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Shown Here: Brett Kappelle (L)
and Phillip Barker (R)

Phillip Barker is an experienced contractor from New Zealand with a project portfolio that extends to such faraway places as the Cook Islands and the Maldives. Brett Kappelle is a California-born straight

shooter with a knack for getting things done. Together, they're Barker Kappelle, a Kailua-based design/build firm founded in April 2006. The company specializes in residential and commercial remodeling and new construction. As Certified Green Professionals (CGPs), they design and build with Hawaii's environment in mind. Together, the two have 28 years of combined experience in the construction industry.

▶ **"It's a 50/50 partnership."**
How do they break down their

duties? "We flip a coin," says Kappelle. All joking aside, they rely on constant collaboration to get the job done right. "There really isn't a key player in any one area," he says. "We constantly communicate between ourselves to make the right decision."

▶ **"If everything was cookie-cutter, this job would be pretty boring."**

When it comes to a new project, Barker Kappelle comes prepared—and advocates flexibility. "There are always unforeseen things that come up," explains Kappelle. "We expect

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▶ **"We give it 100 percent."**

"With customer-service skills and knowledge of building, we strive to beautify the Islands," says Kappelle.

▶ **"We can go the distance here."**

"We have a vision," says Barker. "As we leave every job, our goal is to make sure we have achieved 100 percent customer satisfaction. And we're willing to do whatever it takes to get there."

that we'll open up a wall and there's more to it than we, or the homeowner, expected. No job, no project ever goes perfectly to plan. There are always changes, always ideas that come up during construction. We anticipate the problems and can usually address those problems to keep on schedule and keep on budget."