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# Capistrano Castle

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WELCOME TO SAN JUAN CAPISTRANO, CALIFORNIA  
—HOME OF THE BAJWA MANSION

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**F**ROM THEIR DRAMATIC AND IMPOSING FRENCH PERIOD ESTATE in the Southern California, the Bajwa family and their guests enjoy opulent living at the “Castle”: dramatic views of the Pacific Ocean, lavishly maintained grounds that cover five acres, and a 35-room mansion accentuated by marble and the finest furnishings.

Close to home, the Bajwas enjoy the mystique of the historic Mission of San Juan Capistrano and the picturesque scenery of Catalina Island.

The Bajwas’ yacht awaits at nearby Dana Point Harbor. And a short 25-minute drive away lies Orange County’s John Wayne Airport, where the jet is always ready for a quick business trip or a weekend getaway to the family ranch in Temecula, Southern California’s wine country.



**Above:** Farooq and Rizwana Bajwa with sons Omer and Zain.

**Below:** The dramatic elegance of the Castle’s facade.



**Dining Room:** This masterpiece compliments the Grand Room with the similar Louis furniture. The Dining Room is furnished with a Morano Glass Chandelier and place settings that include fine British bone china and hallmarked silver cutlery.



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**The Great Room (above):** From its 30-foot ceilings to the imposing hand-painted fireplace, this room can only be described as the grandest of Hallmark traditions. Here, visitors find themselves in 1,800-square-feet of the finest French tapestry fabrics and a discerning collection of antiques and fine art.

**The Study (right):** Mahogany bookshelves and wall panels; rolled arm Italian calfskin salon; and a leather-bound executive desk makes for an impressive study.



**The Backyard (right):** Family and guests alike can enjoy the splendors of the outdoors and the tranquil harmony of the three waterfalls cascading over an outdoor grotto and whirlpool that adorn the sundeck and sculptured pool.

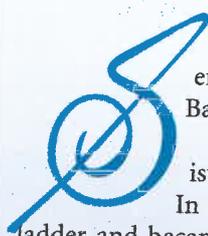
**The Master Bathroom (below):** From its splendid swags and tails to the all-encompassing marble surfaces, this master bathroom is no less than a suite. Its features: a Herculean-sized bathtub, spacious shower room, sauna and a private seating area.

**The Formal Living Room (top):** A grand room adorned with Louis period furniture, custom designed swags and tails, and a fireplace of Italian marble, and a hand-painted patina by local artist Eric Hill.

**The Backyard (middle):** Another view of the grotto and its waterfalls.

**The Guest Suite (bottom):** Here, in the second of two master suites, visitors find a silk-tented canopy, a four-poster bed, and French-painted inlaid cabinetry. Gold leaf accents add the perfect finishing touches.





PECTACULARLY SUCCESSFUL BUSINESSMAN, entrepreneur, and philanthropist Farooq Bajwa was born and raised in Pakistan.

After completing his studies in Pakistan, Bajwa moved to the United States. In a short time, he climbed the corporate ladder and became a well-known executive in the electronics industry. However, it was not long before he felt that he had reached a plateau in corporate America.

Opportunity presented itself and after a brief stint in politics in Pakistan, Bajwa started a computer business out of his garage back in the United States. With smart marketing, low prices, efficient delivery, and a tough negotiation strategy with suppliers, Bajwa grew his business into a successful multinational group of companies.



"Besides being interested in the deal and its structure, I'm more interested in the vision, if you will—what could happen, what might become," says Bajwa, who says the best way to obtain customers is to "make a product that's good value, good quality."

Today, Bajwa's group consists of manufacturing facilities and offices worldwide, including such businesses as computer manufacturing, plastics, textiles, and a national restaurant chain.

Bajwa lives in Southern California with his wife and two sons. He is active in the South Asian community and is a generous supporter of national and local charities. "Not too many people started off with less than I did," he says. "I want to make a difference in the lives of others and reach out to those who are less fortunate." 2

