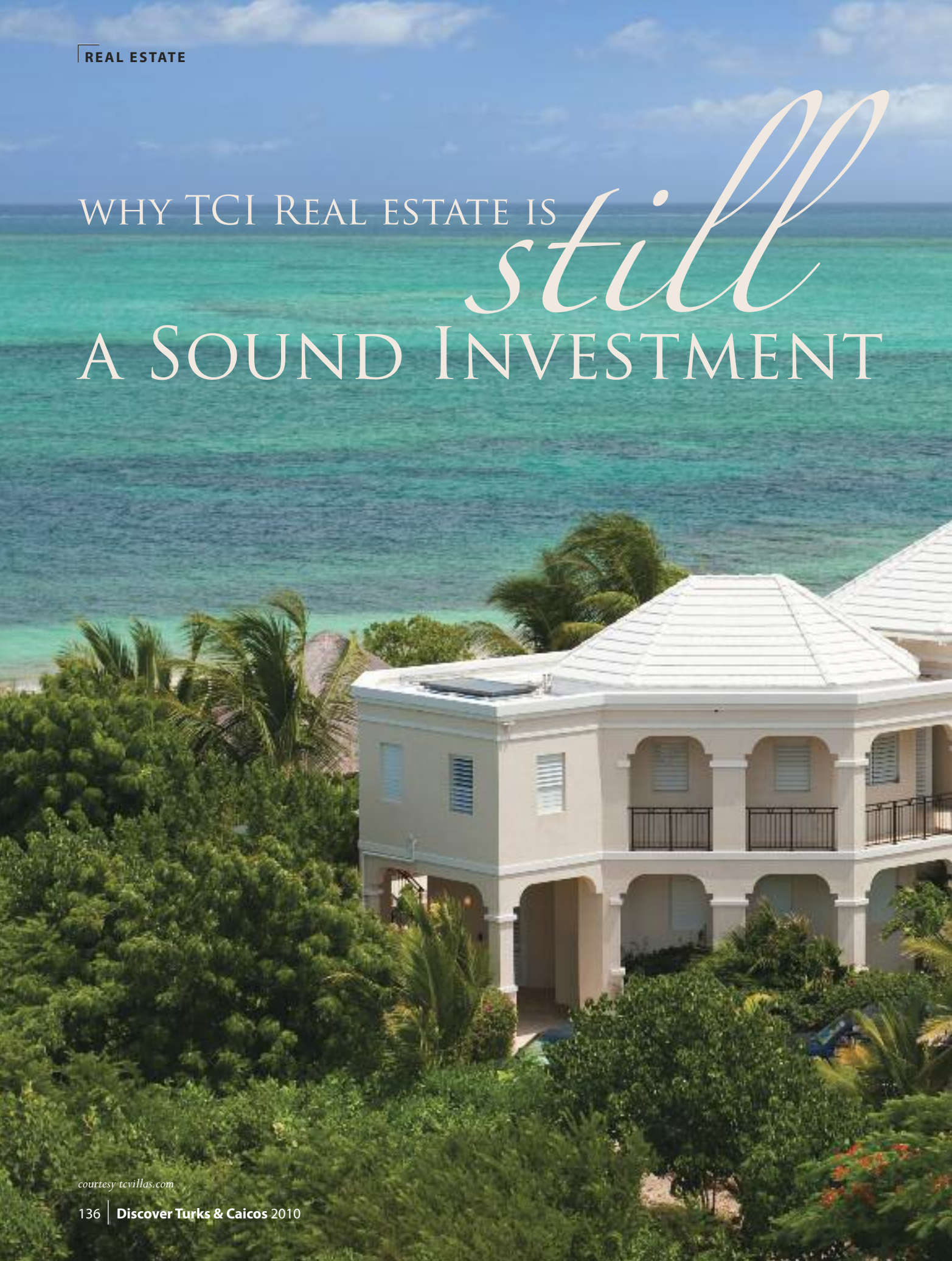


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Given the current state of the global economy, it's no wonder we're all a bit gun shy about investing at the moment. The real estate market, in particular, has been confounding pundits for several months and the outlook continues to be mired in debate. Experts have been busily aligning themselves on every edge of what has become a multi faceted issue, "It's time to buy!" "We haven't hit the bottom yet!" and "Hold on to your hats, we're already on the way back up!"

The reality is, as it has always been, "The time to buy is when you have the money to invest." Historically, unless an active volcano suddenly appears on your land or something equally as horrific and unlikely, an investment in real estate always increases in value over an appropriate time frame. If you are in a position to make a long term investment, now is the time to make it.

Whether the real estate market in the Turks & Caicos Islands has reached the bottom of this correction cycle remains to be seen. What is a firm reality though, are the current conditions. The significant number of valuable properties available at a discount from their previous price, offer unique prospects for investors looking to purchase a small portion of paradise.

Waiting even a few months may mean a missed opportunity.

While predicting any market is a practice which often proves futile (market downturns are often completely unanticipated) there are a few fundamental truths in the world of investing in real estate. One of the most obvious is that the human spirit will always be drawn to the beach... especially if that beach has been voted one of the best in the entire world and comes prepackaged with perfect white sand and iridescent turquoise water. Did I mention the perfect year round 28 degree temperatures and relative safety from extreme weather?

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Here in the Turks & Caicos we are experiencing a buyer's market. The current state of affairs has a great deal to do with the overall economic climate of the planet, along with some particular challenges we faced in the Turks & Caicos; specifically the recent overhaul of our political environment. Recently the United Kingdom has taken a more active role in the day to day governing of our islands and we're focusing on the anticipated positive impact this is sure to have on our economic future.

With the rapid development of the past 20 years, the Turks & Caicos Islands have leapt into the public consciousness. Easily accessible with direct flights from several major United States airports we've always been an ideal place to spend a relaxing holiday, forget about the cares of work, and maybe even find time to reconnect with the people we love. As the islands grew so did our reputation, our tourism industry, and our own recognition of our potential.

While taking care to retain island charm and the peaceful Caribbean atmosphere many of our visitors hope for, we have

made great strides in improving the quality of life for residents and guests alike. Our progressive march toward meeting the needs of a changing population has done much to increase the value of any property located within these beautiful islands.

A modern new hospital set to open in the Spring of 2010 will dispel concerns potential purchasers may have had with regard to healthcare access while on holiday. Advancements in availability and quality of telecommunications mean if you would like to work, or at least be in regular contact with work, while using your "vacation" property, you will be able to do so just as easily as you could from any mainland North American holiday destination.

Something as simple as contemporary grocery stores with abundant fresh produce, familiar products and a wide selection of brand names, make living in the Turks & Caicos, full-time or part-time, an ever increasing pleasure.

Concerns for personal security when purchasing property abroad are natural and sensible. It is good practice to use the

same sorts of precautions when away from home you'd expect to use at home. The Turks & Caicos Islands, in cooperation with the United Kingdom, are making efforts to improve the existing infrastructure. While our emergency response system is up graded, there are several private security companies on island who, if you feel the need, are able to assist in ensuring your holiday property is secure.

We can sit in fear of what has already gone by, or we can view the future from the perspective of the immense possibilities for forward momentum. Our desire to embrace that bigger and better future makes an investment in a vacation property a wise one. If you are in the market for an idyllic vacation home with the potential for long term returns, you've come to the right islands.

The Turks & Caicos Islands have come a long way in the past two decades, but we've only just begun.

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