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How Aman Changed Hotel Design Forever

Thirty years ago marked the beginning of a new chapter in hospitality—the inception of a new elite club of the most discerning travelers and aesthetes

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A two-bedroom villa at Amanera in the Dominican Republic.

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Gathy believes Aman has been most influential in creating a market for a product marrying aesthetics and lifestyle, which has given rise to many copycats attempting this principle. His other clients ask for “something with the same balance, values as Aman, but obviously we are never asked to copy.” Neither is West Coast architect Grant Kirkpatrick of KAA Design Group, though he has built several homes influenced heavily by Aman properties and for 15 years has been hearing references by clients. He has nicknamed a current project on the Strand in Manhattan Beach, California, “Amanhattan,” and says another completed home was very much inspired by Amangiri, which spawned “one of the loveliest design recon missions I have ever had to do.”