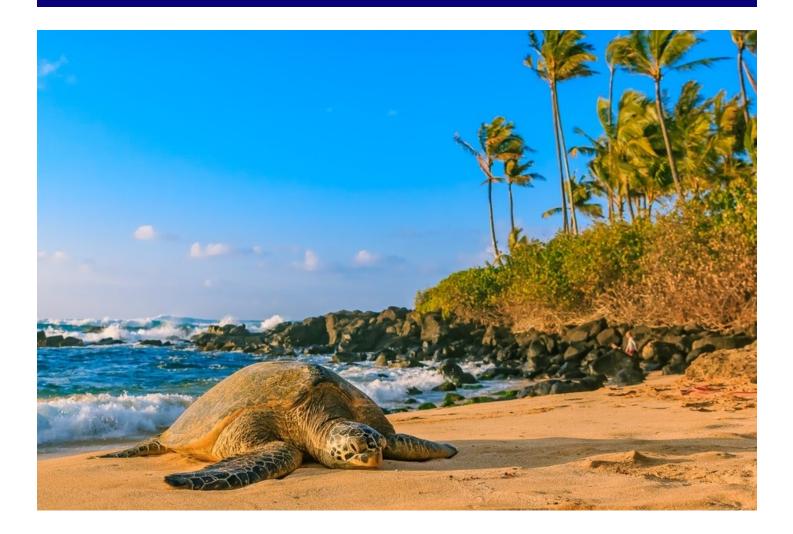


# **April Quarterly Newsletter**

Your Update on the Oahu Real Estate Market & the Neighbor Islands





Aloha,

When the pandemic started and we entered lock down, we knew the business of real estate was about to change. Our team came together to identify the areas that we needed to focus on and adapt in order to best serve our clients, and keep everyone safe, in the new COVID-19 business world. We created the concept of the 3 S's: Students and Educators, Strategic Marketing, and Safety Protocols. I wanted to provide a brief update on what we have been doing since we introduced the 3 S's last year. To read the entire update, <u>click here</u>.

**Students & Educators**: We continue to stay informed about the market, not only in Hawaii, but also in housing markets across the country. We are speaking to experts in many different fields from mortgages to commercial real estate and share these interviews in our Facebook Live video series that was developed to reach more people when we couldn't meet face to face.

**Strategic Marketing**: We conducted a great deal of research to understand the best marketing plans for these times. We are exploring new channels to reach potential buyers, as well as expanding our presence in established marketing areas and networks.

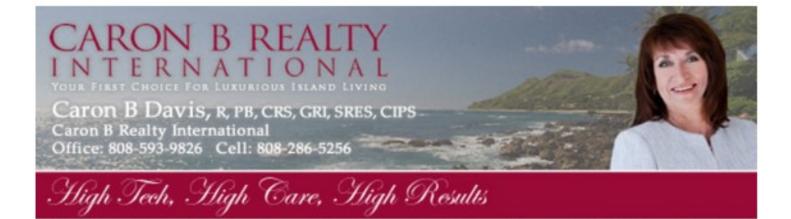
Some of the improvements we implemented include:

- •Joining a professional network to better market properties to mainland buyers
- •Refining luxury buyer databases to target specific potential buyers
- •Leveraging technology across a variety of channels to create stronger engagement with potential buyers

Safety Protocols: The policies below are part of Tier 3 and were last updated on February 25<sup>th</sup>.

- •In-person brokers open, open house, and showing occupancy limits have increased to 10 guests
- •Virtual open houses and showings will continue
- •Private showings are allowed by appointment only and with occupancy limits
- •Legal short-term rentals are allowed
- •Business offices can reopen, following physical distancing measures

March was another record-breaking month for Oahu! For the third month in a row, the single-family home median (SFH) price hit a new record. In March, the median price for SFH was \$950,000, up 17.3% over last March. The number of closed sales increased nearly 20% over last year. More than half of single-family homes sold above asking price.



The condo market saw gains in March as well. Median price increased slightly but the significant change was in sales volume. 626 condos sold last month, up 52.7% over last March, and a big increase compared to what we have been seeing during the pandemic (usually in the 300s or 400s). Nearly 30% of condos sold above asking price.

Inventory remains low and there continues to be a very strong demand for properties, driving competition and multiple offer situations. New listings this past week were the highest they have been since November 2019, which could indicate increased willingness from sellers to open their homes again to potential buyers.

For the luxury market, please note that we are using a new benchmark of \$1,800,000 to indicate luxury. There were 48 luxury single-family home sales in March, a 200% increase compared to March 2020. The median price increased by 26.2% and homes sold 42 days faster on average. 25% of homes sold at or above listing price; overall, homes sold for 95.14% of their asking price. On average, homes sold for \$989.70 per square foot. Below you will find the number of active and pending homes by price range. As of 4/15/21

\$1,800,000-\$2,999,999: 63 Active, 62 in Escrow
\$3,000,000-\$5,999,999: 60 Active, 18 in Escrow
\$6,000,000-\$9,999,999: 27 Active, 4 in Escrow
\$10,000,000+: 26 Active, 0 in Escrow

There were 8 luxury condo sales in March. This is a decrease from the 11 that sold in March 2020, but the median price increased by 21.7% to \$2,675,000 and condos sold 32 days faster on average. Condos sold for 94.61% of their asking price; on average, they sold for \$1,829.69 per square foot. Below you will find the number of active and pending condos by price range. As of 4/15/21

\$1,800,000-\$2,999,999: 66 Active, 16 in Escrow
\$3,000,000-\$5,999,999: 51 Active, 4 in Escrow
\$6,000,000-\$9,999,999: 7 Active, 1 in Escrow
\$10,000,000+: 4 Active, 0 in Escrow

In this newsletter you will find an update on the real estate of Oahu and the neighbor islands, including the latest Facebook Live video about the markets of Kauai, Maui, and Hawaii Island. In this month's property management section, we share a video interview with our Lead Property Manager, Lindsey Wong. There is an article about how the costs of renovations that we see on HGTV are not accurate or complete; an article about the brain benefits of exercise as we age; and Mother's Day activity suggestions. You will also find buyer statistics, top sales, and virtual activities for the neighbor islands.

And as always, please contact me directly with any questions you may have. We are here to serve you!

Warm Aloha, Caron

# March Oahu Real Estate Statistics

### Luxury Real Estate Statistics

March 2021	Single Family	Condo
Highest Recorded Sale	\$10,400,000	\$9,250,000
Median Sales Price	\$2,675,000	\$2,650,000
Total Closed Sales	48	8
Average Days on Market	92	72

### **Real Estate Statistics**

March 2021	Single Family	Condo
Median Sales Price	\$950,000	\$451,000
Percentage Change	+17.3%	+3.7%
Total Closed Sales	361	626
Percentage Change	+19.1%	+52.7%
Median Days on Market	9	14

"According to resales figures released today by the Honolulu Board of REALTORS®, closed sales of single-family homes and condos saw significant double-digit growth of 19.1% and 52.7%, respectively, compared to pre-pandemic activity last March. For the third consecutive month, the median price for a single-family home set a new record of \$950,000, representing a 17.3% year-over-year increase and a 3.5% increase over February's record of \$917,500."

# Dec. Oahu Real Estate Statistics

"With sustained limited supply and high demand, the number of single-family homes and condos sold over the asking price nearly tripled compared to March 2020. During the first quarter of 2021, single-family homes sold over asking price made up 50% of the sales compared to just 19% in quarter one last year, while condos sold above the list price accounted for 29% of the sales compared to 10% in the previous year's first quarter. Single-family homes continue to spend a record-low median of just nine days on the market."

"'Despite new listings, demand continues to outpace our limited housing inventory,' said Shannon Heaven, president, Honolulu Board of REALTORS®. "This lack of inventory is driving a very active and competitive market for prospective home buyers on O'ahu."

"New listings for single-family homes and condos added much-needed inventory to O'ahu's housing supply. Single-family homes marked a 12.6% jump with 439 new listings as nearly all regions saw positive growth. The condo market added 715 new listings, marking a 17.2% increase in listings compared to this time last year."

"'We are in a seller's market. If you've been thinking about selling your property, now is the time to reach out to a trusted REALTOR® and throw your hat in the ring,' added Heaven."

"Sales activity in March rounded out a solid first quarter for 2021 with total increases of 11.9% and 32.5% for single-family homes and condos, respectively. The single-family home market recorded an uneven shift in sales with a 36.1% drop in sales for properties sold below \$800,000. In comparison, the upper price tiers of \$1.5 million and above saw a dramatic 113% increase in sales. The condo market remained active with steady growth at all price points."

# Luxury Sale of the First Quarter Highest Sold Single-Family Home



#### **Diamond Head**

3 bedrooms | 3.5 baths | 3,926 square feet interior | 13,456 square feet land

Why this property is spectacular: Set on 74 linear feet of white sand beach in Diamond Head, this home is ideally situated for a variety of water activities and is also walking distance to the Waikiki.

Sold at: \$10,400,000 after 369 days on market to a local attorney.

# Luxury Sale of the First Quarter Highest Sold Condominium



#### Park Lane, Ala Moana

3 bedrooms | 3.5 baths | 2,791 square feet interior

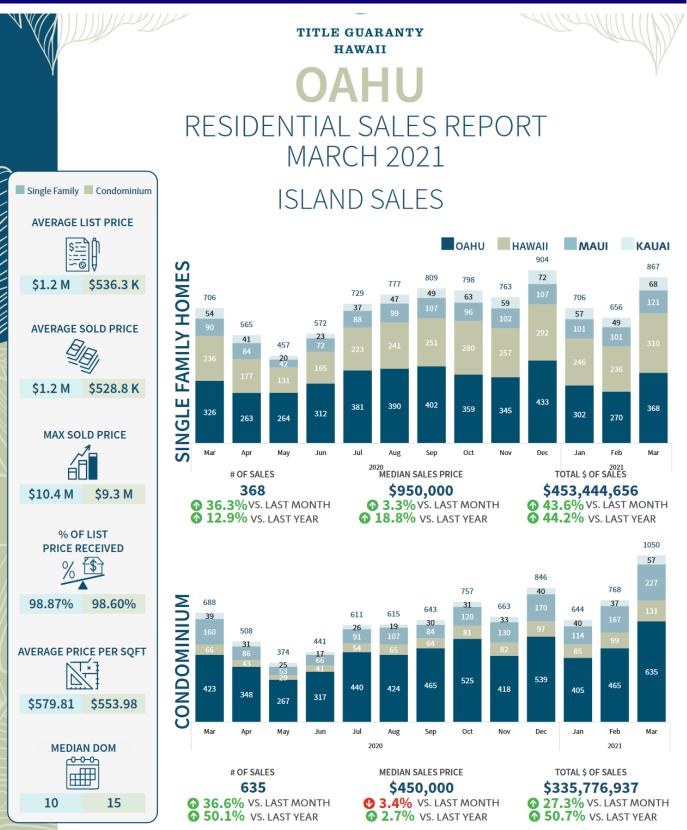
Why this property is spectacular: Park Lane Ala Moana offers 24 hour residential services and unparalleled resort-style amenities, adding to the lifestyle experience.

Sold at: \$9,250,000 before listing to a member of the Board of Trustee of Hawaii Museum of Art.

Source: State Tax Office & Bureau of Conveyances Picture from Honolulu Board of Realtors

## **Oahu Buyer Statistics**

## March 2021



Information effective 04/02/2021

## **Property Management**



Doug Davis oversees our updated, full service property management program and has a wealth of knowledge on all things property management. We are proud to have a team with different specialties who can help our clients with their unique rental needs.



Caron sat down with our Lead Property Manager, Lindsey Wong, to discuss what property rentals have been like during the pandemic and what to expect to see moving forward. Watch the interview on YouTube <u>here</u>.

# Neighborhood Islands Market Update



Kauai, Maui & Hawaii Island Market Update

Increased sales volume, higher median prices, and decreased inventory aren't unique to Oahu. Watch the video for an update on the neighbor islands and see what \$34 million gets you on Hawaii Island! Click <u>here</u> to watch the video.

Join Caron Davis, Broker/Owner of Caron B Realty International, every Friday at 10am Hawaii Time to get an update on the Hawaii real estate market and life and community here on Oahu. https://www.facebook.com/HonoluluLiveandPlay/

## HGTV's Inaccurate Portrayal of Renovation Costs



It's entertaining and inspiring to see a family renovate their home on an HGTV for a surprisingly small amount of money. Unfortunately, that amount isn't realistic; the costs are actually much higher if you were to do the same projects on your home. <u>Click here</u> to learn about the undisclosed discounts and actual costs and remember the costs are even higher here in Hawaii.



To get an idea of what designing or remodeling your dream home would be like, revisit Caron's interview with architect Jim Schmit <u>here</u>.

### The Benefits of Exercise as We Age



For many of us, the older we get, the less we exercise. Research has found that the benefits of exercise later in life are more than just physical. Exercise can help with the thinking and memory parts of our brains. <u>Click here</u> to learn more.

If you're looking for ideas on how to get moving, <u>here</u> is a list of trails on Oahu from AllTrails, which you can sort by distance and difficulty.

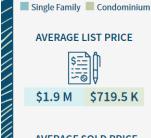


Depending on where you live and what is safe to do in your area, you may be able to have a Mother's Day celebration in person this year. If you're on Oahu, the Kahala Hotel has a great spa package <u>here</u>; horseback riding is available again at Turtle Bay <u>here</u>; or you can celebrate at the Blue Note with Anuhea <u>here</u>.



## THE GARDEN ISLE

#### TITLE GUARANTY HAWAII KAUAI **RESIDENTIAL SALES REPORT MARCH 2021**



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**ISLAND SALES** 







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 **♦** 130.1% VS. LAST YEAR



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# Luxury Sale of the First Quarter Highest Sold Single Family Home



#### Hanalei

5 bedrooms | 4 bathrooms | 3,792 square foot interior | 2.01 acres of land

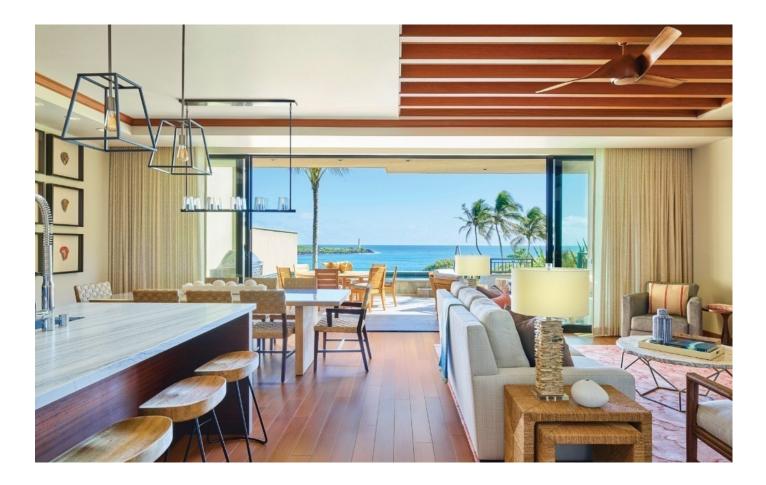
**Why this property is spectacular:** This home is set on 2 acres on Hanalei Bay and offers incredible views. It was the former home of the creator of "The Bachelor" and Julie Roberts before that.

Sold at: \$29,999,000 in March before it was listed to investors from California.

Source: State Tax Office & Bureau of Conveyances Picture Courtesy of Redfin.com

# Luxury Sale of the First Quarter

## Highest Sold Condominium



#### Hokuala, Lihue

4 bedrooms | 4.5 bathrooms | 2,889 square foot interior

**Why this property is spectacular:** Part of the TK Resort, this townhome is located above the 15th hole of the Ocean Course. This home is oceanfront and has multiple lanais and outdoor living space.

Sold at: \$5,680,000 in February before it was listed to an investment advisor from California.

### Princeville Community Virtual Fine Arts Exhibit



In its 11th year, this art exhibit will be made virtual for everyone to enjoy local artists' work. <u>Click here</u> to see art from 2020 before the event starts on July 25th.

Picture courtesy of Princevillecommunity.com Artist of top photo is Ileana Carreno Artist of bottom photo is Wally Wilson



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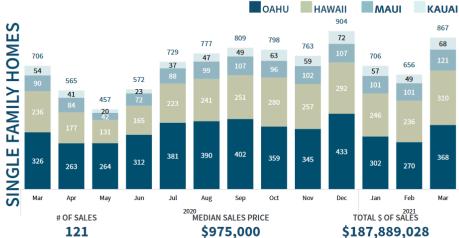


# THE VALLEY ISLE

HAWAII MAUI **RESIDENTIAL SALES REPORT MARCH 2021** 

TITLE GUARANTY

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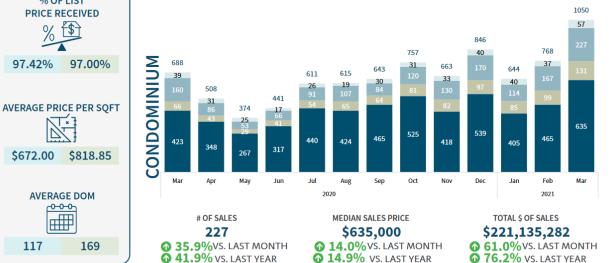


19.8% VS. LAST MONTH
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\$975,000 **8.9%**VS. LAST MONTH 16.4% VS. LAST YEAR

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2.0% VS. LAST MONTH **72.8%** VS. LAST YEAR



Information effective 04/02/2021

# Luxury Sale of the First Quarter Highest Sold Single Family Home



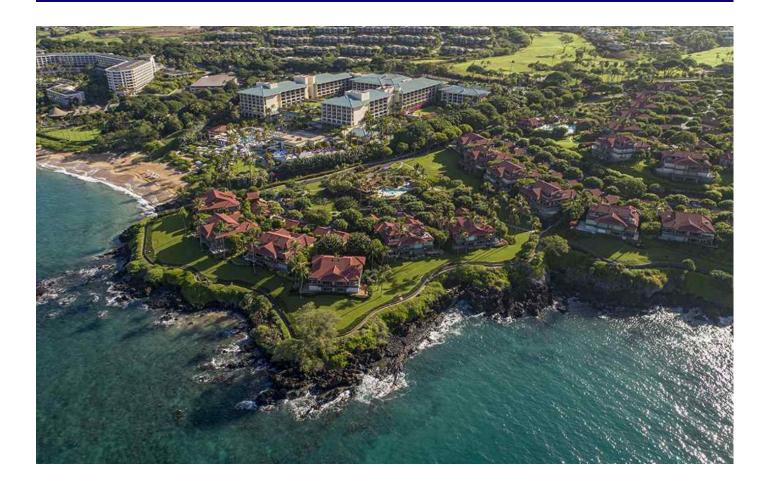
#### Lahaina

4 bedrooms | 5.5 bathrooms | 5,348 square feet interior | 0.96 acres of land

Why this property is spectacular: One of only six gated homes, this property is set on 110 linear feet of Kaanapali Beach. This home has three oceanfront bedrooms, a professional kitchen, and a fully equipped gym. All ground level areas open to the spacious lanai and pool, making it perfect for Maui entertaining.

Sold at: \$15,750,000 in February after 50 days on the market.

# Luxury Sale of the First Quarter Highest Sold Condominium



#### Wailea, Kihei 3 bedrooms | 3 bathrooms | 2,394 square foot interior

**Why this property is spectacular:** Part of Wailea Point, is set on a beautiful oceanfront location. Wailea Point encompasses nearly 30 acres of beautifully manicured ground and numerous recreation activities.

Sold at: \$6,800,000 in March before it was listed to a woman from Canada.

### 29th Annual Celebration of the Arts Goes Virtual



The 29th Annual Celebration of the Arts will be presented virtually this year and will be available all year. This year's theme is "Ua 'Aukahi Na 'Ale...United, Flowing As One." Virtual events will be held on the second Friday of every month and are available <u>here</u>.



### THE BIG ISLAND

### **RESIDENTIAL SALES REPORT MARCH 2021**

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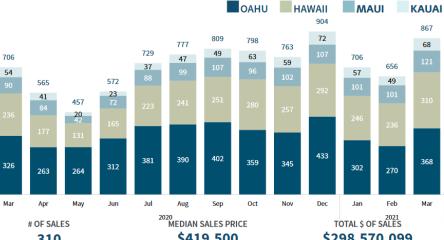
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**ISLAND SALES** 



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\$298,570,099 32.7% VS. LAST MONTH

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6.3% VS. LAST MONTH 32.3% VS. LAST MONTH 24.4% VS. LAST YEAR 98.5% VS. LAST YEAR

\$100,425,400 27.0% VS. LAST MONTH 154.2% VS. LAST YEAR

Information effective 04/02/2021

# Luxury Sale of the First Quarter Highest Sold Single Family Home



#### Kukio, Kailua-Kona

4 bedrooms | 5.5 bathrooms | 6,078 square foot interior | 0.96 acres land

Why this property is spectacular: Set between Kakapa Bay and Kukio Bay, this home is in an incredible location; the wall-to-wall sliding doors offer stunning ocean views.

**Sold at:** \$34,000,000 in March before it was listed to the family of a real estate investor from California.

Source: State Tax Office & Bureau of Conveyances Picture Courtesy of Hapuna Realty

# Luxury Sale of the First Quarter Highest Sold Condominium



**Estate Villas at Hualalei, Kailua-Kona** 5 bedrooms | 5.5 bathrooms | 4,204 square foot interior

Why this property is spectacular: Part of the Hualelei Resort, this completely renovated condo features a newly built detached guest house. It boasts a private pool, access to luxury amenities, and beautiful ocean views.

Sold at: \$8,100,000 in February after 9 days on the market to an accountant from California.

Source: State Tax Office & Bureau of Conveyances Picture Courtesy of Compass Realty

## California Architect Proposal for the Big Island



In January, we shared that Matthew McConaughey had purchased a newly built home in the Kaʻupulehu section of the Kukio Beach and Golf Club in Kailua-Kona. California architecture firm McClean Design has had their proposal approved for an ultra-modern mansion to be built in Kaʻupulehu. Learn about the 9-bedroom mansion concept <u>here</u>. *Picture Courtesy of Realtor.com* 

### **Televised Merrie Monarch Festival Hula Competitions**



Last year, the Merrie Monarch festival, which has been held since 1964, was cancelled due to the pandemic. This year, the Hālau competitions are back but guests will have to watch the event on TV. Hawaii News Now's KFVE will air the competitions July 1st- 3rd. <u>Click here</u> to learn more. *Picture Courtesy of merriemonarch.com* 

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