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WELCOME TO THE BEACH HOUSE

Kauai's Poipii Beach has been recognized as one of the top 10 beaches in the world, but come early 2009, the south shore utopia will be blessed with Koloa Landing (www.koloalanding.com) a 25-acre resort touting 323 luxury condos (from 1,100 to 3,000 square feet). Let the outside in with private lanais, panoramic ocean views, floor-to-ceiling glass doors and two-person soaker tubs. Outdoors, a private lagoon awaits, with rock islands and tiki-lit pathways. Can you say perpetual vacation?

WHITE TURNS GREEN

No matter what the business, it's always better to find someone who practices what they preach. Philip K. White Architects (www.pkwa.net) moved to their new headquarters in Nuuanu in order to retrofit the building as a sustainable structure. The new office will feature solar panels to power elevators, water-efficient bathrooms and energy saving light sensors. An interactive showroom in itself, the office gives clients a firsthand look at green building options the moment they walk through the door.



SOLAR-POWERED PLAYGROUND

A 5.5-acre Pupukea estate with sweeping views and the most pristinely tended gardens, where you can get pampered for a week or check-in for a month? The Sullivan Estate's (www.sullivanestate.com) primary residence is a six-bedroom, six-bath, chalet-style mansion run completely on solar power. Wind through the Alice in Wonderland-esque gardens, waterfalls, fountains, koi ponds, gazebos and cobblestone walkways that traverse the hillside atop Oahu's wildest waves, and settle in for a picnic as prepared by your personal chef. At \$6,000 per day (with a week minimum), this small kingdom has everything but a place to park your jet.

"We're seeing a movement towards 'tropical contemporary.' It's the evolution of a design that strays away from its more traditional roots to a more modern milieu. Now more than ever, people want great wide open spaces with a simpler blueprint. They crave less clutter and not so much styles with historical references, but instead would rather highlight an exotic feel with gorgeous woods." —Dian Cleve, interior designs.



INTERIOR MOTIVES

Residential and retail interior designers Rachel Mallon and Jessica Cuard run Design Savvy Maui (3001 Kekaulike Ave., Kula, 876.0486) with one core philosophy in mind: Incorporate the needs of clients with their likes, then add a bit of whimsy and a lot of sensibility. The formula has led to jobs designing the corporate headquarters of Betsill Brothers Construction, Lilikoi and Water Lily boutiques. The Tennis Center at The Ritz-Carlton and a dozen or so luxury residences across Maui. Mallon and Guard are keen on contemporary styling and have excelled in ecologically sustainable design concepts to boot. Being on the forefront of aesthetically pleasing, green design, the duo is working to gain LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) accreditation as well. How's that for keeping the isles beautiful?



Top left: Besign Savry Maul's Rachel Maillon and Jessica Buard. Above Fabric swatches, a variety of tiles and more.