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## Elite Luxury Homes

FROM AN EXCEPTIONAL HOME BY AN AWARD-WINNING ARCHITECT TO AN ABODE WITH A SERIOUSLY FUN FEATURE, THIS ISSUE'S REAL ESTATE SHOWCASES THE BEST OF THE BEST IN THE AMERICAS.

**BY SAMANTHA COLES**

### 10976 Olana Drive

#### Martis Camp, Truckee, CA

If you find yourself wondering what is missing from your home, has a skate park ever crossed your mind? This all-encompassing abode in California has exactly that. Sitting on almost three acres, with views of Martis Valley, Mount Rose and the Carson Range, the five-bedroom haven is spread across two homesites. The main home has a great room, dining room and kitchen, two double-story suites (one leads up to the forest and gardens), and a media room with a mini-kitchen/bar and a cozy fireplace. Outside, there's a deck with a firepit, BBQ bay, lounge and outdoor dining area. A series of verandas wind down through pretty gardens to the skate bowl and an oversized built-in trampoline, and lead to the guest house with bedrooms, large kitchen and pantry, plus a great room with another fireplace and epic views of Lookout Mountain. The two homes are connected by glass hallways; under one is a natural water feature that cascades down and acts as a kind of hot spring from the Sierra backcountry. The three-car garage sits below both homes and can be accessed by stairs, elevator — or climbing wall.

**\$15.5m. Contact +1 800 721 9005, martiscamp.com**

### Kukui'ula, Ke Alaula Street

#### Kauai, HI

A unique offering on Kauai's south shore, this five-bedroom residence (known as Kahalawai number seven), is a lesson in sophistication. Offering a home-away-from-home vibe with welcoming tropical touches, this hillside abode (the work of Kelly & Stone Architects) is unlike any other on the south shore. With captivating views (of mountain, ocean and golf course panoramas) from pretty much everywhere you look, the home exudes a sense of zen that is further enhanced by the spa-like, dual master suite. Located on the opposite side of the residence, the guest suite offers privacy for visitors. Other notable assets in this 5,500-sq-ft wonder include a chef's kitchen, home theater, expansive great room and spacious outdoor *lanai*, plus indoor/outdoor dining areas. The interiors pay homage to the area through the use of local materials like native lava rock, sawn puka lava, flamed basalt and afromosia. The oversized garage comes equipped with four Tesla batteries. But the pièce de résistance is the pool: An infinity pool on all four sides (instead of just one side facing the ocean, as is the norm), the pool is raised to meet the ocean horizon and has three stone walls where overflowing water cascades to create a magical water feature.

**\$13.7m. Contact info@kukuiula.com, +1 808 742 0234, kukuiula.com**



Martis Camp in California has a few unexpected additions



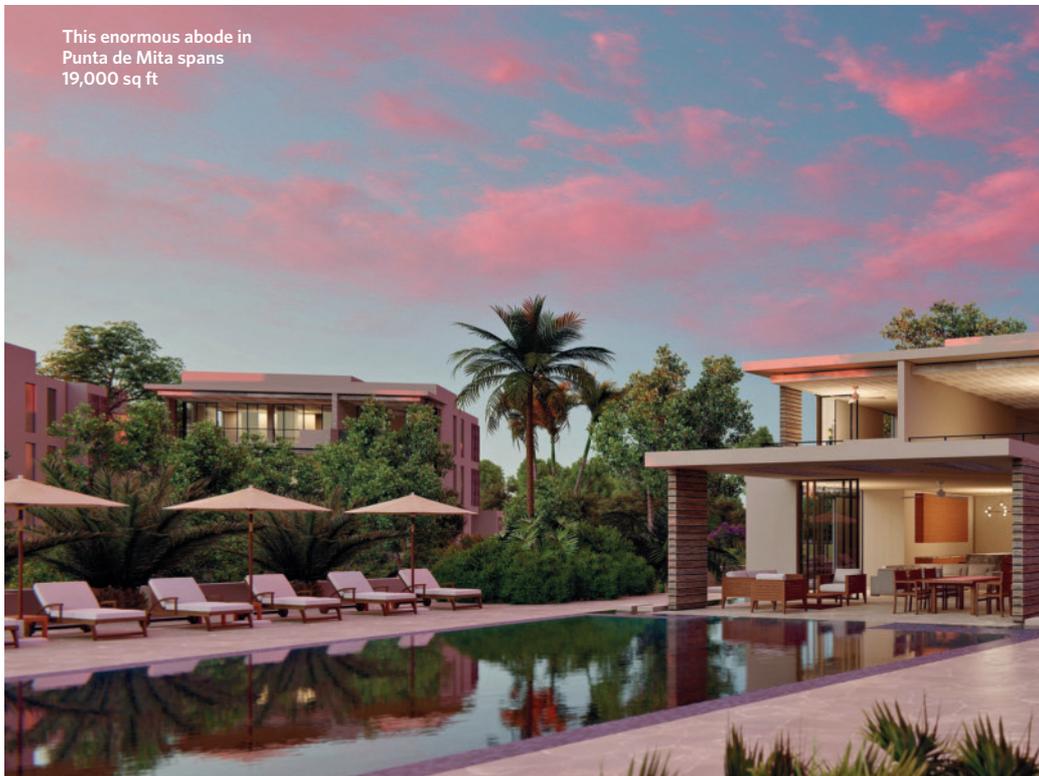
A sleek five-bedroom abode on Kauai's south shore



Found on Cape Breton Island, this resort is made for adventure enthusiasts



Cabot Cape Breton is an award-winning golf resort



This enormous abode in Punta de Mita spans 19,000 sq ft

### Dune Cottages

#### Cabot Cape Breton, Canada

With a breathtaking location just made for adventure, Cabot Cape Breton is an award-winning golf resort surrounded by the Gulf of Saint Lawrence and the Atlantic Ocean in Nova Scotia on Cape Breton Island. The resort is located on over a mile of sandy beach near the renowned Cabot Trail, a regular on many a bucket list thanks to the 186 miles of spectacular scenery. The immensely popular resort has a select number of residences that are sought after, to say the least: The Residences sold out in early 2021; the recently unveiled Hillside Homes sold out within a few days. The latest additions to the residential portfolio are the charming Dunes Cottages, which are set to be just as popular — the resort received over 715 email inquiries in the first four hours of release and, at the time of *Elite Traveler* going to print, the six available cottages had been reserved but not yet sold. The cottages, which have either three- or four-bedroom configurations, offer coastal living at its best. Each one offers an open-plan concept kitchen and living space with gorgeous ocean and golf course views through floor-to-ceiling windows. Bedrooms are thoughtfully positioned in separate wings of the home for privacy, and outside a large private deck is designed for social gatherings, with the serene scenery of one of the world's top golf courses.

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### Presidential Villa

#### Susurros del Corazón, Punta de Mita, MX

On the Pacific Coast of Mexico, overlooking the dramatic Bay of Banderas, is the latest addition to the Auberge Resorts & Residences collection. Susurros del Corazón, which translates to 'whispers of the heart,' is surrounded by verdant jungle and perched on a bluff that leads down to a perfect white-sand beach. There are 30 homes available in this new collection, which includes Beach Casitas, but the most impressive is the Presidential Villa (also known as Villa Pacifico). The home's combined interior and exterior space spans an enormous 19,000 sq ft. Inside, you'll find six bedrooms and six-and-a-half bathrooms (the two master suites each have their own terrace with hot tub), game room, study, gym, spacious living and dining area, and kitchen with Sub-Zero and Wolf appliances. The villa is situated right on the water's edge, so the uninterrupted views from the floor-to-ceiling windows are outstanding. There are two levels of outdoor terraces with firepit, wet bar, pizza oven, three hot tubs and an infinity-edge pool.

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