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# DESIGNED IN HARMONY

With an international arsenal of experience and expertise, de Reus Architects brings deep appreciation to contextual residential and resort design.

“A structure should feel like it belongs geographically and culturally in its location, while also exuding a sense of innovation and its own signature style,” says Mark de Reus, AIA, founding partner of de Reus Architects.

Whether championing the Pacific Ocean coastal views of Hawaiian villas or enmeshing with the layered history of Idaho’s mining and resort culture, de Reus has carved a niche that both respects and elevates a building’s contextual roots.

“In Hawaii, we see a blend of Polynesian and Pacific cultures that have merged over time and created a unique texture of architecture,” he observes. “Tropical settings are rich in design potential.”

Together, the region’s quilted history provides rich soil for designers and artists to cultivate striking creations that complement both the community’s collective spirit and individual lifestyles.

“Collaboration has always been part of the ethos of our firm. We don’t come to the table with preconceived notions of what we want to do for a client,” de Reus says. Every project begins with a discussion of the home’s geographical truth: where the home is located and how they can acknowledge its surroundings while coloring its details with customization.

“At the end of the day, we’re taking an elevated approach to a very humanistic need for shelter and refuge,” says de Reus. “On another level, it’s about comfort and livability over pretension and achieving the elegance of simplicity.”



**CLOCKWISE FROM TOP:** The attention to detail evident in each de Reus project complements and matches the beauty found in the surrounding tropical topography. The modern island architecture of this Kohala Coast residence is organized as a series of interlocking, water-woven pavilions. Underpinned by minimalism and restraint, this facade displays chic yet durable materials such as zinc roof shingles and black aluminum doors. A modern take on Hawaii’s traditional Kahale settlement style maximizes seaside vistas.