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Seaside Serenity

Paradise found is what the owners of this spacious, 12,200-square-foot getaway on the serene island of Kauai had in mind when they approached Valley builder Linthicum, known for crafting exquisite golf clubhouses and luxurious custom homes in Arizona, California and Hawaii.

This extended family tropical estate welcomed its owners just 11 months after they selected their prestigious design development team including Linthicum, acclaimed architect Bing Hu and interior designer Janet Brooks, an associate of Hu's at the time.

According to Jeannine Doyle, Linthicum executive vice-president and partner, the Scottsdale-based owners wanted a Hawaiian home that reflected both the island's French-Polynesian influence and an ocean experience without succumbing to a classic Tommy Bahama look. The home's horseshoe shape was situated by Hu on the site within Kauai's posh gated community of Kuki'o so that distant ocean views beyond the adjacent fairways of the Tom Fazio Golf Club could be enjoyed from primary living areas.

The result — three covered lanais with a master bedroom wing and four-bedroom guest wing adjoining opposite sides of the main living compound. There is as much living space outdoors here as there is indoors. The owners, their five adult children and grandchildren are all engaged in ocean activities when in residence. Their primary goal was to create a pleasing environment they could all share with an ambience that brought the ocean into their home.

Arrivals are greeted with a stunning view of golf course and ocean extending straight through the center of the home from the front courtyard gate which is surrounded by low walls of native blue lava rock. In a nod to classic Polynesian style, the home stretches out wide and low, embracing the land with reverence, welcoming the elements of nature as honored guests.

Expansive pocket windows and woven grass rugs blur the line between outdoor and indoor living areas. Woven wicker furnishings set on mahogany bases softened with thick cushions covered in pale blue woven fabric create a timeless island contemporary look with linear simplicity. Guest bedroom suites have full baths and share a secluded outdoor shower. Featuring private entrances off the courtyard, each can be locked off from the rest of the home.

Brooks incorporated a soothing color scheme including blue pearl granite countertops and flooring tiles of 24-by-24-inch Marbella moonstone, a light, subtly fossilized limestone,

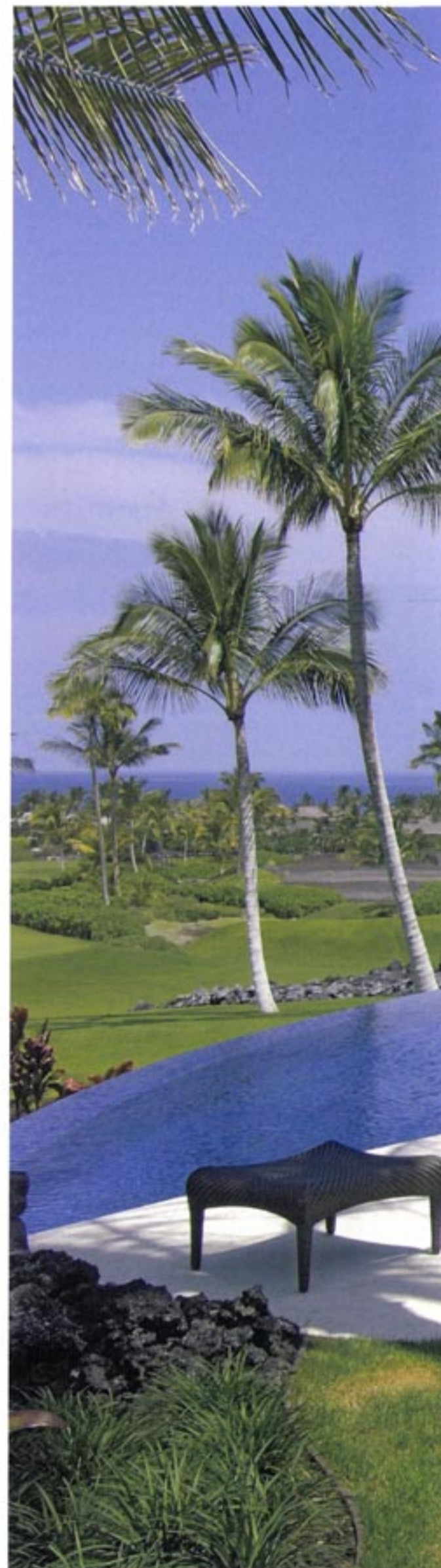
Builder: Linthicum

Architect: Bing Hu,
H & S International

Interior Designer: Janet
Brooks, Brooks Henry LLC

Furnishings Manufacturer:
S.R. Drost

Art Dealer: Corderman
Art Resources







set off by the deep, rich luster of indigenous woods such as Honduras mahogany and tiger wood. Relying primarily on Arizona resources, Brooks designed all of the furnishings in the home which were produced by Scottsdale-based manufacturer S.R. Drost. Most of the plumbing fixtures, as well as the tile in the master bath, came from Waterworks in Scottsdale. Scottsdale art dealer Linda Corderman secured much of the art in the home including two distinctive Hawaiian totem poles standing sentry in the living room.

Both Brooks and Doyle note how easy it was to work with the owners, who are now underway on another Linthicum-constructed home in the Valley. Brooks comments, "All she really wanted was a double chaise lounge large enough to curl up with her grandkids to read books together." Doyle adds that the master of the house simply wanted a good old-fashioned hammock in the backyard which now looks as if it were there, swaying gently in the breeze between two graceful wind-swept palm trees, long before this island getaway became a gleam in his eye.

The generous outdoor living area resembles a comfortable family-friendly resort with a completely furnished outdoor kitchen and multiple dining clusters overlooking the home's sparkling

azure-tiled infinity-edge pool and spa. Tiki torches add the perfect finishing touch.

When the clan gathers indoors you will find them either clustered around the custom smoothie center in the large, user-friendly functional kitchen or sprawled out in the entertainment room with a big screen television set in a stunning wall of pommele sapele mahogany inlaid with Honduras mahogany. Game and crafting tables add to the low-key resort ambience. Multiple gas fireplaces add warmth to the home via contemporary shattered glass beneath fiddle anigre wood mantles.

The master suite hosts a magnificent Maya Romanoff wood marquetry wall-covering over the bed and pistachio green marble countertops in the bath as well as its own private outdoor shower. Woven grass cloth covers the walls in the home office.

Frosted star fire glass lends a slight bluish tint complementing lamps dressed in the soft blues and green of the ocean. Paintings inspired by traditional Hawaiian quilt patterns and island turtles in 3-D relief all ebb and flow in natural harmony to complete the soothing ocean undercurrent surging throughout this relaxed, enticing Kauai home.

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