



The European-style mezzanine promotes interaction between guests inside the two-story residence designed by Honolulu architect Wayne Morimoto. Made of cedar, the beveled ceiling adds height to the room while enhancing the ocean views.

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Falling in love with the Big Island on their first visit was easy for French couple Emmanuel and Daphné Galloy, but creating their own luxury retreat at Mauna Lani from the ground up — while working long distance from France — was no simple task.

Thus it was imperative that the young Paris-based entrepreneurs assemble a top-notch team locally to see them through the design and building process after they purchased their lot, sight unseen, in 2011. Completed in February 2014, the five-bedroom, 5,300-square-foot residence at Pauoa Beach, nestled on a beautiful ridge with ocean views, blends an understated Parisian sophistication with an Asian-influenced, indoor-outdoor style. ►

# French Flair

Parisian couple brings  
fresh approach to home design  
at Mauna Lani



In the dining room, all doors open to the outside, creating an elegant indoor-outdoor living space. Commissioned in France, the dining table can be extended for up to 15 people.



The magnificent residence at Mauna Lani is located within walking distance of the two resorts and the Pauoa Beach Club facilities.





A Buddha from Thailand sits atop an antique kitchen piece from Spain.

“We had been to the other islands, but when we visited West Hawai‘i, we thought, okay, we feel something very special here,” said Daphné, who along with her husband are real estate developers in Paris. “I had been recovering from an injury at the time, and felt like this was a healing place. My doctor in France wondered how I recovered so quickly. We wanted to invest in some property to see if it could be possible to live in paradise.”

After interviewing potential architects, the Galloys selected respected architect Wayne Morimoto, owner of Kahiau Design Group on O‘ahu. A native of Aiea, Wayne earned his degree from University of Hawai‘i at Manoa’s School of Architecture.

For on-site construction, they chose Michael Bonahan of Kohala Creative Construction LLC, based in Waimea. A third-generation builder, Michael began building custom homes in Hawai‘i with his family at an early age.

“Michael, the contractor, had a working relationship with the architect on past projects, so we felt comfortable knowing we had a good team on site,” Daphné said. “Our architect is very Hawaiian and we enjoyed working with him; he understood us. We made the trip back to Hawai‘i in April 2012 when the initial design was almost complete. We worked with our team long distance throughout the entire process.”

In French, the couple’s Paris-based company, Artenova Immobilier, means “the art of the new.” They call their Hawai‘i residence, ArteVilla. ►



Sourced by O‘ahu design firm Philpotts & Associates, tile in the master bathroom shower is installed vertically to evoke the feeling of falling water.



The dining room includes a separate sitting area accented with an original painting, “The Woman,” by Parisian artist Fontenoy. The homeowners utilized neutral tones in the room to serve as a backdrop for splashes of color with the pillows and the painting.



For custom-made furnishings, the Galloys worked with their design associate in Paris, Anne Jacquemin Sablon, who often collaborates with famed Paris interior designer Christian Liaigre.

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The 5,300-square-foot home called ArteVilla features balconies on every side of the house, plus a separate pod with guest-bedroom suites.





The defining element of the two-story home is a European-style mezzanine that wraps its way above the downstairs living area. Made of cedar, a lofty beveled ceiling draws the eyes to a series of windows that serve as “paintings” of blue sky while allowing sunlight to stream through the home. Motorized shades offer instant protection from the late-afternoon sun.

For tile, trim and bathroom finishes, the couple hired Hawai‘i-based interior design firm, Philpotts and Associates. Elegant Roman-stone flooring sets the stage for custom furnishings handcrafted in France and designed by Daphné’s design associate, Anne Jacquemin Sablon, who often collaborates with famed interior designer Christian Liaigre.

“We decided to do our own furnishings and interiors because we wanted to touch and see, first hand, the upholstery and furniture,” Daphné said. “We wanted a classic style that was simple, elegant and comfortable and that wouldn’t become dated. We shipped everything from France in three containers.”

Upholstered in linen and silk, living room furnishings reflect a contemporary, yet casual Parisian flair. Outside, the patio furnishings and lounges come from Kettal, a manufacturer in Barcelona, Spain. In the dining room, neutral hues provide the backdrop for a splash of color with accent pillows and paintings.

“All the doors open up in the dining room, so you can feel like you’re outside,” said Daphné, who notes that the custom table from France can be enlarged for up to 15 guests. “The neutral design of the room allows us the ability to change the accent color at any time. We chose yellow to start with. I love the painting. It’s by an artist in Paris named Fontenoy.” ►



The kitchen countertops feature nova blue stone, a bluish-grey Portuguese limestone that conveys a textured, antique look. Appliances include a side-by-side Sub-Zero fridge, six-burner Wolf stove and plenty of coffee-making and espresso machines.



Facing southwest, the ArteVilla residence captures 360-degree views of the ocean, Mauna Kea and Hualalai in the distance. Photovoltaic panels are positioned on a slope below the property, generating power through a net-metering system.

Each bedroom is individualized with custom four-poster beds from France. Wide-plank oak flooring imparts a beachy feeling in the rooms. The Galloys were astute enough to build two master bedrooms to accommodate visitors who travel as couples, unlike in most vacation rental homes where one couple gets the master suite and the other has to opt for the guest bedroom. A separate living pod offers additional guest accommodations.

For the Galloys, making the long trek with their two children to Hawai‘i twice or three times a year is definitely worth the travel time. When they are not in residence, they will offer up the home for vacation rental ([www.BigIslandVillas.com](http://www.BigIslandVillas.com)).

“We fell in love with this island the minute we arrived,” she said. “We appreciate the diversity of landscapes here. You feel the power of nature with the volcano and the ocean. We wanted to create a retreat here that is elegant in its simplicity. We are thrilled with the results.” **AH**



The home features two master-bedroom suites. “Many people travel in groups, so we wanted the availability of two master suites so that one couple doesn’t have to choose between the master suite and a smaller room,” said Emmanuel Galloy, homeowner.