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THE ISLAND OF BALI SHARES MANY OF THE SAME timeless and beautiful attributes as James Hilton's fictional Shangri-La...or so Eddie and Linda Tseu believed, when they visited the island in the 1970s on a surfing vacation. Enchanted by the island's gentle culture and artistic people, the couple made many return visits, and eventually became permanent residents. In 1987, the husband-and-wife team opened Hawai'i's first import store exclusively featuring furniture and handicrafts from Indonesia.

Today, Baik Designs remains one of Hawai'i's premier importers, offering one-of-a-kind antique teak furniture, interior accents, artifacts, and tribal art from the various islands of Indonesia, Thailand, Myanmar and Vietnam. The store also specializes in ecologically friendly recrafted furniture created from hundred year old recycled teak factory timbers and rice storage bins.

The Tseus' children, who joined Eddie and Linda on their extensive travels, have now married and, along with their spouses, they handle the day-to-day operations of Baik's two showrooms: one in Honolulu, the other in Kailua-Kona on the Big Island. Meanwhile, Linda and Eddie live half of the

year in the home they built on Bali and continue their shopping expeditions throughout Asia for their stores and clients.

Baik's wares have decorated the homes of Kelsey Grammer, Carlos Santana, Ben Stiller, Terry Quinn, and David Robinson, to name just a few. Hawai'i's best interior designers, including Mary Philpotts McGrath and Kathy Merrill, constantly call on Baik for those special finishing touches and "found treasures" that add excitement and allure to any home.

Linda and Eddie describe their handcrafted inventory as "coming from a place and time where art is a way of life." Noted award-winning interior designer Merrill says, "What they come back with is teak furniture, ceramics, stone statuary and textiles that are a cut above what most people are importing. They are my favorite resource for Indonesian furniture-period."

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