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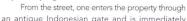
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#### Cover Story: Elegant Hawaiian Oasis

#### By Camilla McLaughlin

It takes more than ultra finishes and deluxe amenities to make a property worthy of a Unique Homes cover. Rather, these outstanding homes present a perfect symmetry of singular location, remarkable accouterments and, most importantly, inspired design. Located on famed Diamond Head in Honolulu, Hawaii, surrounded by parkland and overlooking the Pacific, this month's cover home, listed for \$10,000,000, is no exception. In this recently constructed residence, East and West, 21st century and Old World, traditional Hawaiian style and European aesthetics are balanced as delicately and perfectly as yin and yang.





Inside, European and Hawaiian influences, bolstered by 21st-century technology, translate into a serene and quietly elegant lifestyle. Italian-honed marble flooring with antique edging, Italian wrought-iron balconies, 18th-century chandeliers, stone window and door ledges and custom moldings lend an Old World grace to the residence, as do the Tuscan-styled plaster walls. Throughout, a sense of calmness and integrity of design pervades. Many rooms overlook the ocean, gardens and pool. Outside and inside spaces flow seamlessly, thanks to pocket doors and windows, a feature that is uniquely Hawaiian. Patricia Choi, owner of Choi International, the company that is listing the home, explains: "In Hawaii, we live outside as much as inside, if not more. This property is geared to opening the house and letting the trade winds in."

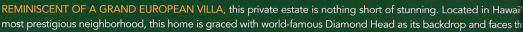
The 4,457-square-foot main residence includes three bedroom suites and three and a half baths, as well as an exercise/media room, a family room, an office, and a chef's kitchen with butler's pantry. A separate studio apartment with kitchen and laundry facilities accommodates staff. A hidden gem on this estate is an award-winning, one-bedroom cottage with kitchen, living room and dining area that promises to pamper guests.

Add to this an ultra-private location within walking distance of Waikiki. While other islands might beckon golfers and tourists, this part of Hawaii is a "melting pot of the international elite," who typically own multiple homes, Choi says. They come to Honolulu and Diamond Head in particular because of the vibrant cultural life of the city, as well as for its excellent medical facilities, shopping and overall, an exceedingly pleasant, secure way of life. A lifestyle that will only be enhanced by this month's idyllic cover home.



# COVER SHOWCASE

## Tropical Paradise



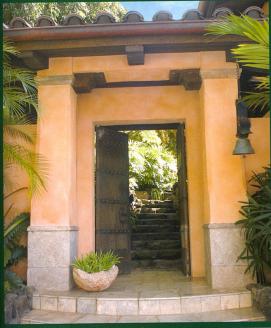




crystalline ocean. Newly built using timeless architecture concepts, this estate offers a four-bedroom, three- and one half-bath main residence, a caretaker's studio apartment are a separate one-bedroom, one-bath guest cottage.

Enter the home through an antique Indonesian gate lead ing over stone steps and a carp pond. Discover an exquisit formal living room and separate dining room, both with pod et windows and doors. Open the front side of the house t panoramic ocean views and sunsets. Additionally, there is family room, office/den, chef's kitchen and two covere lanais. Old World ambiance is evident in three 18th-centur chandeliers, European molding, Tuscany-styled plastere walls and Italian wrought-iron railing. Details include home marble flooring, custom cherry cabinetry, automated speal ers, lighting and security systems, a built-in vacuum, and cer tral air-conditioning, which is individually zoned. Enjoy the privacy of a second-floor master suite with dual closets an adjoining laundry facilities. The master suite has ocean, po and garden views. Pampered guests will enjoy an award-win ning, separate guest cottage with a private kitchen and ded Enjoy Hawaiian-style outdoor entertaining amidst design landscaping with the romance of gas torchlights and go geous sunset views of the blue Pacific. \$10,000,000.













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