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Some of the hottest new developments around the world are getting close to nature when it comes to residents' perks

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If any trend in luxury amenities is emerging, it might well be something as basic as nature. An outdoor city retreat or a tropical vegetable farm is as likely to define a new residential development today as a sleek rooftop infinity pool or a brand-name gym. Call it the next manifestation of the wellness movement that has dominated deluxe extras for the last few years. From true "garden apartments" in Singapore to a collection of very green homes in Toronto, here are some hot new residential projects that tout their natural bona fides.

Timbers Kaua'i—Ocean Club & Residences; Kauai, Hawaii Opened 2018; townhomes to be completed 2021



Timbers Kaua'i - Ocean Club & Residences

Luxury oceanfront living in Hawaii doesn't ordinarily bring to mind rural pursuits, but Timbers Kaua'i makes farming a centerpiece of life at the residential resort.

Employing 11 acres on the so-called Garden Island, on what used to be a golf course, the nearby Farm at Hokuala provides organic pineapples and other fruits, vegetables, and edible flowers for owners to harvest themselves or feast on at Timbers' spa and area restaurants. It's also an educational destination where visitors can learn about local flora, including traditional Hawaiian canoe plants such as kalo (more commonly, taro) and breadfruit. More-traditional amenities include a fitness center offering classes in tai chi and yoga; expertly guided hiking and surfing excursions; and a club with everything needed for a day at the beach. And yes, golf is available, on an oceanfront Jack Nicklaus signature course.

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