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KAPALUA CALLING

The Montage, the gem of West Maui, offers residences of sublime beauty.



Montage Residences Kapalua Bay offers exceptional living options with inspirational details that embrace Island-inspired comfort and relaxation. The gracious interiors flow easily out to lanais that boast up to 1,000-square-feet. Interior designer Ken Bässman and the team at Bassman-Blaine selected a sculptural woven coffee table topped with glass and placed it between two deep sofas from Summer Classics. A sleek glass railing offers unobstructed views of the deep blue Maui waters and Molokai.



The dining room features two walls of windows and richly appointed furnishings. The team at Bassman Blaine added a round table from CFC surrounded by woven chairs from Selamat. A sideboard from Brownstone offers plenty of storage and a chandelier from Oly adds drama.





There are vacations that are good, ones that are great and pull on your heartstrings to return, and then there are those so enticing that you want to make them your home. The Montage at Kapalua Bay, Maui, is just such a place.

In 2015, Montage Hotels & Resorts launched one of their most extraordinary properties to date, set on a bluff overlooking the pristine Kapalua Bay. It seems everything the Montage team touches is perfection defined, and such is the case with this sparkling resort that embodies casual elegance and barefoot luxury. In addition to the hotel, the resort includes 84 Montage residences that have quickly become some of the most sought after pieces of real estate in Hawaii.

Each 3- and 4-bedroom residence is a rarity, offering generous private lanais and expansive ocean views, all nestled in one of Hawaii's largest nature preserves (22,000 oceanfront acres within the Kapalua Resort) with easy access to stunning white sand beaches, two marine sanctuaries, miles of hiking trails, and two legendary championship golf courses.

To reach a Montage Residence, you walk through the property's lush gardens to an elegant tower. A private elevator takes you to your own private floor. Upon entering, you are immediately struck by the gracious architecture. Ceilings are tall, hallways are wide, and gorgeous wide-planked hardwoods have been used throughout. Your eye can easily be dazzled by these details, but then you hear it—the Pacific is calling from the lanai. Depending on the Residence, the lanais at the Montage range from 628-square-feet to 1,000-square-feet. Spectacular floor-to-ceiling glass doors slide away to promote indoor/outdoor living at its best.



The kitchen and living space flow together easily. A console table from Brownstone set behind the richly upholstered sofa by Bernhardt gently divides the space. A neutral, sand-like palette ensures that the stunning coastal scene beyond takes center stage.



The extraordinary private residence pictured here was designed by Ken Blassman of the award-winning Costa Mesa firm Bassman-Blaine. “Our client wanted an upscale, beachy look,” relates Blassman. “It needed to be luxurious, but comfortable. They wanted to fall in love with it every time they walked in.”

Blassman delivered in spades. The residence features a soothing palette of greys, blues, and tans with the occasional pop of green to echo the Palm fronds and verdant Maui gardens surrounding the Montage. “We were truly fortunate,” says Blassman. “We had complete latitude to make decisions and craft the interiors. We selected high-end furnishings that are welcoming and lush and added in textures to create interest. We made sure that nothing was fussy or too formal.” Blassman is particularly fond of the light fixtures and ceiling fans. “They are contemporary and rich,” he notes.

In the dining room, he topped a table by CFC and Selamat chairs with a dramatic orb-shaped chandelier by Oly. The living room features a very sleek ceiling fan by Minka, a coffee table from Arteriors, and an extraordinarily comfortable sofa from Bernhardt.

An undulating trio of sculptures from the Phillips Collection adds dimension to the walls. The master bedroom features a dazzling wallpaper from Phillip Jeffries and a rug by Jaipur. And at the end of the elegantly upholstered bed sits a pair of woven stools by Noir.

On the Lanai, a dining table and chairs and a pair of sofas from Summer Classics beckon one to enjoy sunset views over the Pacific with the island of Molokai in the distance. Indeed, soaking in the sun and the vista from Mauka (mountain) to Makai (ocean) to picture perfect Kapalua Bay Beach as seen from the lanai of one of these extraordinary homes is nothing short of *nani koko* (supremely beautiful). ♦





The master suites at the Montage Kapalua enjoy their own lanai and spectacular windows. Taking cues from the textures and color of the lava rock coast, the Bassman Blaine team selected a deep chalky palette with an interplay of patterns for this stunning space (above). Warm stone and rich red Hawaiian Koa wood cabinetry make the sumptuous baths inviting (above and above left). Enjoying Maui sunsets (left) from the lanai are an essential part of the day.