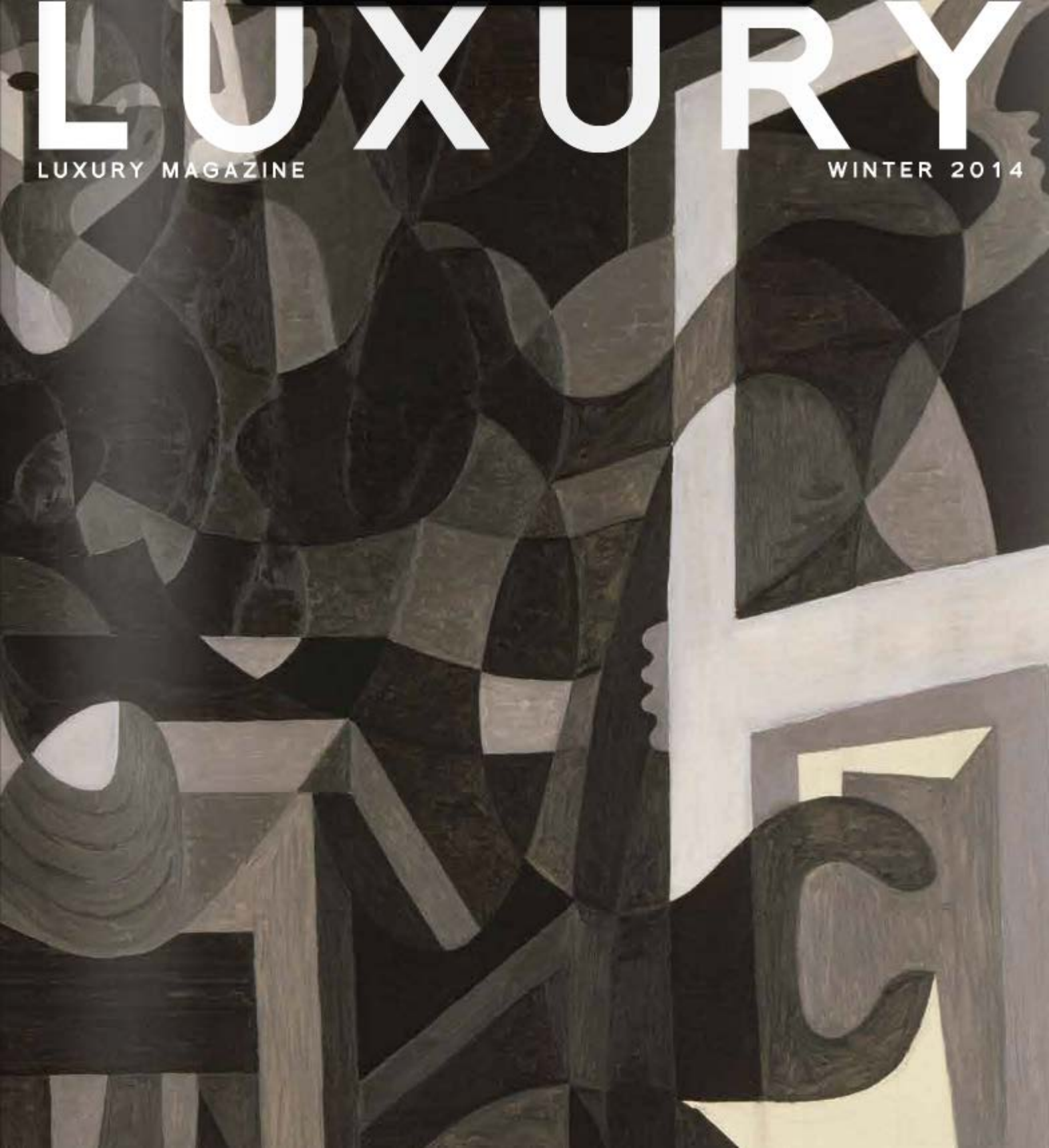


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WHEN THE FROST OF WINTER  
PEAKS AND THE SEASON'S  
NOVELTY THAWS.

warm weather beckons at several locales west  
and south of the US mainland.

**Here, six headlining tropical paradises  
to laze winter days away in full sun-drenched glory.**

by PAUL RUBIO







# Kapalua, Maui



**K**apalua, Maui's crown jewel of real estate, has a coveted new address within its 5.8-square-mile mountain-meets-the-sea splendor. In early summer 2014 the palm-laced resort community in northwest Maui welcomed the highly anticipated **Montage Kapalua Bay** (from \$795 per night; [montagehotels.com](http://montagehotels.com)).

The 24-acre all-suite property—originally built and nearly completed as Ritz-Carlton Residences in 2009—has finally come to fruition after a \$15 million renovation by Montage Hotels & Resorts. Within its modern Hawaiian grandeur, Montage Kapalua Bay comprises a 50-key hotel of one- to four-bedroom units, and 54

privately owned three- and four-bedroom vacation homes separate from hotel inventory (released to the market in July 2014 with several still for sale).

Because Kapalua functions as a self-contained destination, the daily agenda here rarely strays from swimming in the 8,500-square-foot lagoon pool, luxuriating at the 30,000-square-foot spa, taking a short jaunt off-property to play on any of seven nearby championship golf courses, and not least enjoying the beaches, which feel completely private thanks to the low population and remote location, away from the crowds of Lahaina and Wailea.