

Kanaya: Condos with a Feng Shui Flair

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Acupuncturist Harvey Kaltsas sought out to create an “all-green” and completely feng-shui-designed condominium, and in 2003, he began production of Kanaya by asking Katrine Karley, a feng shui master, to help plan and design this unique structure, located at 505 South Orange Street in downtown Sarasota. Katrine’s aim was to lay out a simple, basic feng shui plan so that the new owners could add personal touches. She wanted to make sure that important areas such as the kitchen and bathrooms were ideally located so the flow of qi would be strong and that ample room was given to the foyer for a grand, stable entrance. Katrine also gave the building its name, which means “canopy under the heavens.”

Before the building of Kanaya had begun, Katrine held a ceremony on the bare site to draw in health and prosperity. The site was blessed with specific solutions infused with the powerful qi of Grandmaster Lin Yun Rinpoche. The inner walls conceal qi-enhancing bamboo flutes and large crystals, solutions which disperse any negative qi caused by bathroom pipes and drainage systems,



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known to draw away prosperity. Walls were rounded to erase the damaging effects of cutting qi which slices positive energies like a sharp edge or pierces like the tip of an arrow.

To invite happiness and peace of mind, Kanaya also incorporates: sacred labyrinths; a Japanese garden and saltwater aquarium; auspicious symbols such as the Chinese sign for double happiness surrounding the building’s exterior; arched entryways; waterfalls to move stuck qi; a meditation room for contemplation and reflection; a roof-top area for growing vegetables and herbs; and gourmet kitchens.

Feng shui balances the five natural elements: wood, wind, fire, metal, and earth—physical qualities all living things possess. Balancing these elements simultaneously and effectively fine-tunes our awareness, bringing additional clarity and insight, and removes physical and psychological obstacles.

For a living space to be balanced, it should: have strong qi; be open and inviting; draw longevity,

creativity, wealth, prosperity, and visions of a clearer life path to its occupants; be easily sustainable; stimulate the feeling of grandness regardless of actual size and dimensions; be able to maintain positive frequencies; be *lovingly and consciously* created and furnished; have simple, uncomplicated lines leaning towards smooth, rounded, curved and arched interiors; hold a natural beauty without compromising the tastes and preferences of those who occupy the space; and have a good marriage of yin and yang—natural active and calming energies.

Additional healthy living features include: formaldehyde-free insulation throughout the building’s interior; a charcoal-filtered drinking water system; use of mildew resistant paints that contain no volatile organic compounds; reduced electromagnetic fields; and humidstats and positive ventilation for mold and fungi-prevention.

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