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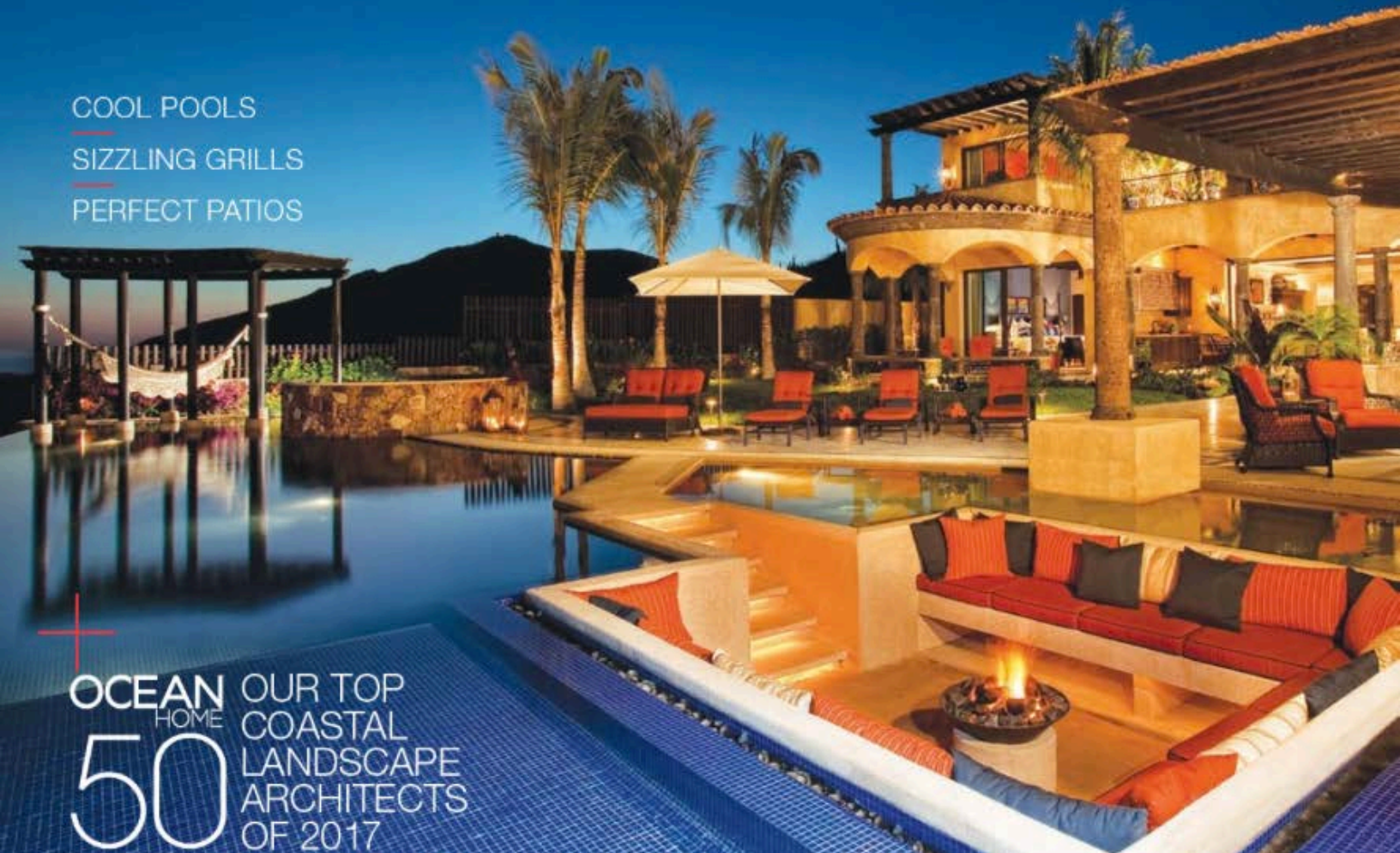
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THE SPIRIT OF ALOHA

REFINED LUXURY AND NATURAL BEAUTY AWAIT GUESTS AT FOUR SEASONS RESORT HUALĀLAI

words by **Melissa C. Gillespie**

You can't teach aloha – Hawaii's unique take on welcome, love and affection – you share aloha. It's a sentiment that runs deep throughout the islands' culture and one that's immediately confirmed on my arrival at the beautiful Four Seasons Resort Hualālai.

Perched on a half-mile stretch of fine sand beach on the northwest Kona Coast of the Big Island, this exceptional oceanfront resort and residential community is a showcase of refined luxury, natural beauty and authentic Hawaiian traditions.

Set on more than 800 acres of rolling coastal land, Hualālai is a low-density development with spectacular private estate homes blending seamlessly with the resort surroundings.

Four Seasons Resort Hualālai is a vacation destination in itself, with 192 comfortable guest rooms and another 51 spacious suites tucked into mid-20th-century, Hawaiian-style bungalows.

Each accommodation is designed with natural woods, neutral color palettes and indoor-outdoor living spaces, fusing the luxurious interiors with the resort's lush

gardens and alluring natural waterfront setting.

Gourmet dining is a major part of the Hualālai experience with four venues – the 'ULU Ocean Grill, 'ULU Sushi Lounge, Beach Tree and Hualālai Grille – offering a variety of cuisines from Japanese to Californian.

You know life is really good when the most difficult decision of the day is whether to opt for the lobster and shrimp pad thai or the ahi poke, and whether it will be enjoyed on the terrace or at the beachfront bar.

With seven pools, including separate ones for adults and kids, the 18-hole, par-72, Jack Nicklaus-designed Hualālai Golf Course, an excellent fitness facility and an Ocean Adventures center on the beach, you can be as active or as slothful as you like.

Your ocean home Hualālai has a very attractive real estate investment offering, with about 40 villas and homes listed for sale ranging in price from \$1.4 million up to \$4.2 million.



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And healing hands are a hot stone's throw away at the restful Hualālai Spa, offering an array of treatments in thatched huts, complemented by a glass-walled steam room.

One of the resort's centerpiece pools is King's Pond, an extraordinary lava rock aquarium that's home to more than 4,000 fish and a friendly spotted eagle ray. The daily in-water feeding is fun for both kids and adults.

Hualālai also has an attractive real estate investment component with 23 informal "neighborhoods" nestled into the wider community and more to be added as Hualālai continues to expand.

About 40 villas and homes are currently listed, ranging in price from \$1.4 million up to \$4.2 million. Three-bedroom, three-bath villas average 2,650 square feet of indoor living space, with spacious lanais offering additional outdoor areas.

Resorting to luxury
Four Seasons Resort Hualālai has an array of upscale amenities from restaurants and bars to an oceanfront 18-hole, 72-par Jack Nicklaus golf course.

Owners become members of Four Seasons Resort Hualālai and can access the resort's myriad dining and leisure amenities, creating an enviable residential lifestyle.

"Hualālai has a true sense of *ohana* [family] that is a constant thread through the property and contributes to a very fulfilling lifestyle," says Rob Kildow, director of sales for Hualālai Realty.

"It's all about the members and the community," he adds. "The resort is a wonderful amenity, but not the primary focus."

In fact, the development is so cleverly designed that it's hard to tell where the resort begins and the residential community ends.

As I watch another idyllic Hawaiian sunset, that special sense of community is all pervasive. I never actually leave the resort during my entire stay, and I'll wager that you won't either. **OIH**

THE AGENDA

FIND YOUR ZEN

Try a customized body treatment infused with local oils and botanicals at **The Apothecary** at the Hualālai Spa.

STAY ACTIVE

Enjoy the resort's **Jack Nicklaus signature golf course**, picturesque coastal trails and world-class fitness facilities.

TREE OF LIFE

Sign up for a fun back-to-basics cooking class in the kitchen of the **Beach Tree** restaurant with family and friends.

THE DETAILS

For more information, visit hualalairealty.com and fourseasons.com/hualalai.

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