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Kahala

Ideally located on Kahala Avenue, with the beach across the street and the Kahala Hotel within walking distance, this spacious residence designed by Architect Geoffrey Lewis sets the stage for indoor/outdoor living. With approximately 6,000 square feet of living area including outdoor lanais, five bedrooms, five baths, and two half baths, the home features an open floor plan, high cedar ceilings, and top quality materials throughout. A unit above the garage serves as staff or guest quarters. The residence has been placed on the market by Choi International.



Geoffrey Lewis AIA is the principal and owner of Geoffrey Lewis Architect, Inc., established in 1997. A graduate of the Southern California Institute of Architecture, he has won numerous awards for residential design as well as boutique commercial projects. He is Vice President-Elect of the AIA Honolulu Chapter Board of Directors, taught design studio at the University of Hawaii School of Architecture for many years and still serves on thesis committees, as well as the SOA Advisory Council.



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"The given name for this residential project is 'Maluhia,' meaning peaceful. Our design goals were to create an experiential contemporary home that captures the simplicities of modern architecture set in a Hawaiian landscape. The sense of indoor and outdoor and blurred line in-between are reinforced with large pocket door openings, private views of gardens, and large viewing windows

overlooking surrounding yards. The 'H' shape floor plan allows for maximum privacy from two adjacent properties and focuses the energy of the interior spaces toward two large private outdoor spaces. The front yard space includes a motor court set in island landscaping that serves as an excellent buffer to Kahala Avenue. The rear yard is a Kahala oasis with a large pool flanked by covered lanais and landscaped for privacy. The lanais provide shade from the midday sun while enjoying

pool activity.

"The 'H' floor plan provides for two master suites /secondary bedroom wings at each side of the property with a large common space spine bridging the two private wings. The floor plan enables the home owner to be constantly experiencing our beautiful tropical outdoors with amazing privacy from the outside world. The central spine of the house is where all the fun takes place! The kitchen hub with adjacent family room area

is the perfect family zone hang-out. The large kitchen can both entertain and/or be entertained in. The food world is upon us and this house facilitates that quite well! The more formal side of the common area still feels subtly connected to the kitchen/family zone, but provides its own gathering space for entertaining and /or a quiet spot to read.

"Maluhia is a very 'green' project as well as a great home for aging in place. The 'H' shape plan allows for

narrow wings that cross ventilate extremely well. In addition, upper clerestory windows provide for hot air to be evacuated from interior spaces as well as natural illumination during daytime hours. The north facing clerestory windows capture daylight but with very little direct sunlight. A shed roof provides southern exposure for the photovoltaic panels attached to the standing seam roof for electricity generation. The PV array is architecturally integrated into the roof plane to appear aesthetically pleasing. The obscure glass clerestory windows are also used in the secondary bedroom wings to admit excellent day lighting while providing complete privacy from a neighboring property. The house is fully air conditioned, but the AC is seldom required due to the effective passive cooling features incorporated into the design."

– Geoffrey Lewis AIA

Patricia Choi CCIM, CIPS, Principal Broker of Choi International, has listed the residence at \$8,888,888 and shows it by appointment only.