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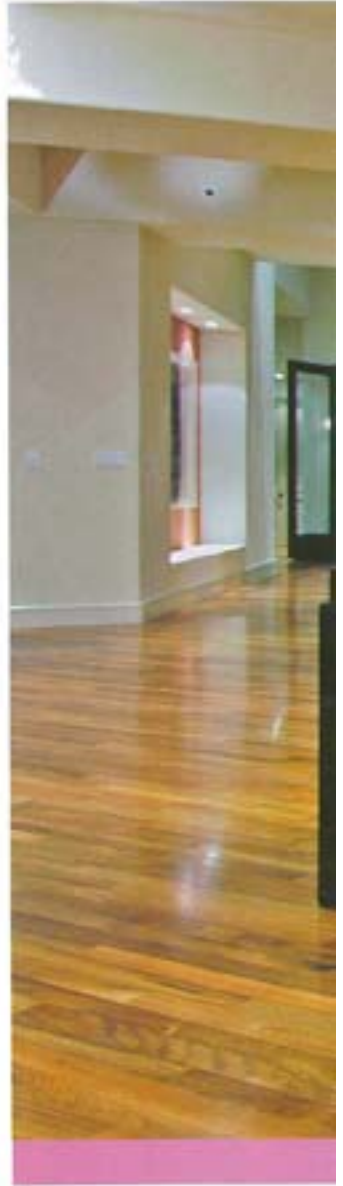
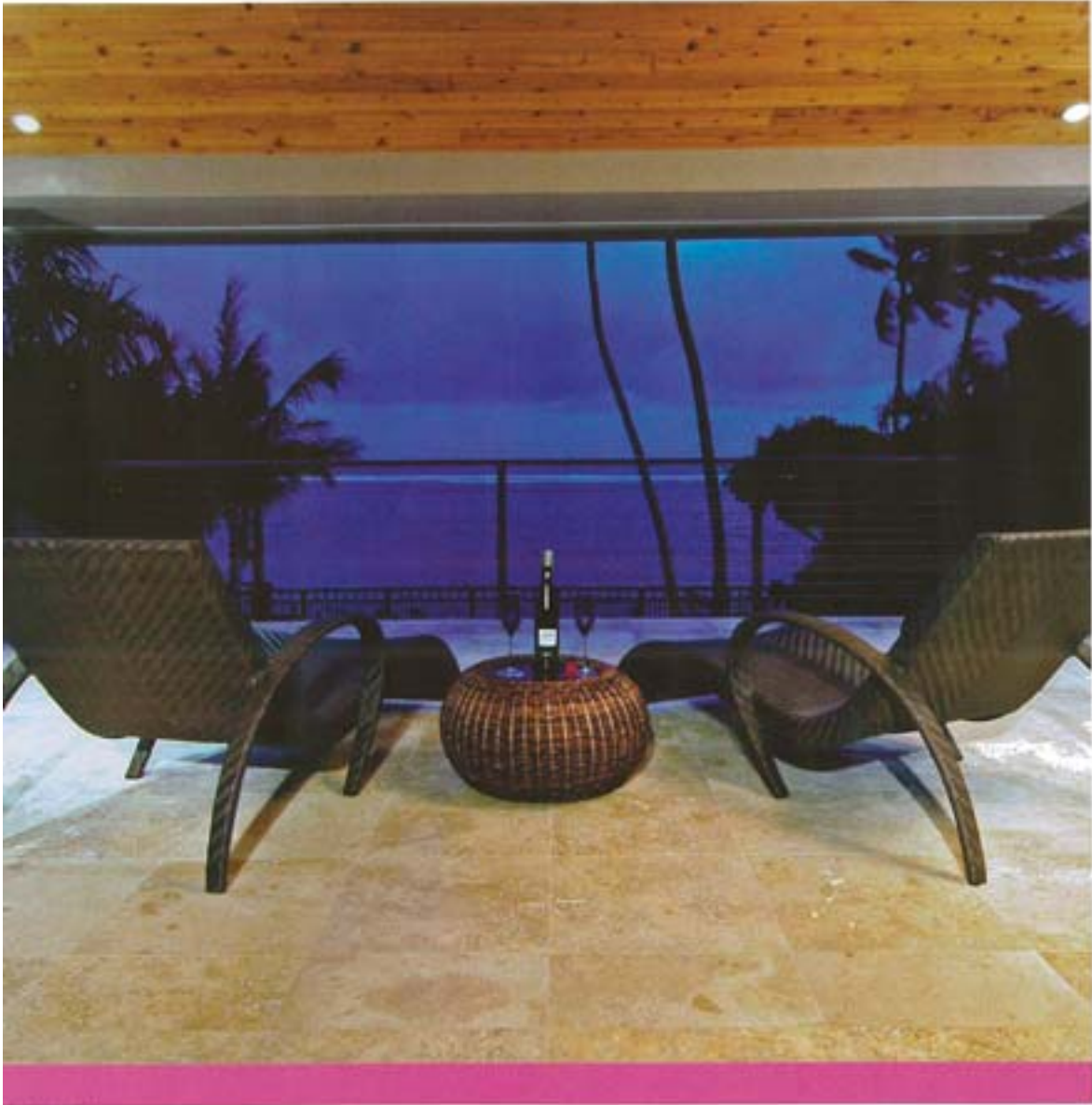
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KAHALALA

A FABULOUS ESTATE BRINGS THE RESORT LIFE TO KAHALA AVENUE.

BY DAVID K. CHOO • FEATURED DEVELOPER: EOVIINO & ASSOCIATES



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Kahala: 4577
Kahala Ave. features
resort-style luxury with
distinctive Pacific touches
(previous page) and all the
amenities of a contemporary
home (above). The lot is long
and narrow, stretching
some 300 feet from street
to beach. Photos by Ed
Medeiros.



Courtesy of Eovino & Associates



Supreme
Courtyard: (clockwise,
from left): A large and grand
monkeypod tree, Indonesian foun-
tain and serpentine hardwood walk-
way are the focal points of the home's
elegant court. A casual and classy living
area, featuring Asian-themed furniture and
24-foot-high ceilings, is an eye-opening
introduction to the home. An expansive
great room includes a large formal
dining room, an ultra-modern kitchen
and a comfortable entertainment
area. Photos by
Ed Medeiros.





Although it is sandwiched between an upscale hotel on one side and Diamond Head and Waikiki on the other, Kahala Avenue isn't a resort area. Not by a long shot. The thoroughfare, arguably the most prestigious in the state, is home to modern, palatial estates; the occasional old and tidy beach bungalow and one of Hawaii's gentlest beaches. As elegant and expensive as it is, the avenue is still just a neighborhood.

So when realtor and developer Donald Eovino purchased a 23,000-square-foot lot on the 4500 block of Kahala Avenue, he knew he had a unique opportunity to bring a new lifestyle to an old street. Like most of Kahala's ocean-front properties, his lot was long and narrow, stretching more than 300 feet from street to beach. It was also empty, except for a 50-year-old monkeypod tree that grew right in the middle of the property and a rare Blighia Sapida tree, one of only two in the state, standing regally nearby. In addition, the lot was located at the start of Kahala's sandy beach, a secluded area with plenty of swimming areas and crystal-clear water.

"There are only 51 ocean-side lots along the street, 26 of which have a sandy beach. We are No. 26 or No. 1, depending on which way you're traveling," says Eovino, who has developed many homes in the area. "Lots along Kahala Avenue aren't available too often. They just don't turn over. You see this type of property on the Neighbor Islands all the time, but not on Oahu."

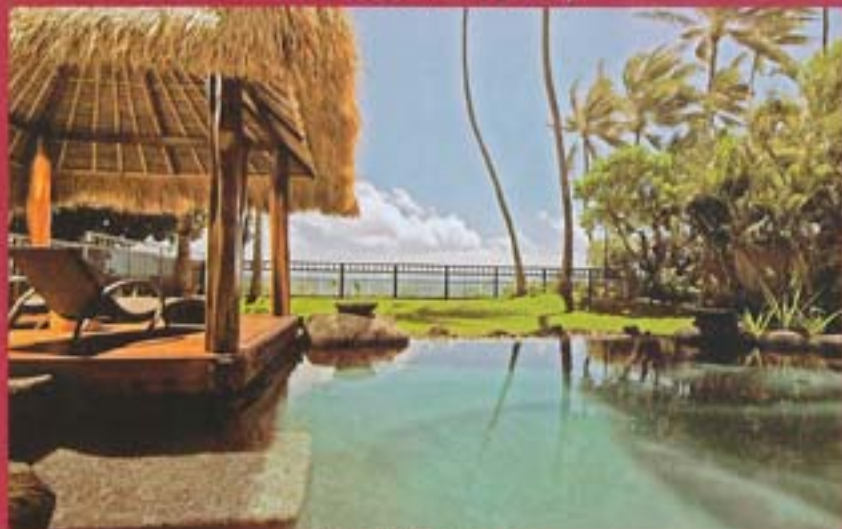
Eovino wanted to build an estate that slowly and dramatically unfolds, from the moment the homeowners pull into the driveway until they unwind by the volcanic infinity pool and gaze at Oahu's tranquil, eastern shore. The unusual length of the lot would enable the developer to create a 300-foot journey from neighborhood street to "Neighbor Island" getaway.

Against the recommendations of his architect, Eovino decided to keep both of the property's old trees. While a lot completely cleared of trees and other foliage would be easier to design a house on, Eovino believed that the monkeypod and Blighia Sapida would provide essential screening, a tropical feel and grandeur, which couldn't be easily replaced. With this mature landscape, which was enhanced by the addition of an ancient Indonesian

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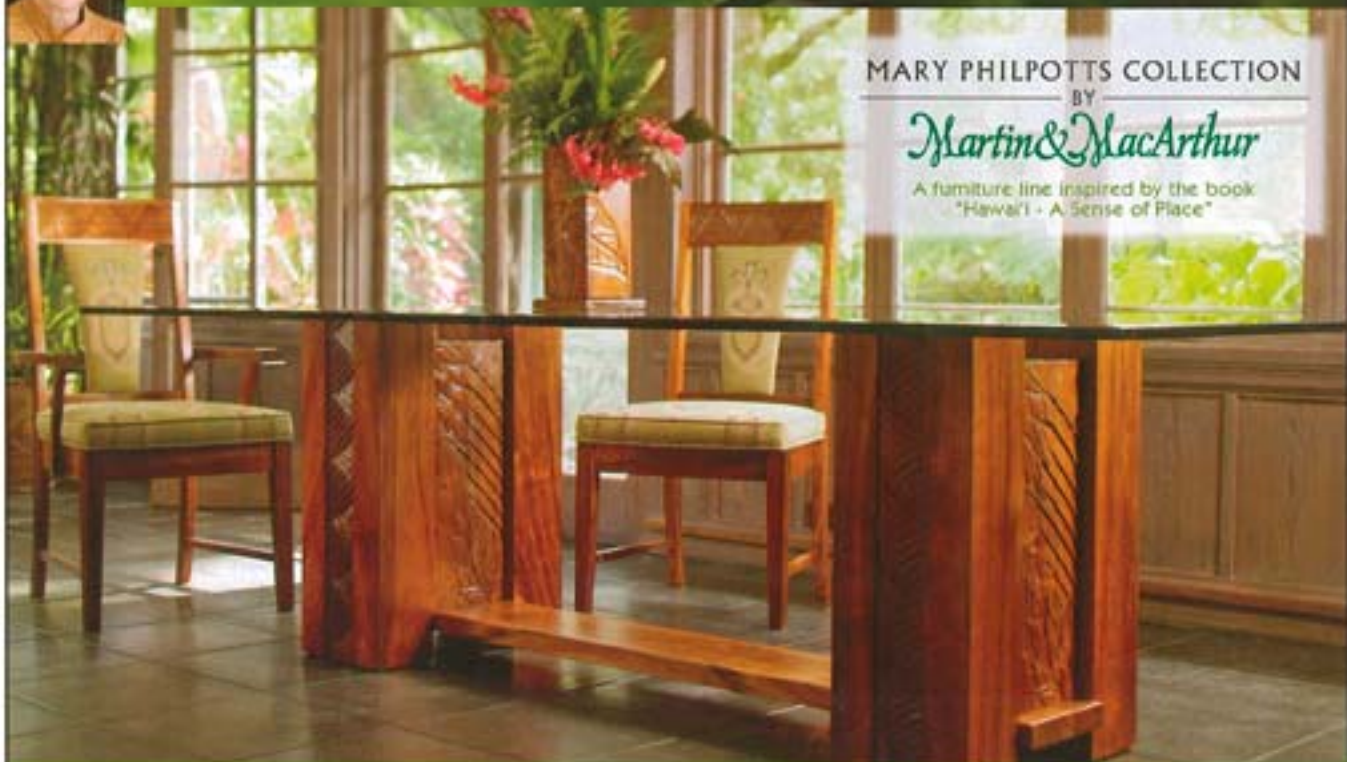
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Blue
Hawaii: The
home's 1,230-square-
foot master suite features
a spacious 50-foot wide
lanai, almost as vast as the
Pacific Ocean beyond.
Photo by
Ed Medeiros.

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geode water feature, small pond and raised wooden walkway, the developer found the grand, graceful, yet understated heart of his property. Today, the elegant courtyard separates the unimposing front entrance, with its detached maid's quarters, from the gently sophisticated and refined main house, which blends contemporary Western architecture with Polynesian and Indonesian touches.

Inside the 6,101-square-foot, five-bedroom and five-and-a-half bath home, East continues to meet West. The outdoors is brought indoors and drama abounds everywhere. Custom mahogany double doors open up to a living area with 24-foot vaulted ceilings.

Just outside, separated from the rest of the house by custom African mahogany pocket doors, is a wide lanai, a black-bottomed pool rimmed with lava rock and a cabana with a hand-woven, Indonesian thatched roof. Custom lava rock firepots sit nearby, illuminating the pavilion and the pool with their large flickering flames.

As spectacular as the house's ground floor is, the real showstopper may be the palatial, 1,230-square-foot master suite upstairs. The suite occupies the entire back end of the home and features an additional 300-square-foot sitting area, an expansive, open-air, walk-in closet and a 50-foot-wide lanai that overlooks the pool below and the Pacific beyond.

"The challenge was to make this property feel spacious and private at the same

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time, to give the homeowners the feel that they were very far away, when they actually are quite close to the city and all of its amenities," Eovino says. "This is what people want. They are buying homes like this on Maui and the Big Island. But no one has done it in Kahala, until now."

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