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THE LATEST LAUNCHES TO CREATE AN OUTDOOR SANCTUARY
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Two structures are connected by lush, interlocking entertainment spaces with abundant opportunity to absorb the ocean view.

THE CONCEPT: When the homeowners purchased this plot in Nantucket, it was two separate parcels, each featuring its own small residence. Poorly constructed and damaged, the original structures were replaced with two new houses tailored to the owners' specific needs. The four-bedroom main residence is located directly on the beach, while the second, five-bedroom guesthouse is on the street level. Each structure has direct access to a multi-level outdoor space that includes a pool, a dining area, and several distinct seating areas.

THE MATERIALS: For the main house and guesthouse, the homeowners specified traditional white cedar shingles with a red cedar single roof. Barnwood pavers, solid cedar pergolas, and wood decking round out the exterior of the home.

THE CHALLENGE: Linking the two varied elevations of the property's two structures was tricky. Connection was achieved by landscaping paths and a winding driveway that go from one end of the compound to the other. Additionally, due to the lower meadow's flood plain location and new FEMA rules, the structure was required to be raised significantly. The team worked to make sure it was nested into the landscape and designed a series of decks and patios as well as planters to bring the landscape up near the edge of the home.

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