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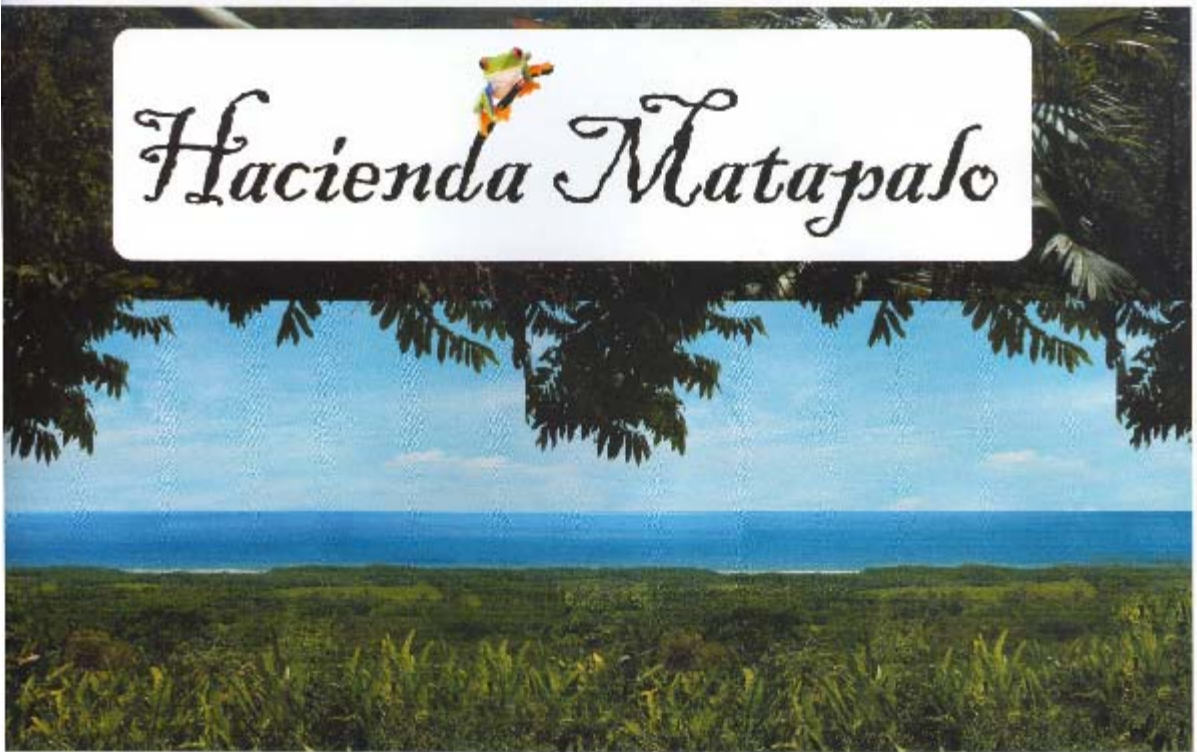
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The Undiscovered Southern Central Pacific

Real Estate Boom



| By Ed Sklar

Costa Rica has been the buzzword for those seeking a tropical, eco-tourism experience. The rainforest is an exotic place where monkeys, birds, and butterflies playfully share their piece of paradise. Biologists claim that this country has the richest biodiversity in the world.

Nature truly smiled on this small country of only 52,100 square kilometers. The tropical geography and climate make it an ideal location for tourism and real estate appreciation. Property values have increased nearly 348% annually since 1998, with even higher returns on land with a home.

This appreciation has been concentrated in the Province of Guanacaste in the Northwest region of Costa Rica, where a second International Airport was built. New commercial investment and infrastructure transformed this arid region into a choice area for investors and those seeking a retirement/vacation home.

Historically, the only tourists venturing down the Pacific Coast camped at Manuel Antonio National Park, the most popular destination in Costa Rica. The surfing crowd went coastal to Dominical and the "Southern-Zone" where "the mountains meet the sea".

Changes are coming ... this out-of-the-way place is not so out-of-the-way anymore!

1) Costa Rica's third International Airport is under construction in Palmar Norte, just 45 minutes from Hacienda Matapalo. It is scheduled to receive International flights by 2010.

2) A New 80,000 square foot Hospital, only 20 minutes from Haci-

enda Matapalo, is nearly complete.

3) The Cosanera Highway (Pacific Coast Highway) is in the final stages of a road improvement project. The 26-mile stretch from Quepos to Domatical has been raised, widened and repaved to accommodate more traffic. Developers are building the largest, and only, full service marina in Central America in Quepos, located 16 miles from Hacienda Matapalo.

This construction boom has stimulated additional investment in the area. Speculators are buying property for future development. However, one development company with the right connections and information managed to stay ahead of the curve. The partners of Hacienda Matapalo set out to find the most spectacular piece of land in the region, and boy did they cut!

The management team of Hacienda Matapalo secured 665 acres of lush land and forest with three natural springs and waterfalls that will take your breath away. After six months of intense negotiations, the partners closed on the property. They designed a gated community with all the modern amenities that blend into the local habitat. One of Costa Rica's most respected law firms, Pacheco-Coto (www.pachecocoto.com), was retained as counsel, and INDECA (www.indeca.info), the leader in environmental protection, was hired to conduct the environmental surveys on the property.

Hacienda Matapalo (www.haciendamatapalo.com) is in the final phase of the permitting process. The company is still recruiting savvy investors and those seeking a retirement/second home. A limited number of pre-construction prices are posted on their website.

Hacienda Matapalo

Hacienda Matapalo is an extraordinary gated community offering a world of natural beauty. The private 665-acre estate is completely surrounded by lush forest, cascading waterfalls and breathtaking views of the Pacific Ocean.

Hacienda Matapalo is located just 800 meters (2,624.67 ft) from the beach. The property stretches back three kilometers into the forested mountains reaching an altitude of nearly 2,000 feet above sea level. The site includes a 125-acre nature preserve, to protect local flora and fauna. The rainforest will always be an integral part of this unique community. See amongst countless species of birds, butterflies, and wildlife, Hacienda Matapalo offers 1,25-acre home sites, single-family homes, townhouses, villas and condominiums. They are all equipped with state-of-the-art, electronic communications technology, including satellite, internet, telephone, and

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Three of the area's most beautiful beaches, Playa Linda, Playa Matapalo and Playa Veranuz, are within minutes of Hacienda Matapalo. You can stroll and search through the sand for that perfect seashell, horseback ride on the beach, or just soaking up the sun while palms sway in the ocean breeze. The choices are yours, and the options are abundant.

Visit the private beach club where owners and guests spend the day and rinse off with a cool shower before heading back home. If you're an adventure seeker, you will discover why the area is called "Nature's Playground." Follow your whim. Surfing, white-water rafting, sport fishing, mountain biking, scuba diving, rappel-

ing and treetop zip lining are just some of the daily activities available in the area. If you prefer something calmer, try cloud forest walks, bird watching, butterfly garden tours or close encounters with whales at sea. You can even meet your neighbors at the pools, spas and relaxing, swim-up bars and lounge areas wrapped about the magnificent Community Center. Just remember that you can create your own memorable experiences at Hacienda Matapalo. +

For information on investment/ownership opportunities at Hacienda Matapalo, visit www.haciendamatapalo.com, or email edklor@cosaneraformosa.com. They are available by phone in the U.S. at 954-630-8339 or 800-281-4145.

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