

Coastal Trends 2017

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Leading architects, interior designers and landscape experts reveal next year's new and exciting trends in luxury coastal lifestyles.

82 ALYS IN WONDERLAND

Husband-and-wife architects Erik Vogt and Marieanne Khoury-Vogt create a beautiful home in Alys Beach, Fla., overlooking the Gulf of Mexico.

90 A SPOONFUL OF SUGAR

Nestled between St. Lucia's iconic twin Pitons, Sugar Beach, A Viceroy Resort offers an exceptional vacation and stunning private residences.



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WHAT'S IN STORE FOR LUXURY COASTAL LIFESTYLES IN 2017?

Expect ocean homes to be beautiful, efficient spaces that draw people to their outdoor settings, with lush landscaping and distinct spaces for active sports and leisurely relaxation in the sun.

More than ever, exceptional waterfront residences will be designed for energetic days with family and friends, and evenings enjoyed in classic interiors decorated in soft neutral shades or outside around a roaring fire pit.

Leading architects, interior designers and landscape specialists predict 2017 will be the year of more casual and multigenerational entertaining and a much closer physical connection with nature.

Smarter home design, especially in regard to rising seas and powerful storms, is another important trend, along with advances in sustainability and green technology. Our experts chart new design possibilities to usher in a stylish, safe and home-centric year.

BRINGING HOME THE BEACH

"Our coastal clients are more interested than ever in immersing themselves fully in the active beach lifestyle," says Erik Evens, partner at Evens Architects, a KAA Design Company based in Los Angeles.

This means coastal homes that embrace water sports and activities in a way that's carefully designed and seamless, he adds.

Think storage "garages" for surfboards, wetsuits and beach gear; outdoor showers; compact plunge pools; and comfortably furnished porches and verandas, which mediate between the indoors and the sand dunes.

"All of these features help to fine-tune a home's architecture to a contemporary coastal sensibility," Evens says. *evensarc.com*

ELEVATED LIVING

For Miami-based Max Strang, principal of [STRANG] Architecture, 2017 is the year for resiliency in coastal