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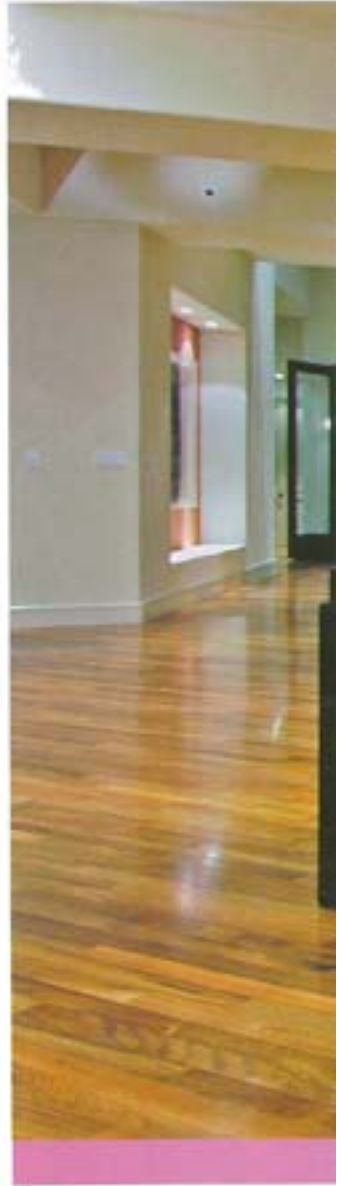
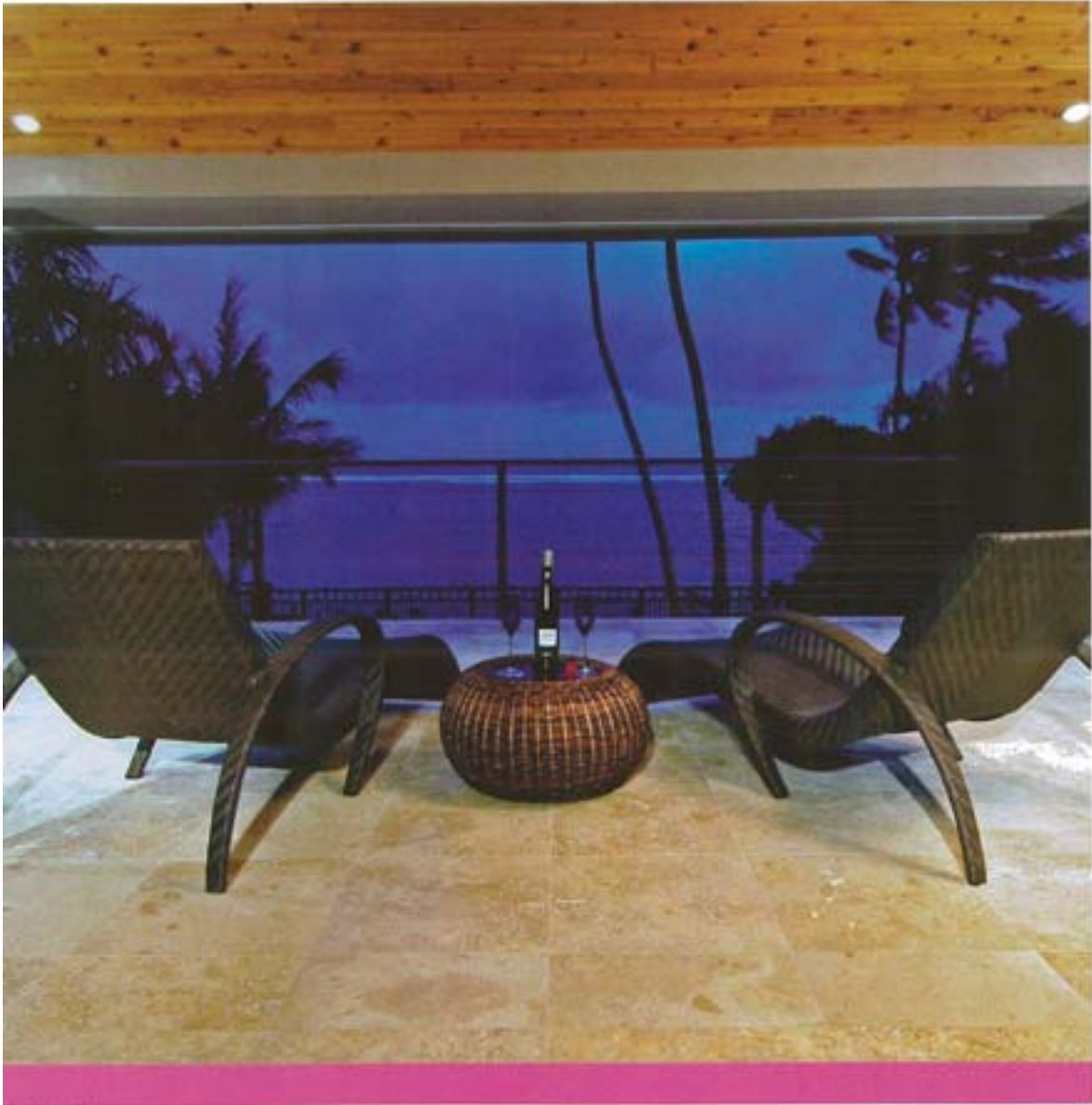
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KAHALALA

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 fountain and serpentine hardwood walkway 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.







**A**lthough 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."

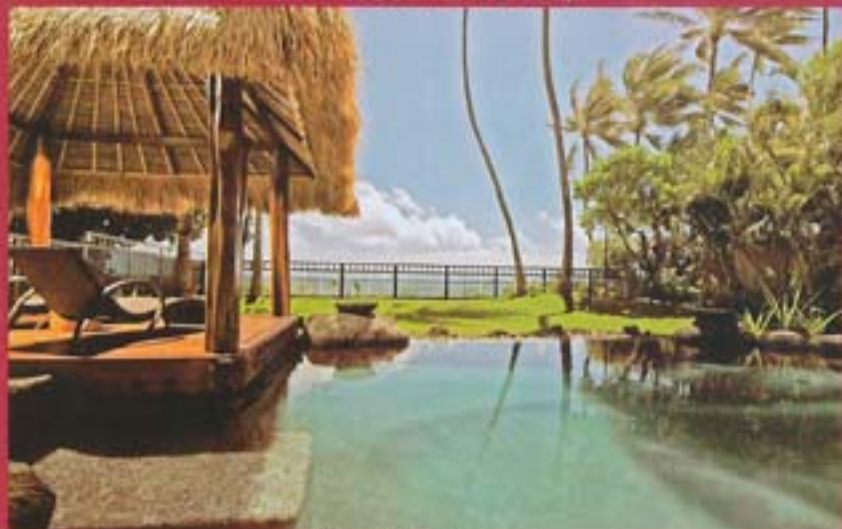
Eovino wanted to build an estate that slowly and dramatically unfolds, from the moment the homeowners pull into the driveway until they unwind by the volcanic infinity pool and gaze at Oahu's tranquil, eastern shore. The unusual length of the lot would enable the developer to create a 300-foot journey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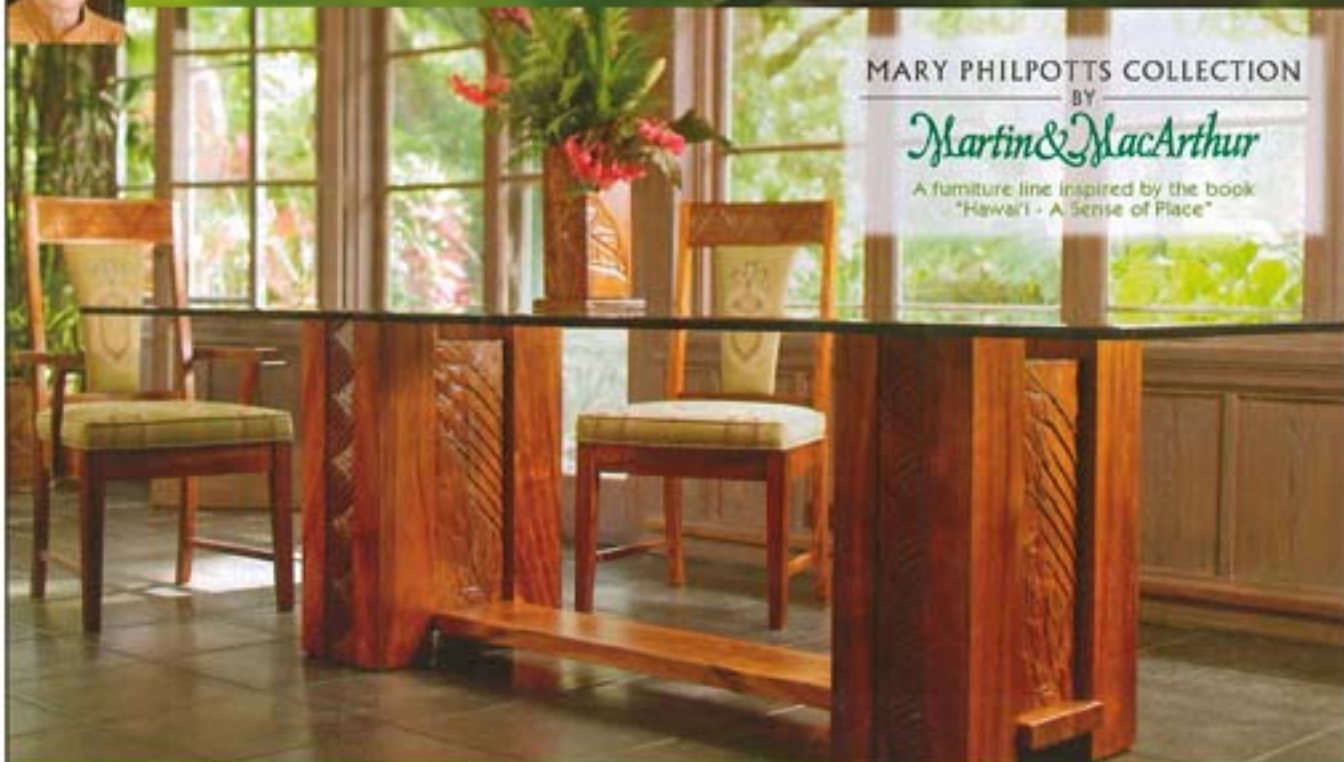




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Blue  
Hawaii: The  
home's 1,230-square-  
foot master suite features  
a spacious 50-foot wide  
lanai, almost as vast as the  
Pacific Ocean beyond.  
Photo by  
Ed Medeiros.

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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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