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# He's a Star...

Hilton Head Island-based architect David Sklar embraces green philosophies and ventures south to the Bahamas with his methods.

David Sklar, architect and principal of KRA, Inc in Hilton Head Island, has established himself in Washington, DC and South Carolina as an innovative and award-winning architect, and will be establishing a satellite studio in Savannah's historic district. DALU Design, slated to open in late January 2008, will specialize in research, design and consulting, and will be the first in the Savannah area committed purely to ecotecture—

When You Wish Upon a Sklar: Architect David Sklar is moving his operation south.



the holistic and comprehensive approach to sustainable practices and eco-friendly materials. "The industry is developing so fast that it's almost a full-time job just keeping track of all the changes," says Sklar. "There is a wide array of choices today and we want to reach out to the



**Shining Star:** These architectural renderings represent a new sustainable development, Star Island, in the Bahamas.

sources, working with the engineers and consultants to find the latest innovative and tested technologies to do sustainability correctly." Not wanting eco-friendly practices to be kept secret, Sklar is developing alliances with firms in the Bahamas, Washington, DC and New York for data-sharing and hopes that "as DALU matures, we'll have developed the right models to where we can reach out and help other firms move into sustainable design."

Star Island, DALU's opening salvo, is no less ambitious. A private resort destination under development in the Out Islands of the Bahamas, Star Island is merging high-luxury with state-of-the-art sustainability. The 35-acre island resort, just a 10-minute boat ride from historic Harbour Island, will offer 5-star luxury accommodations and upscale amenities, including private homes, resort residences and bungalows, as well as a spa, restaurants, bars, pools and a "no-fuel" marina. Designed to make the resort carbon-neutral and minimize its environmental impact, both construction and operations will integrate the principles of an indigenous environmental response with cutting-edge sustainable technologies, including extensive rainwater harvesting and reverse-osmosis purification, clean energy sources, geothermal temperature control and green materials throughout. "We have a real opportunity," notes Sklar, "to prove that uncompromising luxury and earth-friendly practices are entirely compatible."

For more information on David Sklar and the Star Island development, visit [www.starislandbahamas.com](http://www.starislandbahamas.com)

