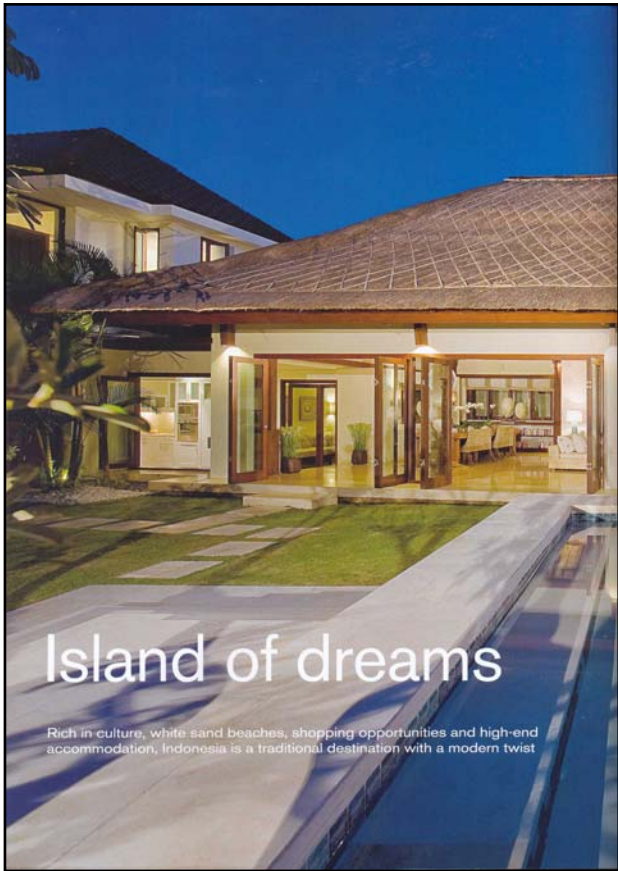


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Preceding pages: Casa Evaliza offers open-plan spaces that look out on a generously sized swimming pool. Above left: The villa has been redecorated by designer Maud Ferrand. Ferrand has grouped the living space into three areas – the dining area to the rear, a central formal zone with a classic day bed, and a more relaxed third section with a swinging occasional bed designed by Ferrand, right down to its custom link support chains.

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Right: The guest bedroom on the upper level shares the same close attention to detail and texture as the rest of the interiors. While one wall opens up to the tropical air, the entire house is also air conditioned. Natural materials appear in the occasional chairs, the floor matting, the timber floors, the bedhead and even in the painting above the bed. While the bed has an old-world appearance, it boasts an inner-sprung, highly comfortable mattress.

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