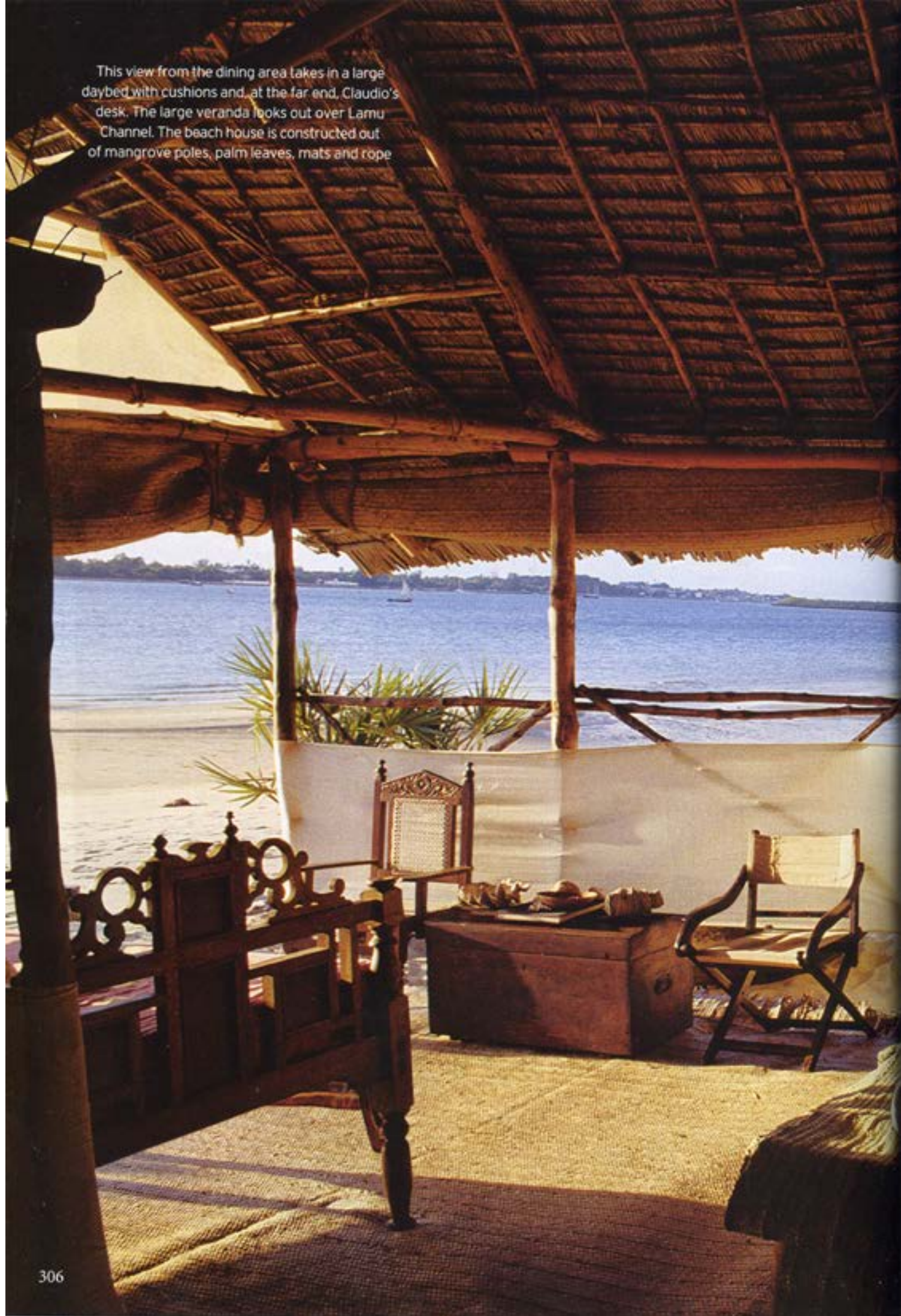


This view from the dining area takes in a large daybed with cushions and, at the far end, Claudio's desk. The large veranda looks out over Lamu Channel. The beach house is constructed out of mangrove poles, palm leaves, mats and rope



Organic Chemistry

ted on an island off the Kenyan coast, Claudio Modola's beach house is a triumphant experiment in sustainable living. Synthesised from a compound of local, naturally available materials, it is sure to inspire a favourable reaction in any visitor. But, as its designer explains, maintaining a semi-stable structure in this challenging environment is an ongoing process. Text and photography: Tim Beddow

