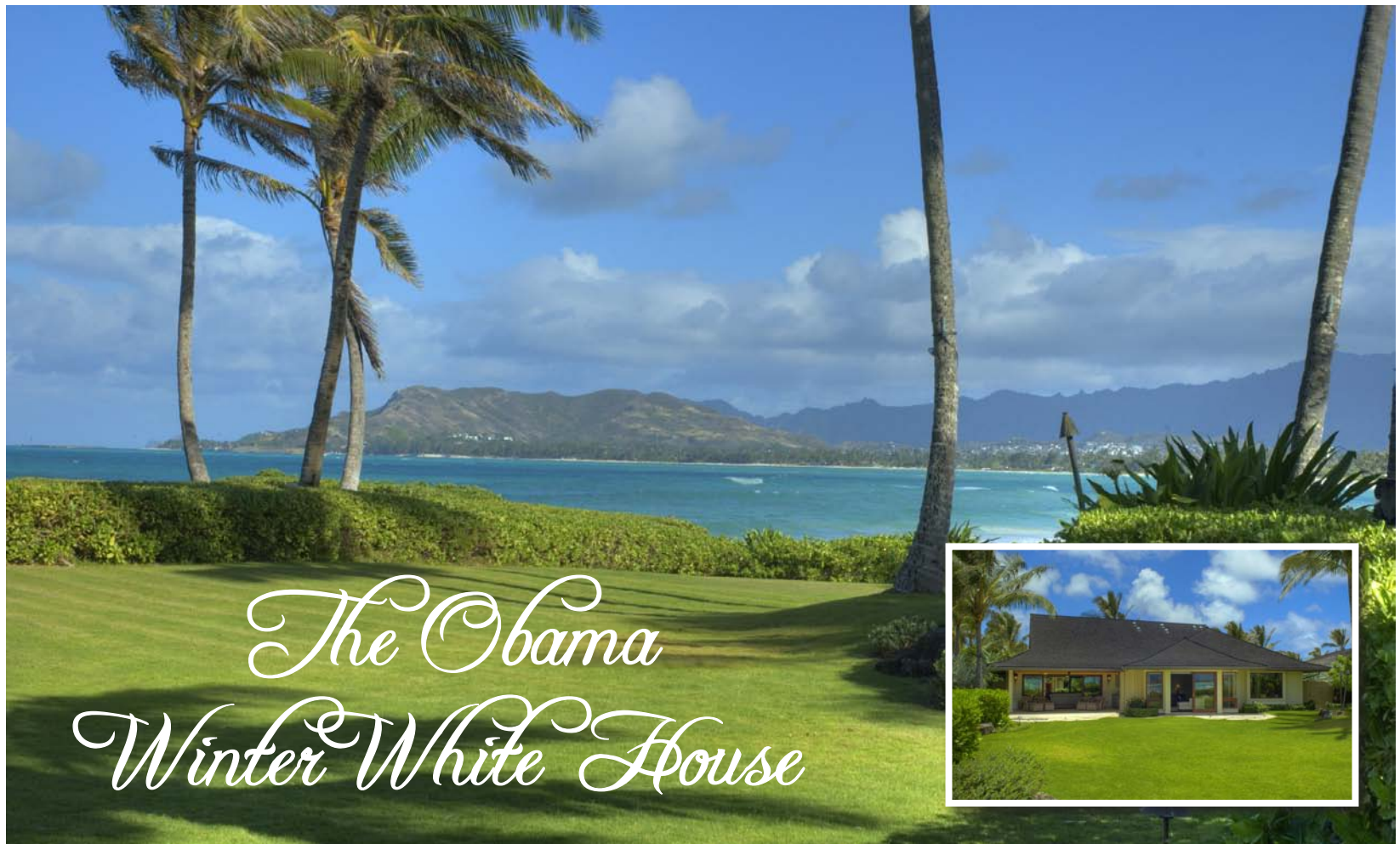
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SAILOR CEO
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Sails Man

America's Cup Hall of Famer Tom Whidden owes his success to the open ocean, but it's the banks of a river in Essex, Connecticut that he calls home.

YOU WOULD THINK that the man who is co-owner of North Marine Group (the \$325-million sail manufacturing company for nearly every racing and high-end yacht on the planet) and has sailed in eight America's Cups would chose a home right on the ocean's edge. But not Tom Whidden. For 22 years, he and his family have lived on waterfront property in Connecticut with a dock that leads to a small, peaceful estuary. As a fierce competitor who has been inducted to the America's Cup Hall of Fame, Whidden chose to set up camp away from the hectic activity of his ocean life, though he keeps a motorboat docked nearby for a quick ride out to saltier stomping grounds. —*Nicole Vecchiarelli*

You've had this home for 22 years. You're obviously very attached. I grew up in Westport and I always admired Essex, being a sailor

and someone who loves the water and boating. The town reminded me of Westport in that there were fewer people as well as access to the wa-

terfront. Just a quieter way of life in general.

How would you describe the setting? There's a natural channel where we are, so it's not noisy, but it's fantastic for wildlife. There's every kind of bird known to man; we get eagles, ospreys, all kinds of hawks, swans, geese, every duck. It's just amazing for anybody that likes bird life.

Being a sailor, would you have preferred to have the home directly on the ocean? I just like the water, so I love to be on the ocean or a river or an estuary. Some people may find endless water more tranquil and more desirable. But I find living in an area that is less ocean-like is more interesting. I like the activity of the wildlife with the ducks swimming around and the muskrats and the turtles. And I have easy access to the Connecticut River, The Long Island Sound, and the ocean.

How often do you take advantage of that? We keep a boat called an Edgewater 26 at the dock that's right at our house. And we also have a 55-foot powerboat with a couple of state rooms in it and a nice galley—it's just a really great boat to get around in. Some people think that it's ironic that I have a powerboat with all the sailing I do, but it actually suits us really well. We can be on the water quickly and take a little cruise around with a glass of wine and a fishing pole, or go

down to the yacht club. Or we'll take the bigger boat to a cove that's quite near here to have dinner and listen to music. We also have kayaks and a canoe. So I'm not short on boats—we can go anywhere we want. And we have a lot of friends that like to cruise around, too. Like this weekend, we're going to Newport, which is about a three-hour trip on our power boat.

How you would describe the feel of the house itself? The whole place was built around giving every room a view of the water. It's very open, and we've got a terrace in the back that we use a lot. And what's cool is that every month here has a different look. In the winter, the cove ices over, so it doesn't have the vegetation like in the summer, obviously, but it's a really bright sunlit look and it's quite charming. You never tire of it.

THE DETAILS



Whidden purchased this home in 1988. It features four bedrooms, two and a half bathrooms, 2,600 square feet of living space, and sits on one acre of land in a quiet channel with direct access to the Connecticut River and Long Island Sound.



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