



Luxury living at its best. The primary goal for this single family home project in Hawaii was to create a beautiful and highly sustainable off-the-grid project while not making any compromises to a modern lifestyle.

## Destination Home

HERE ARE CONSIDERATIONS TO MAKE YOUR HOME THE  
ULTIMATE SANCTUARY

THE MOVE TOWARDS WORKING REMOTELY has been slowly evolving over the past 20 years. The recent pandemic has accelerated the process. In addition to working remotely from home, the pandemic has caused homeowners to reinterpret the meaning and purpose of a home. The trend towards the “Home as Destination” requires that a wide range of activities—the live-work-play idea—now needs to occur on one residential lot.

### PROPERTY ADD-ONS

An accessory dwelling unit (ADU) is a great way to address the multipurpose needs of a “Home as Destination”. A backyard ADU cottage can serve as an office, recreation room for children and adults connecting to exterior spaces, a pool house, intergenerational housing, gyms, meditation rooms, yoga, music, and art studios. I anticipate a growth in ADU projects in a variety of forms including detached backyard cottages, above garage carriage houses, and additions to existing homes.

### AGING-IN-PLACE AND SPECIAL NEEDS

Aging-in-place and special needs design can bring functional additions to your existing home. Depending on the specific special needs of an individual, there may be a lot of overlap between aging-in-place and special needs design. As we age, getting around becomes more difficult and our senses are not as good as they once were. Aging-in-place design, sometimes referred to as universal design, addresses these changes through different strategies in the home environment. Some of the strategies include increased light levels, walk and step lights, better interior acoustics, thermal comfort, automated doors, lifts and pneumatic elevators, wider hallways, wider doors, adequate floor area in front of fixtures and appliances, and roll-in or curb-less showers.

### A HEALTHY HOME

A healthy home design focuses on the health of the occupant. For most of us, the home environment does not significantly impact our health. Although rare, for others, the home environment is debilitating. Based on strategies and concepts of Baubiology (visit [buildingbiology.com](http://buildingbiology.com) for

more information), healthy homes are specifically designed to address chemical and EMF sensitivities through material selection, air filtration, air exchanges, and electrical kill switches, to name a few. There are no guarantees, but sometimes these small considerations make a difference.

### SUSTAINABLE HOMES

The design of energy efficient, net zero, off-the-grid, and sustainable projects requires design expertise. Sustainable design encompasses a wide range of concerns including water efficient landscaping, permeable surface, water efficiency, indoor environmental quality, energy efficiency, and materials that are recycled, reclaimed, or contain low embodied energy. With such a wide range of sustainable strategies and shades of green, the architect must determine the goals of the client and propose the appropriate solution.

### ARCHITECT AS ADVOCATE


I believe the architect is uniquely positioned to be the client's advocate throughout the design and building process. This commitment to service, along with a design philosophy of listening and responding objectively to the circumstances of each project, naturally yields client/site specific solutions and most importantly, happy clients! This approach by your architect should be inherent and applied to all projects, residential and commercial, large, and small. 



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