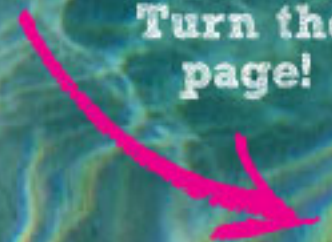


This is the life!

Tata Mapa gives you a glimpse of some of the most luxurious leisure dwellings in the Philippines that are calling out your name, whether it's for a mini-break or for the long haul

Want to find out
how to invest
in your own fab
luxe residence?
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page!**



You want... SUN AND SEA

Do you think that sun-kissed hotties like Charlize Theron, Jennifer Aniston, and Julia Roberts — who all maintain Malibu homes — have it good? Wait till you hear about Johnny Depp. The man who immortalized Captain Jack Sparrow actually owns a whole island! If feeling the sand beneath your toes and working on your tan is your idea of heaven, remember that this country is an archipelago made up of 7,107 islands so head for the beach ASAP!

THREE TO TRY

1 Boracay Mandarin Island Hotel

Situated on the Station 2 beachfront of this famously happening white sand shoreline, the Boracay Mandarin Island Hotel boasts all the best the island has to offer — and more — including the Don Vito Ristorante Italiano and a high-end spa that's right on the beach for the ultimate bliss experience. www.boracaymandarin.com

2 Kota Keluarga

A term that means "family town" in Bahasa Indonesian, Kota Keluarga offers you the chance to turn your love for the beach into a permanent experience. A self-contained residential and commercial complex combined with a resort feel, this offers investors all the comforts of home along the relaxing shores of San Juan, Batangas. www.kotakeluarga.com



Escape to Boracay's white sandy beaches. Left: Johnny Depp is all for a sun-and-sea lifestyle — he owns his own island!

3 Misibis Bay

Relish the perfect mix of adventure and luxury when you stay in one of this resort's Asian-inspired villas. Nestled in the island of Cagraray in Albay Province, Misibis Bay allows guests to celebrate the entire vacation spectrum from need-for-speed water sports to the indulgences of your own private beach path — all with the breathtaking Mayon Volcano standing guard. The best part? The staff intuitively know what you need and provide it, even before you can ask. www.misibisbay.com



Let your passion dictate the kind of real estate investment you make!

2 Banahaw Village, Sta Elena Properties

Working on your handicap is easy when you live in a lush village completely surrounded by the Banahaw Fairways of the world-class Sta Elena Golf Course in Sta Rosa, Laguna. This luxury golf estate is a member of the Rustan's Group of Companies, and is made up of only 107 lots so exclusivity is guaranteed. www.staelena.com

3 Ayala Greenfield Estates

A quiet neighborhood with a private golf course and country club (as well as a 15-hectare nature park), this Ayala Premier development sits atop one of the finest elevated locations in Calamba, Laguna, which makes for exceptional views as well as a cool climate all year round — just perfect for aceing your game. www.ayalalandpremier.com/Ayala-greenfield-estates.php

Golf lovers should look into properties that will allow them to pursue their passion with convenience and ease

You want... A LIFE ON THE GREEN

Once considered a retiree's sport, golf now appeals to a broad spectrum of aficionados, including Chris O'Donnell, Dennis Quaid and pop icon Justin Timberlake. In fact, JT has fallen so hard for the game, he's even started his own golf tourney (which benefits the Shriners Hospital for Children). Do like JT in at least one way: Hooking up with some of Hollywood's most desirable women may not be your scene, but if improving your swing is, then teeing off every chance you get ought to be par for course.

THREE TO TRY

1 South Pacific Golf and Leisure Estates
You'll hit two birdies with one stone when you invest in this exclusive leisure property in the town of Catalunan Pequeno in Davao City, as members immediately gain unlimited access to both the South Pacific Golf Club and the Bali Hai Beach Club in Talikud Island. Not that a life by the 18-hole course designed by Arnold Palmer isn't enough of a come-on. southpacific.opmc.ph/index.php



A cool climate and spectacular views are what make Ayala Greenfield Estates in Calamba, Laguna a golfer's dream

You want to... GET AWAY FROM IT ALL

If you long for peaceful respite, you're not unlike celebs who call the countryside home. Consider *KIT BUNNY* star Darul Hannah and Reese Witherspoon (rumor has it, she grows her own vegetables!). And let's not forget Goldie Hawn and Kurt Russell, who together, make up one of Hollywood's long-lasting golden couples. Is it life away from showbiz intrigue or the fresh air of their Aspen ranch that keep up this duo's happiness quotient? We may never know for sure. But some quality R'n'R in the great outdoors makes it at least worth a shot!

THREE TO TRY:

1 Anahaw Country Estates

The cool country breeze and mountains views make Lipa, Batangas the ideal setting for this residential leisure farm estate. Putter around the rich soil of your own patch of earth and coax it into bearing sweet fruit and fresh vegetables. Or simply savor the slower pace and the tranquil air, artefacts from more genteel times gone by. www.primerealestatephilippines.com

2 Camp Explore

Get closer to Mother Nature as you bond with family and friends in the Mount Purro Nature Reserve, which sits at the foot of the Sierra Madre Mountain range. Camp activities range from rappelling to meditation and everything in between — leaving you with a rush, flushed with exhilaration. www.mycampexplore.com/home



Teal in Batangas is a popular spot for residents who want to inhale fresh air. Left: Even if she's a Hollywood star, Reese Witherspoon's loves living in the countryside.



3 The Lakeshore

Make relaxation a way of life with a home built in the serene ambience of this Mexico, Pampanga development. A 12-hectare man-made lake beats at the heart of this complex where fishing, rowing, and me-timing can become everyday indulgences under the watchful eye of mythical Mount Arayat. lakeshore.com.ph



INVEST IN THE HIGH LIFE STARTING NOW

So you don't have a billionaire's budget to splurge on a condo just yet. That doesn't mean you need to bid the luxe life goodbye. The secret is to shop around for developments that are pre-selling, which cost less than those that are already completed. Start a "High Life Fund" and set aside a portion of your income to go into this dream. Check out *The Luxe List* (below) for your options of pre-selling properties.



Why not relax on the sandy shores of your own private cove at Azure Urban Resort Residences?



THE LUXE LIST

Smile's picks for the country's most fashionable high-rises — coming soon.

GO GREEN: Araya Residences

This property in the quieter residential section of Bonifacio Global City combines green living and modern creature comforts with engineering and design that live up to their "Live right, Live Well" philosophy. arayaresidences.com.ph

LIFE'S A BEACH: Azure Urban Resort Residences

Featuring nine mid-rise towers in a sprawling six-hectare area, this landmark project will boast of an iconic, man-made beach cove — complete with water slides and pristine white sand — for a beachfront feel without ever having to leave Parañaque City. www.azure.com.ph

ART IN THE CITY: KL Mosaic

The ART-chitecture of this hexagon-shaped 32-storey building will surely appeal to those with a penchant for style and design. KL Mosaic also promises to be the next center of art and style in Makati with the launch of The Biggest Little Room gallery, which will house the prestigious art collection of the Kalaw-Ledesma family. www.vistaresidencesph.com

HIGH IN THE SKY: Stratford Residences

Touted as one of the tallest residential towers in the country, units in this Makati City luxe property promise to offer breathtaking views from every angle. The better to feel what it's like at the top! www.picandevelopment.com/stratford.html

OASIS IN THE METROPOLIS: Tivoli Garden Residences

For high-rise living amidst Asian tropical gardens and sky patios, one of DMC's latest projects is definitely one to

consider—especially as this relaxing oasis is conveniently located near the Makati-Manila-Luzon bridge, which links two of the metro's busiest cities. www.dmc-homes.com

LINKED IN LUXURY: San Lorenzo Place

The latest baby in Empire East's three-shot salvo in transit-oriented development is at the junction of EDSA and China Road's Avenue extension in Makati City. Residents of this luxe condo development will have access to the MRT 3-Magallanes station. That's a prime location with mobility.

LIVING LA VIDA LOFT: Eastwood LeGrand III

Take your shot at owning a lavish loft lifestyle that's just an elevator ride away from the center of vibrant Eastwood City, Libis — where everything from retail therapy to exciting leisure attractions are alive 365 days a year. www.megaworldcorp.com