

LAS CATALINAS BEACH CLUB AND INN

Guanacaste, Costa Rica



Beach Town Perspective

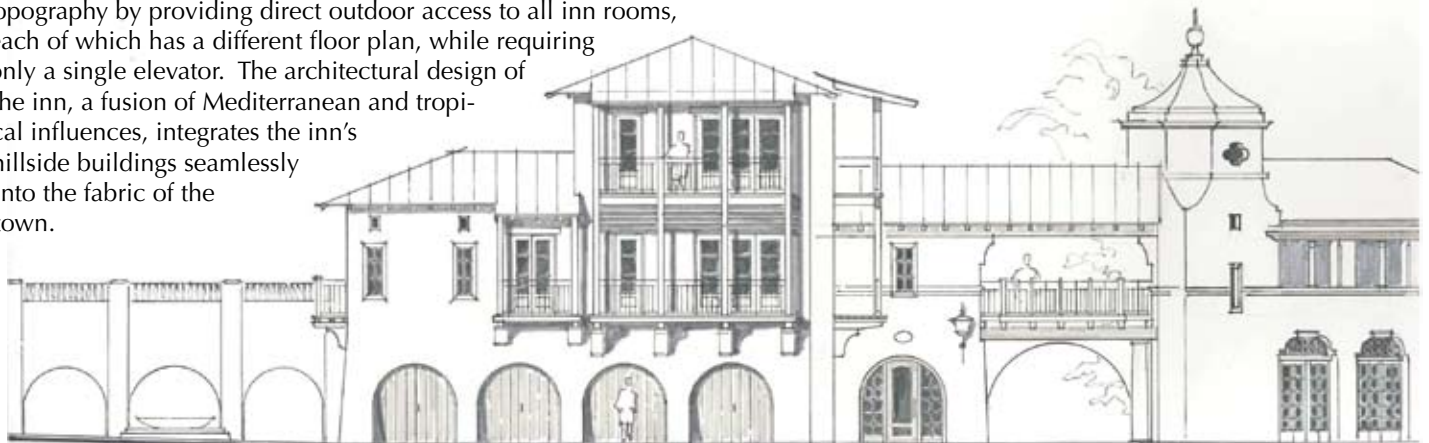
Las Catalinas is a new town of some 3,000 homes, currently under construction in Guanacaste, Costa Rica, modeled on European hill town precedents and designed based on New Urbanist principles to minimize dependence on cars. In conjunction with TSW's master planning role for Las Catalinas, our architecture studio is collaborating on the design of a boutique 18-room Oceanside inn and adjoining beach club, which together will anchor the first phase of development.

The inn's central building, designed as an informal 'living room' with its front door on the piazza and expansive views to the sea, contains check-in, fitness, and meeting facilities. The beach club next door houses both formal and informal food and beverage operations with a shared kitchen which will also provide breakfast and room service for hotel guests.

The multi-level terraced plan responds to the site's challenging topography by providing direct outdoor access to all inn rooms, each of which has a different floor plan, while requiring only a single elevator. The architectural design of the inn, a fusion of Mediterranean and tropical influences, integrates the inn's hillside buildings seamlessly into the fabric of the town.



Aerial of Beach Club and Inn



Las Catalinas Inn Elevation