

INTERIOR DESIGN

The Postcard Inn Hotel in Florida Mixes It Up Tiki Style

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It's a t(r)iki situation to blend contemporary design with tropical aesthetics but the Postcard Inn Hotel in Islamorada, Florida proves it can be done beautifully. Recently renovated by Bigtime Design Studios, the former fishing resort is now a boutique hotel that infuses modernity into a building with historic roots dating all the way back to the 1960s.



Bigtime Design Studio made sure to retain the history of the fishing resort, paying homage to the old building using old materials repurposed in updated ways.



The light fixtures reference the crab and lobster pots that were used at the old fishing resort. Sand meets water with sand cement tiles that line the lobby space, accented by sea blue and white herringbone tiles. The ceiling is comprised of repurposed driftwood while the window treatments are made with fish box twine, used back in the day to secure fishing nets.





The furniture, fixtures, and equipment of the hotel are where Bigtime Design Studio decided to bring in modern design elements.



The reception desk is truly a show-stopping, focal point of the lobby. Over 700 books were hand picked to create the desk, from Hemingway stories to "how to bait a Tarpon" guides. The spine in, spine out element was a purposeful design decision to create a moiré-like pattern.



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The relaxed, beachy vibe of the location of the hotel continue into the rooms.



For some sustenance and a drink (or two), the Postcard Inn Resort features Tiki Bar and Ciao Hound Italian Kitchen & Bar. The original Tiki Bar was completely torn down and recreated from top to bottom without losing the feel and history of the original. (Fun fact: the original TIKI BAR sign was repurposed as a thirty foot chandelier!)





The Ciao Hound, an Italian beach inspired restaurant and enoteca, was a renovation project of an existing space on the property.





What: The Postcard Inn Hotel

Where: 84001 Overseas Highway Islamorada, The Florida Keys 33036

How much? Rooms start at approximately \$170 dollars

Highlights: If you want to take a tropical escape to Islamorada without straying too far off the beaten path, the Postcard Inn Hotel is for you. Enjoy an island life that's complemented with modern design and amenities.

Design draw: To keep the hotel from looking too much like a fishing resort, Bigtime Design Studios added new furniture, fixtures, and decor that give the hotel a more updated look & feel.

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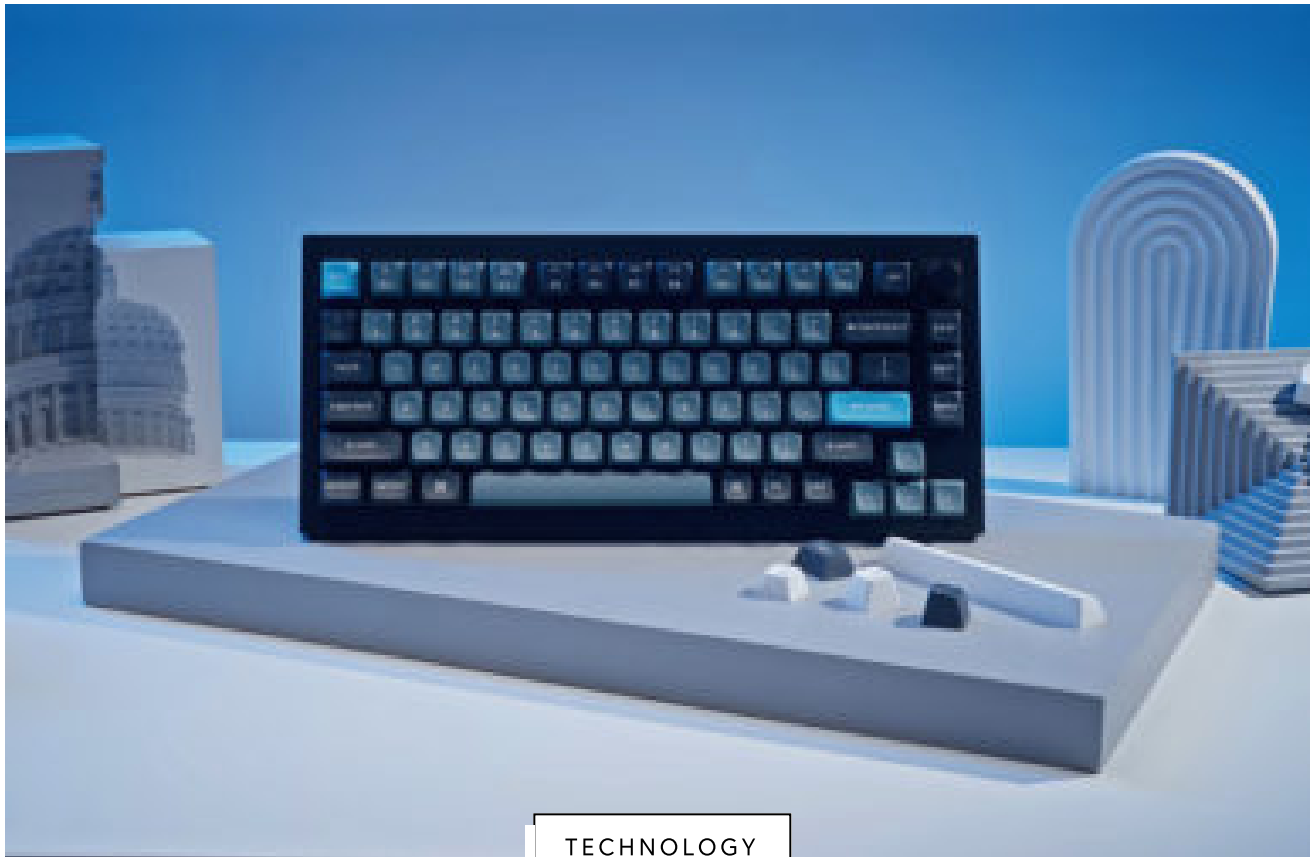
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