

Gallery of Master Pools™

A PALETTE
OF POOLSCAPE IDEAS
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Building the world's finest pools



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This palette of poolscape ideas, as created by Master Pools builders from around the world, is brought to you by the Master Pools Guild. Water has a sensory magic that appeals to us all in an ever-changing way — from its sparkling appearance and comforting embrace to its spectrum of musical sounds. Nothing can be so captivating and yet so soothing at the same time.

Master Pools builders are craftsmen skilled at incorporating this magic into your living environment and molding it to fit your lifestyle. Enjoy this Gallery of Master Pools as it showcases the creative integration of water's beauty with homeowners' dreams.



A Private Hide-away

Nestled into your landscape, a pool can bring the seclusion you seek. From the mysterious grottos to the spa perfectly placed behind carefully positioned stones, you will be worlds away from the ordinary. The best part of this hide-away is that you don't have to share it with anyone but those who are truly special to you — it is yours and yours alone. A Master Pools builder understands the desire to tuck this private getaway just steps from your door so that you can experience the joy anytime you wish. From grandiose surroundings to a cozy little swimming pool, they deliver the privacy pool buyers seek. Adding natural looking waterfalls and flowing streams creates the illusion of an island or wilderness vacation spot that you can visit every day.









A Tranquil Treasure

Finding serenity can be easy, especially when you go looking for it in a secret hide-away. Master Pools builders know how to craft amazing retreats that will give you a chance to depressurize from the daily grind. Nature-like settings, complete with dramatic rockwork, pools that look like tropical oasis and landscaping that is as beautiful as it is untamed, are used to create magical places. But the venue doesn't end at the water's edge. Stunning features are crafted to complete the area around the pool. Since you don't spend all of your time swimming or floating, the deck is an important part of the package. Imported travertine and marble, hand-formed brick and stamped concrete are just a few of the materials used to frame the pool, forming a peaceful getaway that is sure to please everyone — including the most chronic Type-A personality.



Beauty from Every Angle



There is no best side, because every side is perfection. When a Master Pools designer creates a poolscape, nothing is left to chance. Everything — from a view of the far-off vistas to the just-right shade of the pool's finish — is calculated to dazzle. Viewed from the top, from the side or from down below, admirers will applaud the builder's art. From well-chosen lighting, lush landscaping and must-have poolside amenities, what surrounds the pool is almost as important as what's in it. Using the best marble, handpicked rocks and the finest man-made materials available, builders are able to conjure up poolscape that produce magic with every twist and turn. Whether a homeowner wants a vanishing edge that seems to spill out into infinity or a classic-shaped pool that evokes memories of a long-ago era, a superbly crafted pool is always recognized as being gorgeous by all those who behold it.





Indoor Splendor

If you imagined the perfect complement to your home and a place where you could enjoy the pleasure of liquid beauty year-round, you would be thinking of an indoor pool. Not only will your pool be available every day for aqua fitness and therapy, but it will be enjoyed for its beauty as well. Friends and family will gather round to spend holidays, spectacular parties or a quiet evening at home in your very own indoor masterpiece. A Master Pools builder will work with your architect to create an indoor work of art that meets your most vivid imagination. It may be completely enclosed or fashioned with walls that open onto outdoor patios for four seasons of enjoyment. For the adventuresome, the pool may even flow from inside out so swimmers can swim between starlit nights on a cool evening and back into the warmth of the inside room. It becomes a place like no other in your home — one where you can express your personality with splendor and experience the joy of living to the max.

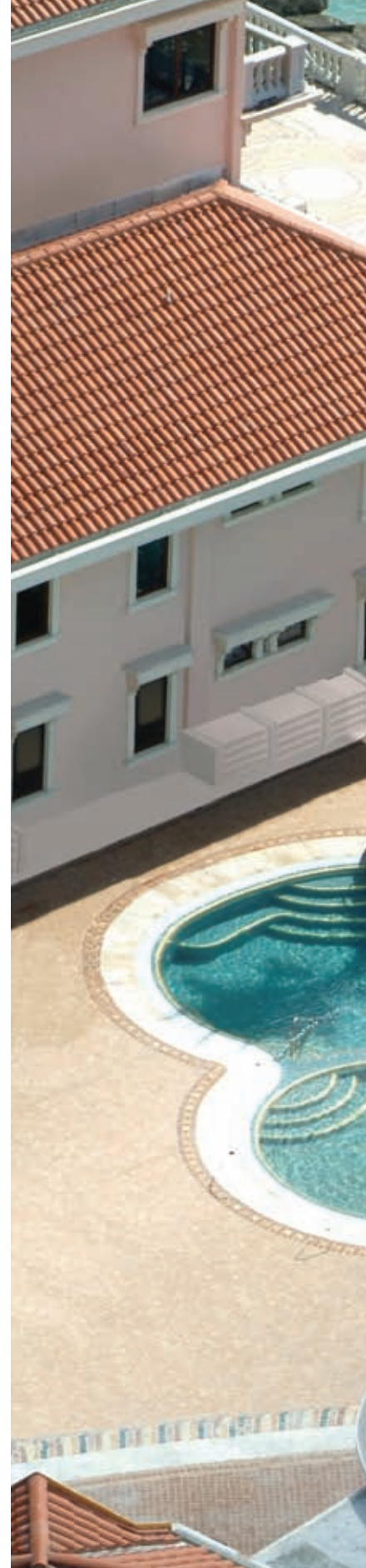




Opulence Abound



When a home is a stunning sensation, then the pool out back can be nothing less than magnificent. From top to bottom, the poolscape must complement the home's sumptuous good looks. Master Pools builders understand this tenet, and they design every aquascape accordingly. Does your house evoke a warm summer's night in the Mediterranean? Then a pool with a Tuscan flair or one that mimics the lushness of a mountaintop villa is in order. Or, perhaps your home is dramatic and is the very essence of modern sleekness. Then the cool, smooth lines of a geometric design would be a perfect fit. Whatever backyard getaway you choose — from a tropical oasis to a classical masterpiece — you can be certain it will sparkle like a diamond in its luxurious setting.



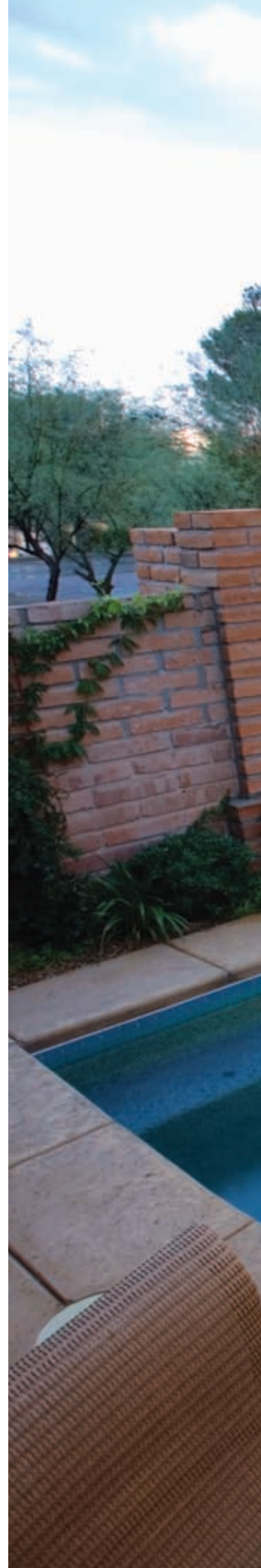


Illuminated Elegance



Warm inviting colors of dusk, twinkling stars, and shimmering pool water, these illuminations don't just happen by chance.

Master Pools builders know what interior pool finish will best capture the essence of the sky and what lighting will highlight the natural beauty of trickling waterways. Applying the latest in lighting technology, lights are placed strategically both in the pool and spa as well as in perimeter landscaping for a total poolscape effect. All can be remote controlled, so you can choose the mood overall or just the colors of shooting laminar jets — from inviting blues to sultry greens and more. Lighting is an art form that transforms the pool or tranquil stream into a spectacular flow of color that takes you to another time and place.







Outdoor Living

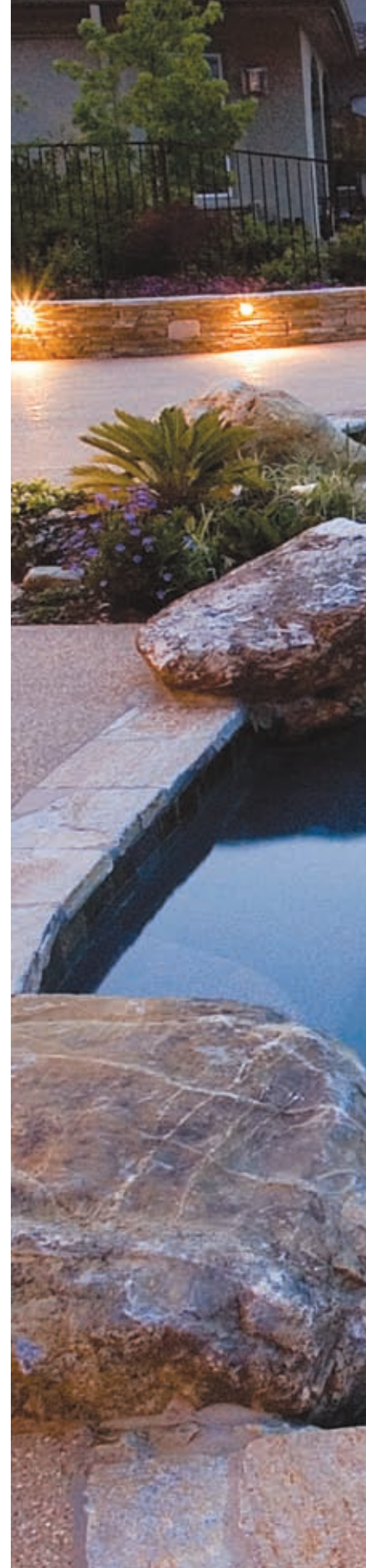
Think of the outside of your house as just one more living room, a setting for family times spent by the pool, or for entertaining friends and business associates. From casual BBQs to elegant catered evenings overlooking the shimmering water as a sheer descent waterfall makes music, who can resist being outside when the space is truly designed for living? With a spacious deck surrounded by colorful lush landscaping, a kitchen fully equipped and ready for you to show off your culinary skills, and a crystal clear pool, magic can be added to any setting day or night. Between swimming, reading the latest bestseller, playing a game or two of cards, napping, and eating a snack from the nearby kitchen — there is no need to go inside. There will be plenty of time for that later. For now, the outdoors is where it's at!



Rock Your World



Integrating rocks into the poolscape seems like the natural thing to do. Two amazing materials interacting — one moment providing the tranquil setting of a still pond reflecting the intriguing irregular rock shapes, and shortly thereafter, its picture changed by a gentle breeze that leaves sparkling reflective beauty in its wake. Nothing produces more excitement around a pool than the sight and sounds of water rushing over a carefully crafted waterfall built by large strategically stacked natural stones. Who would have thought that rocks could awaken the senses so completely? Imagine a tropical hide-away without the rockwork. Now imagine it with the secret grotto, the diving rock and the edging created from carefully placed boulders. That can be your secret place. Master Pools builders know how to rock your pool world.





Reflective Radiance

Every passing breeze alters how water catches the sky's radiance and reflects its surroundings. As if painted on the surface, it captures the colorful hues and clouds as day transitions to night. And it starts all over the next day — just a little different — starting with the soft early morning light that gives way to brighter colors later in the day and finishing with mellow tones at twilight. By looking into the depths of a pool that is tranquil and glass-like, a person can almost see into infinity. Creating ways to capture this is an art. Relying on years of skill and expertise, Master Pools builders expertly craft settings to take advantage of the reflective power of water. When left undisturbed by nature's breath, they act like mirrors. Homeowners can doubly enjoy their getaway — in all of its natural beauty, and again, as reflected by their looking-glass pool.









Elegance in Bloom

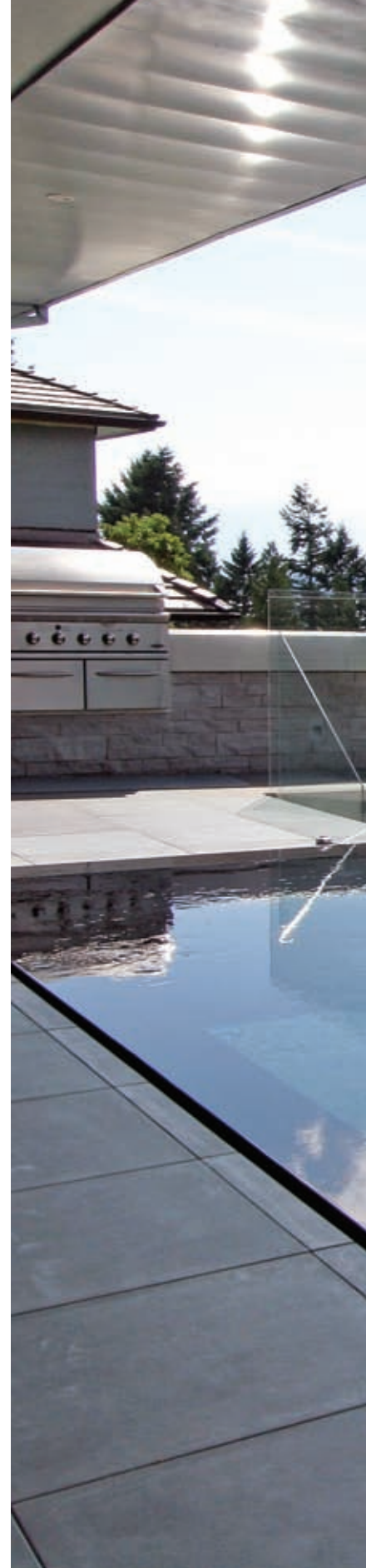
A pool is more than concrete and water: it's the perfect place that stirs the soul and takes your breath away. When you look around, you see beauty that has no limits. It's inviting waters that are bordered by carefully selected boulders, tiles and blooms, and luxury not achieved by just any design. Master Pools builders blend the home, landscape and other features to create a complete backyard oasis. Colors, shapes and views each add to the overall enjoyment of pool ownership. A pool cannot be designed properly without knowing expectations, dreams, and what your imagination holds. Do you desire a poolscape with colorful landscaping or a bubbling spa that can be enjoyed year-round? It has taken years of experience and thousands of pools to develop this keen insight. No one does it better.



A View from the Top



From the top, the world looks perfect and limitless. There are no boundaries and nothing to hold you back from your dreams. Today, many homes are set apart from the everyday, with views of hills and mountains, or set among natural tree lines to give homeowners the privacy they seek. Building a pool on these lots can be a wonderful challenge with exquisite results. From the gorgeous tile work to the superbly crafted amenities that dot the venue, every aspect of the exceptional design is carefully considered so that it fits perfectly into the landscape. The fine line that separates the real world from the secret backyard getaway is blurred, allowing guests to believe that they have traveled to a place that is all their own. The negative edge on the pool seems to flow endlessly into a far-off lake, while the incredible blending of blues invites comparison to hues found usually only on butterflies or flowers.







The New Living Room

Listen can you hear it? *It's a long fly ball.* *An out of here home run!* Or maybe it's *Frankly my dear...* that famous line from *Gone With the Wind*. But wait! You aren't in your living room. You are floating on a raft in your pool. The future is here, and the possibilities are endless when it comes to pool technology, construction and landscaping. More importantly, adding a little more of who you are and what you like is where pool design is heading. If television or piped-in music throughout your pool isn't your style, perhaps a more elegant room with a fireplace and armchairs would suit. Sink deep into comfort in your outdoor surroundings as you treat yourself to what you like best. Whatever your dream, Master Pools builders can help you realize the next level in personalizing your poolscape — inside or out.



Inspired by Nature



If imitation is the best form of flattery, then pools crafted to appear like natural wonders must make Mother Nature feel quite pleased with her charms. Fashioned to look like their sisters on the other side of the fence, pools built with boulders, rocks and other indigenous materials are amazing testaments to the Master Pools builder's ability to turn inspiration into magnificent reality. While copying nature is not easy, being inspired by it is. Bringing the sense of nature and the interplay of water and rock into your backyard brings a sense of nature's tranquility and beauty. Master Pools builders create pool features designed to fit as harmonious extensions of their surroundings. Visually integrating the flow and sound of water from pools, spas and streams create a natural environment with a sense of untamed beauty in your own backyard.





Liquid Luxury

Luxury is all about what pampers us best. Now and then, we all deserve to be spoiled, so why not live every day with a pool that reflects your lifestyle — be it with quiet comfort or elegance, or awe-inspiring water features. It is all a matter of how luxury is defined by you. Master Pools builders know how to add style, luxury and value to any home while making the pool a vital part of your life. Your poolscape will quickly become a family room, kitchen and playroom all in one. Or if you wish, an elegant place for evening entertaining. Choose from an endless array of colors and material choices, as well as accents and water features in order to capture your family's personality and meet *your* definition of luxury.









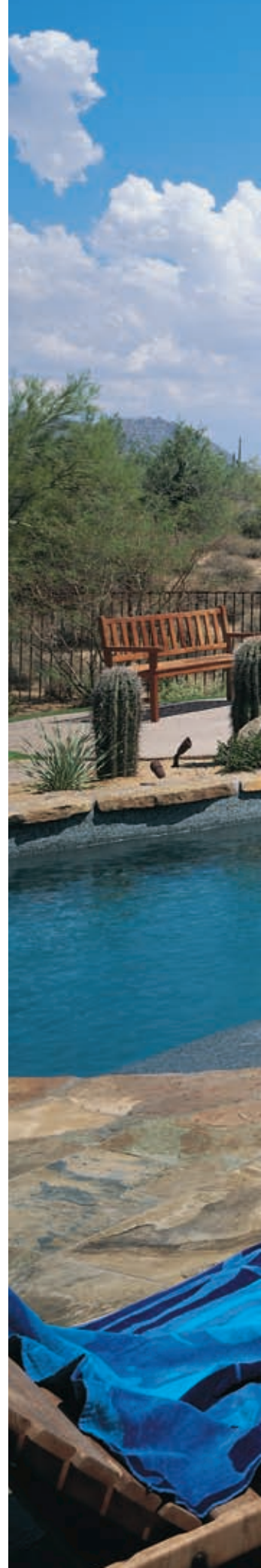
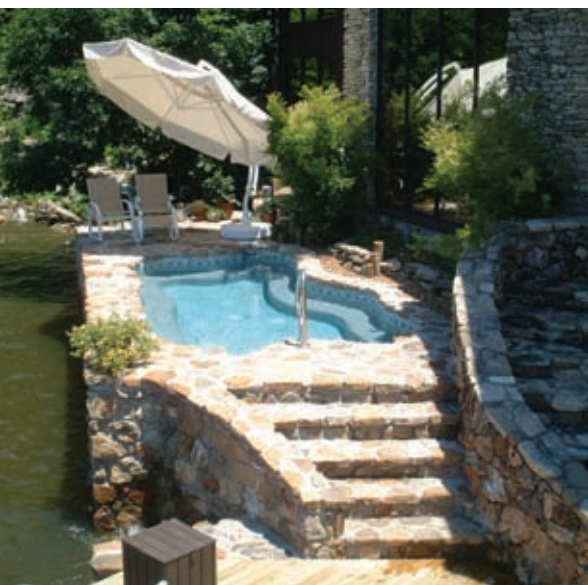
A Grand Entrance

First impressions are lasting. A grand entrance to your outdoor living area sets the scene and makes an invitation to come further. How your poolscape is viewed from inside your home and the entranceway to your outdoors will be forever remembered and appreciated. Using the best marble, travertine, brick and stone available, Master Pools builders produce waterscapes that are pure and harmonious in their design. Carefully constructed, these poolscapes ebb and flow softly from one area to the next, seducing the swimmer to try its pleasures. Relax in the spa or take a vigorous swim in the pool and finish with a nap on the spacious surrounding deck. These are all promises made from the very first glimpse. And isn't that the true description of elegance?



A Step Above

You may know it as the ultimate Led Zeppelin track from the early 70s, but did you ever think you could have a *Stairway to Heaven* right outside your door? Master Pools builders work to create swimming pools that make you feel like you have reached the pinnacle in comfort. You will feel like you are drifting on a cloud as you float around the pool and enter a world of relaxation, excitement and endless possibilities. They have taken pool design up a step with mid-pool sunning rocks where you can sit and soak in the rays or dangle your feet in the cooling waters. These can also double as a mini table where you can stop for a quick drink without ever having to leave the pool. It's about as close to cloud nine as you can get.

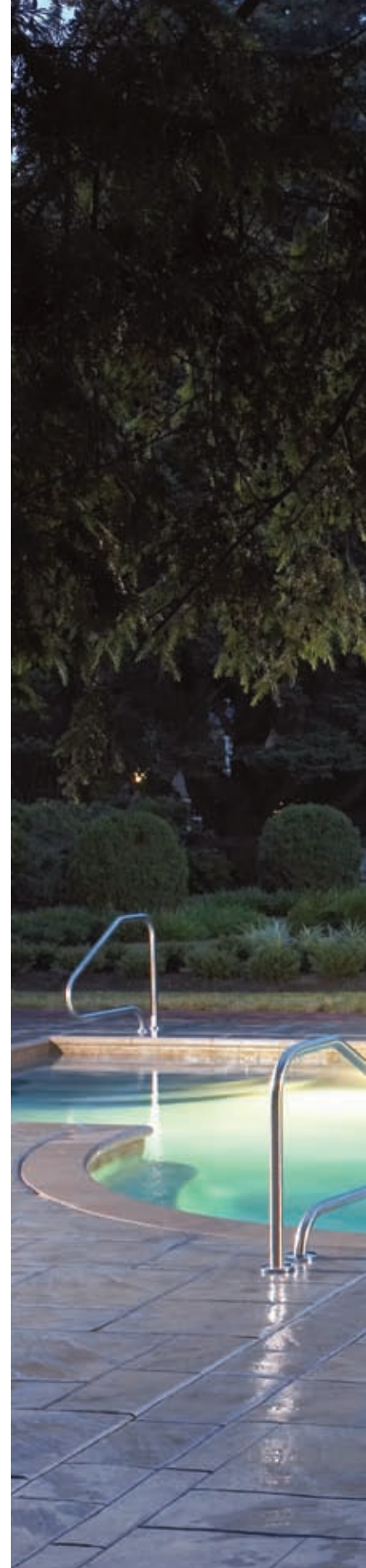




Classic Beauty



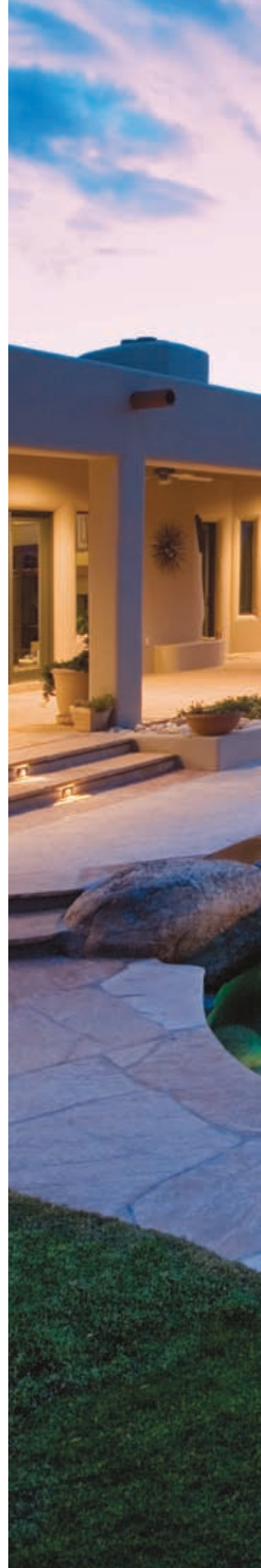
There are just some things that people consider to be classic beauties, whether it's the painting of the *Mona Lisa* or the elegance of a movie star, and when it comes to pools, there are just some designs that have tastefully stood the test of time. A Master Pools builder recognizes when a homeowner is searching for a traditional backyard swimming pool, and designs a classic aquatic haven that will complement a home's architecture. Classic pools still come with all the modern technology and exquisite accents that blend perfectly with almost any landscape, and can turn a home into the ideal backdrop for an amazing, yet refined poolscape. More precious time can be spent with friends and family in an environment that has an irresistible draw. You will always want to have your annual family barbecue and monthly dinner parties poolside. Your pool is a place to make memories, to celebrate, to relax. And with a timeless design, you can be sure it will do just that.





Mystic Lights

Adventurous eyes often look to the pending night skies to experience a spectacular sunset. Once the moon rises, our eyes travel to the pool to view a shimmering display across the water. While nature's own fireworks are often unpredictable, you can give your poolscape lasting illumination with the right combination of color, lighting and fire features. From dusk till dawn, enjoy the scene of your Master pool as bold bursts of light flicker across the water, providing a striking allure of reds, greens and blues that bring the surrounding landscape to life. As the evening passes, a softer mood can be set with a cascading waterfall or the gentle trickle of water in a well-lit dining area or along a moonlit path. All are skillfully designed by your builder and easily operated with programmable and remote control devices. By choosing a Master Pools builder for your pool, your living piece of artistry will never cease to amaze you.

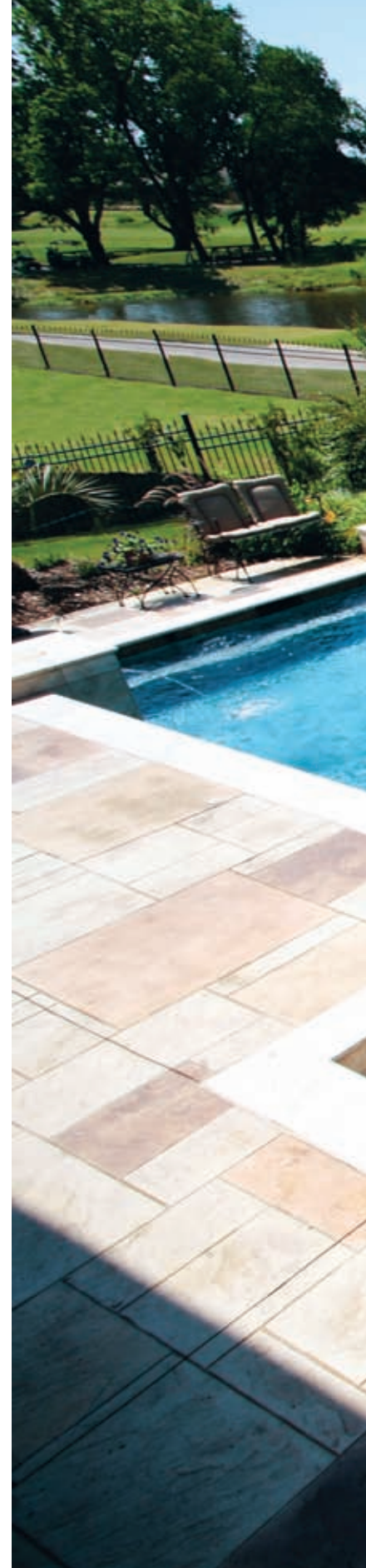




A Geometry of Relaxation



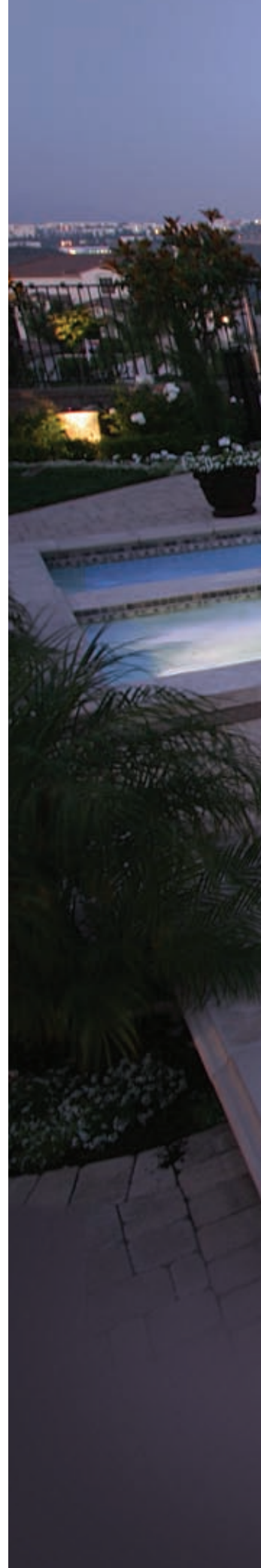
Angles of the classic spa, planes of the raised deck and shapes with straight lines that define the edges create the geometric design of your pool. But all you need to know is that when you spend time by your pool, you are getting exactly what you wanted: relaxation. Spending time poolside should be a pleasure like no other. Unwind in the spa as you gaze upon the pool below and admire the angles that crafted this beauty. Revel in its distinctive design that includes a wall of flowing water, the finest tiles and spectacular views. While geometrically shaped pools are nothing new to the industry, there is certainly a recent resurgence in interest on the part of pool owners. Classic styles with long lean lines and sudden edges are turning heads these days. Fortunately, Master Pools builders know their geometry and combine that knowledge with just the right amount of creativity. So relax and don't think about what formula was used to create it... just enjoy it!





Cutting-edge Designs

The use of straight lines and conventional geometric shapes is the foundation of avant-garde designs with a dramatic twist. Sleek edges and expertly angled corners showcase eye-catching features, such as an elevated firebowl or a triangular-shaped firepit. Multi-leveled decks and entryways, as well as elongated edges, extend the space of your poolscape, creating plenty of seating and fun places to relax and socialize. The exterior of your home and the carefully chosen colors and textures of the pool's decking and interior are all meant to bring the prominent shape and scope of your pool to life. Dedicated to quality design and perfectly executed installation, members of the Master Pools Guild never cut corners with their customers — unless of course such corners and contoured edges are a vital part of the pool's design!







Raising the Bar

This is the ultimate entertainment pool — a huge rock mountain with a slide, jumping rocks, grotto, spa, bridge and waterfalls built into its rugged façade. What more could you want for family fun? You can be sure *WOW* is the first thing all visitors say when they see this poolscape! Playing maestro to a water show for guests is half the fun, demonstrating how a gentle trickle of water can change to a surging waterfall or the lights at night change into a colorful strobe-like party mode — all subtly controlled by a remote control unit. Designed to be enjoyed as much from the deck as in the pool — the visual intrigue from its ever-changing reflections and the music from water spilling over the rocks provides endless hours of enjoyment. You are limited only by your imagination and the hydraulic laws of physics. From there, Master Pools builders will figure out how to construct it for you. They have been raising the bar in pool design for over forty-five years.



Dancing Waters



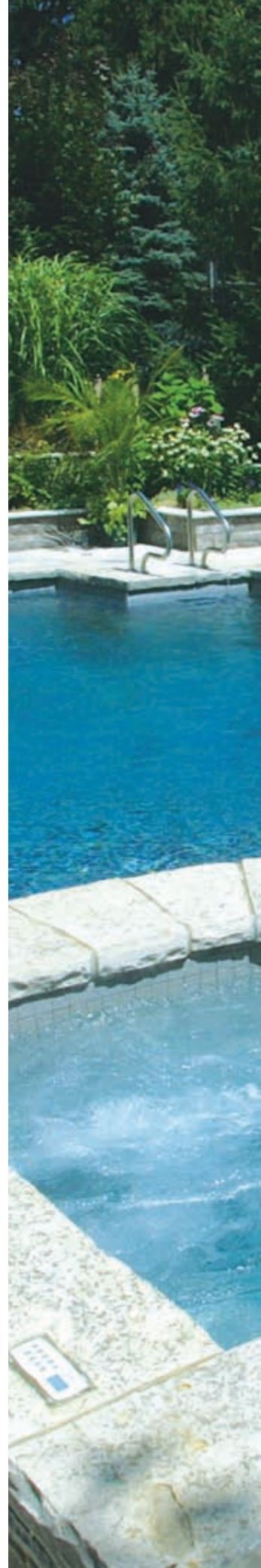
There is something about the sounds of moving water that lures people to its source. The rushing waters of famous rivers, the crashing waves of the Atlantic and the Pacific, even the dancing fountains outside the Bellagio cause you to stop, stare and smile. The pleasing and exciting effect of rolling waters is inarguable, but you do not have to travel the world to experience it. An attractive water feature or two can be the perfect match for your pool. Let it entice you with the calming trickle of a sculpture-like fountain or entertain you with the exhilarating vibrance of a color-changing sheer-descent waterfall. All with the push of a button, a multi-tiered cascade of water comes to life, turning your pool into a setting like no other. Whether you opt for an elaborate set of geysers or subtle mini-fountains, adding water features really makes a splash with everyone!





Stepping in Style

A pool's design not only complements your home and surroundings but also your personal taste and lifestyle. As soon as you enter your backyard, you begin your journey into an expertly planned poolscape with clear refreshing water inviting you to come in. It is no secret that adults and kids alike spend more time sitting or splashing around the pool stairs than swimming the length of the pool. This natural inclination to gather by the steps has led pool builders to innovate with shapes and designs that not only make pools more versatile, but also enhance their overall look and appeal. Steps that extend the length of the pool work like the backyard equivalent to French doors in the home, welcoming swimmers to enter a place that is truly exquisite. With a Master Pools builder design, you'll soon be welcoming your guests to a unique new meeting place — one that is truly exquisite.



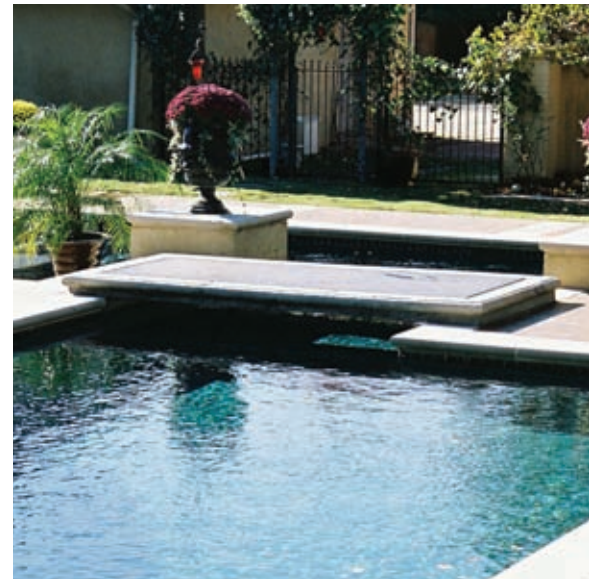






A Bridge through Paradise

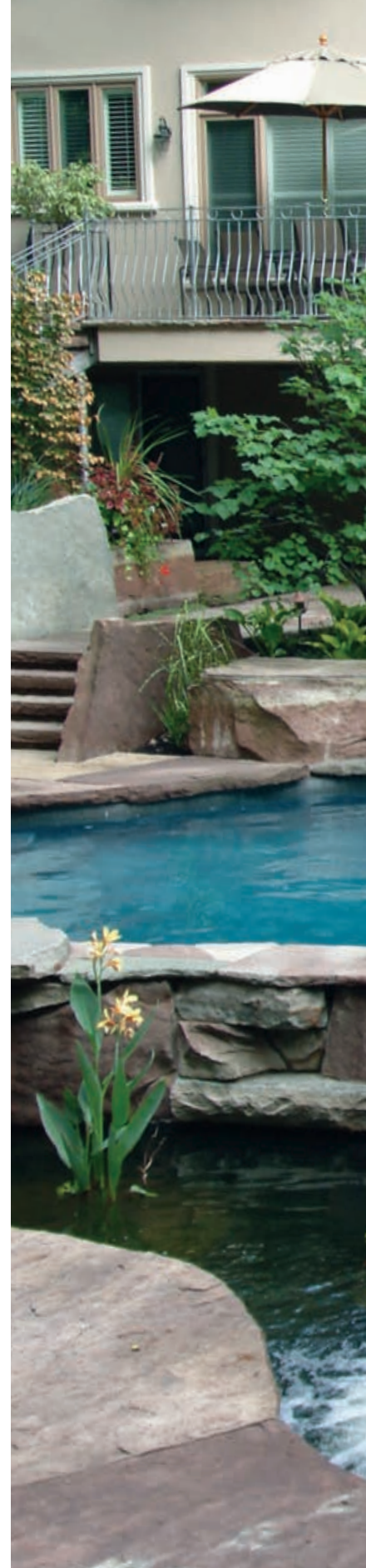
Unlike the song, these bridges cross over clearly *untroubled* — and in fact magnificent! — waters. Your body and soul release the stresses of the day and your mind begins to ease as you walk through a scene reminiscent of a babbling brook or a day at the park. Bridges can provide the ultimate accent to your poolscape, enhancing its overall look and drawing you in. As if entering a paradisaical aqualand, a bridge not only creates a physical connection from one edge of your poolscape to the other, but also an emotional tie to the special haven you have created. Wooden bridges evoke a quaint, old-world charm, while contemporary pavers create simple yet unique walkways. When it comes to adding features that give your pool a little character, a Master Pools builder will always guide you in the right direction — which may just be a skip and a hop over your new bridge!



Perfect Harmony



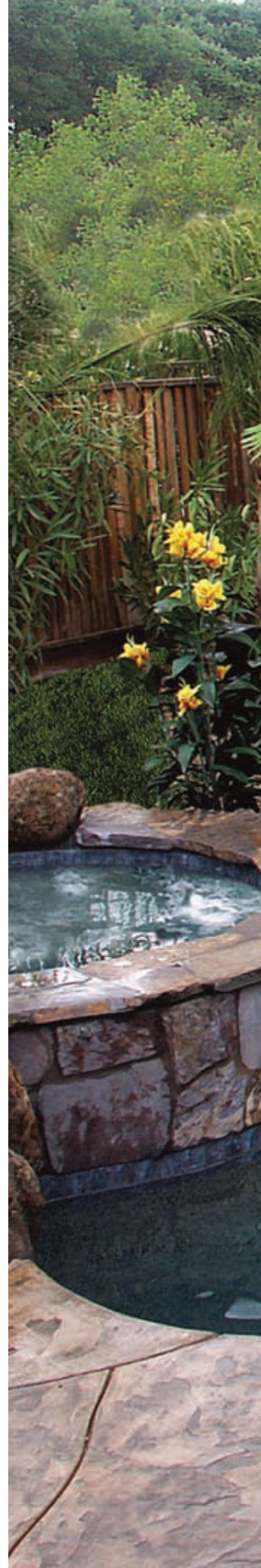
Night or day, it's easy to tell when a pool is in perfect coexistence with its surroundings. Whether your ideal pool will serve as a large entertainment area for pool parties or a simple accent to lush landscaping and rockwork, every Master Pools builder takes the look and location of your house into careful consideration. From natural rock formations and tree lines to the architectural style of your house, a Master Pool always brings the entire scene to life and is designed to look as if it was created by Mother Nature herself. The harmony between the pool and the fish pond with water flowing from one rock ledge to another creates the illusion of oneness. Every detail of your pool's design — from the colors and texture of the decking to strategically placed planters — adds a perfect complement to your home, making your entire backyard a work of art.





Polynesian Pleasure

For a festive pool environment that will be the setting for all celebratory occasions, you can't go wrong with the vibrant colors and attention-grabbing features of a Polynesian-style pool. Beach entries, cascading waterfalls and lagoon-shaped designs all lend themselves to creating a tropical oasis. Thatched-roofed gazebos, bars and umbrellas, and dried palms give the impression of just stepping onto the beach. Your Master Pools builder can give your backyard a look that is both festive and exotic when your guests arrive, yet tranquil and soothing when it is time to relax. With the pool taking center stage in this resort-like sanctuary, it's like having a vacation getaway 365 days a year!







Old World Charm

Ancient castles and imposing mansions evoke visions of a time and place where detail was shown through intricate designs and the careful placement of beautiful structures. Each was located on stunning stretches of land with magnificent fountains or elegant reflecting pools. You too can add the flavor of old-world grandeur to your outdoor sanctuary through the shape and design of your luxury pool. Let your home absorb the same charm with classic designs that have stood through the ages. A Master Pools builder employs modern techniques and advanced technology to create a quality of pool that flows gracefully with the period of the architecture. And such dedication never goes unappreciated. Traditional designs take you to the celebrated eras of centuries past, yet their appeal remains timeless.



Desert Mirage



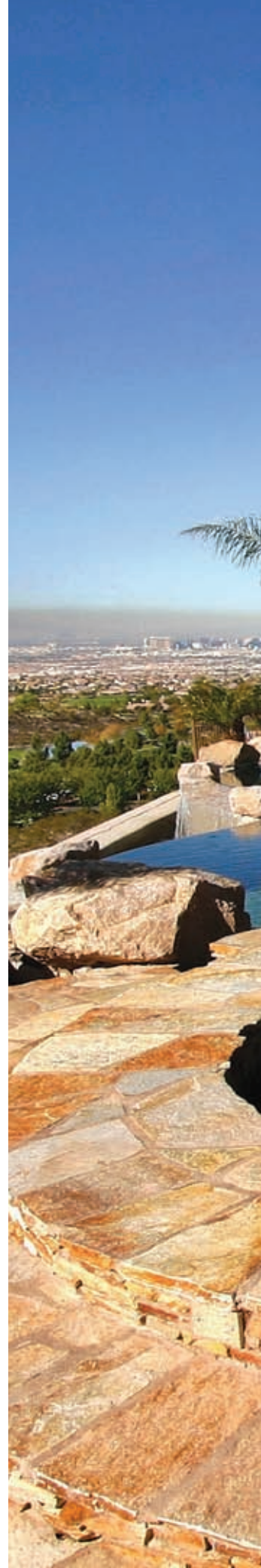
Terra cotta planters, earth tones and Saguaro cacti come to mind when you think of desert-inspired landscaping. But what Southwestern home would be complete without a pool and spa? When the air is dry and the sun is scorching, you'll no longer hide indoors. Enjoy the endless sky and rustic colors of the land, listen to the rush of the nearby waterfall and let your gaze tumble to the infinity edge that vanishes into the horizon. The refreshing waters cool you by day and glisten under the desert night sky. Authentic or faux rockwork bordered by natural-hued decking and coping set the scene for a desert oasis like no other, in your own backyard.





Spectacular Views from the Top

The only thing that could enhance the view from the top of a mountain is having that beauty reflected across water in the foreground. This feeling of inspiration that takes your breath away does not have to be something you just check off your list of tourist attractions. You can look forward to moments like these every day as you stare upon or simply catch a glimpse of your Master pool. Whether you dangle your feet from the pool's edge, look out the kitchen window or lounge on the upstairs balcony, your backyard sanctuary is just like having a beach house with an ocean view. A Master Pools builder takes the look and shape of your pool from every elevation and vantage point into consideration. By observing the lay of the land and forming an overall picture, each detail comes together like a piece of a puzzle. And once the puzzle is complete, you can stand back and appreciate your aquatic masterpiece from the top.







Living on the Edge

What is it like, living on the edge? It's exciting, invigorating and most of all, boundless — it's a vanishing edge pool where there is no end to the imagination. A pool is traditionally defined by its borders, but the negative-edge design takes it far past any limits. Even classic styled pools can incorporate this exciting feature to take advantage of distant vistas better viewed across glistening waters, bringing your backyard to the edge of the horizon. And if by chance you are viewing the back of the vanishing edge from the garden, the Master Pools builder may have created a stone wall for the water to flow over, like a gentle waterfall ending in a trickling stream below.

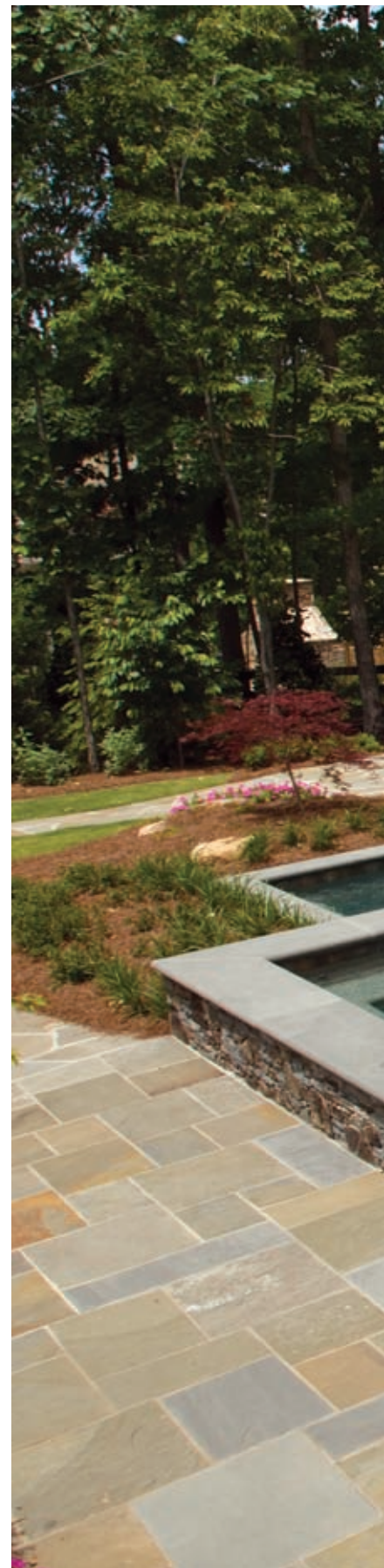
Take that first step to the edge — and we are certain that you will make the leap.



Graceful Poolscapes



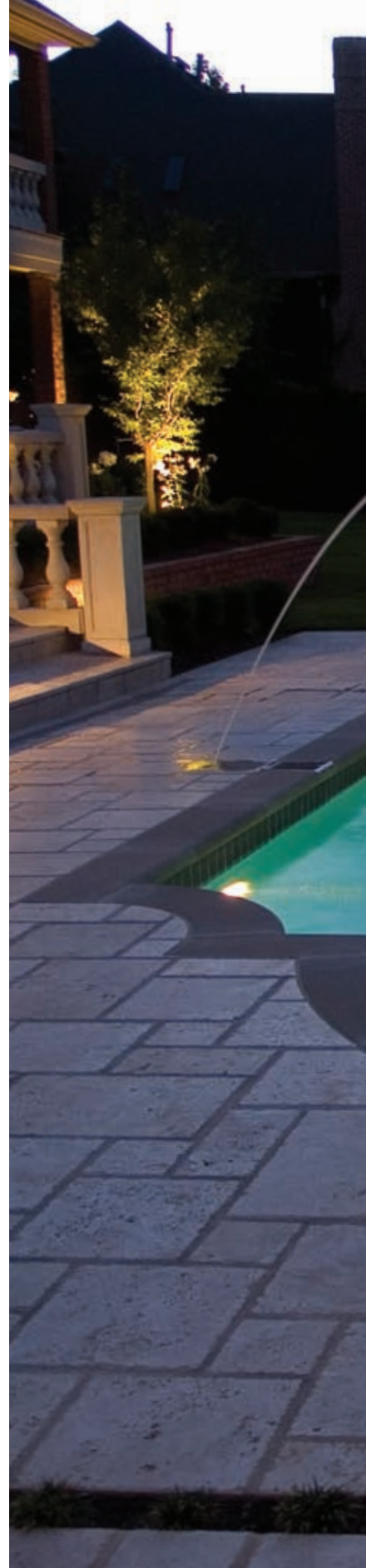
When you hear the word *graceful*, what comes to mind? A person who walks with confidence? A path winding through a garden where the colors flow perfectly into one another? As guests enter your yard, you know they see the elegant lines of a poolscape only skilled craftsmen can make. Your Master Pools builder took time to know you and your lifestyle. You chose the mood of quiet grace and to offer your guests leisurely afternoons and candlelit dinners. A moment in time for them — a life full of moments for you. They may be quietly taking it all in, while you reflect on the fact that it's yours to enjoy every day — and you do. Master Pools builders produce waterscapes that are pure and harmonious in their design. Carefully constructed, the poolscape softly ebbs and flows from one section to the next. A swimmer can change moods easily. Relaxation time in the spa can be transformed into a vigorous swim in the pool, finished by a nap on the deck. In the end, guests are struck with how peacefully exquisite the entire setting is — and isn't that the true definition of grace?





A Cozy Retreat

Whoosh — the days, and weeks go by so quickly in our fast-paced lives. We need to find more time for ourselves and to enjoy our families and friends. The solution is easy — create a secret retreat out back. Think about it — a pool, spa, hidden grotto, spacious deck, outdoor kitchen, comfy furnishings, crackling fire, and melodious waterfall or water jets are just a few of the amenities that make a Master Pools poolscape the place to get away from it all — and to re-discover old friendships. Reconnect with your children and find a little romance time with your spouse. With just the right amount of magic, Master Pools designers can create from nothing a private place you can call your own. You owe it to yourself, and you can share your retreat with whomever you wish!







Tropical Rainfall

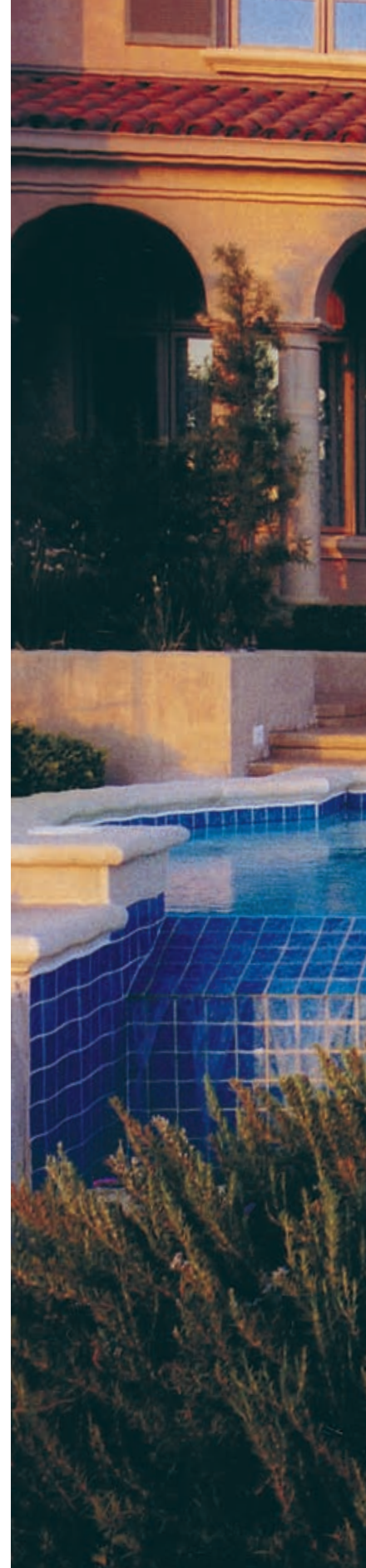
Few sounds are as musical as the gentle sound of water. Many find rainfall the most peaceful melody on earth. Recreating this mood in your pool is just a step away with a Master Pools builder working with you. Look past the waterfall of rocks or stones and visualize a curtain of crystal clear water flowing from the eaves of a cabana or from the edge of a bridge. Imagine how it will feel when the weather turns hot, and standing beneath a shower of water instantly transports you to running through sprinklers as kids and showering in falling streams on long ago wilderness hikes. Your guests will rave about the visual effect and soothing experience of listening to the soft flowing water. And if a complete rainfall can't be arranged in your plan's forecast, sounds of lighter showers may be possible with sheer descents and other water features that play a similar tune.



Romantic Getaway



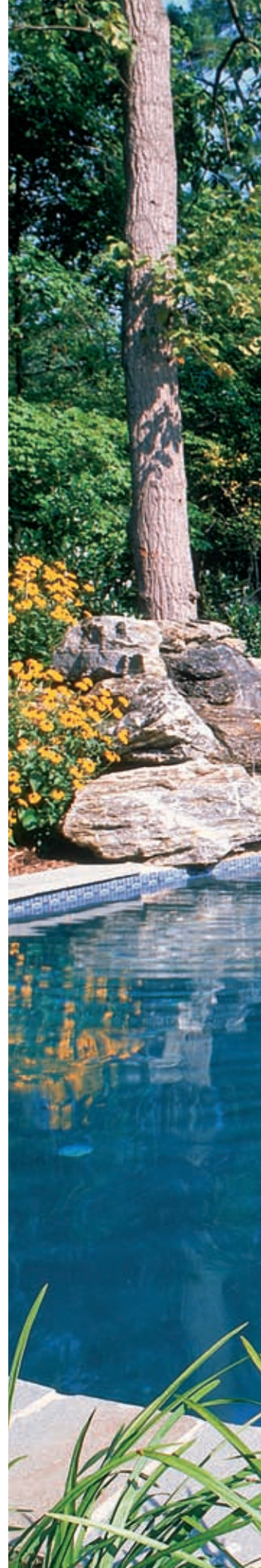
Finding alone time with your significant other can be quite the challenge these days. While you may plan a few trips or eat at an eloquent restaurant on Valentine's Day, how do you keep the spark lit in your day-to-day life? With a luxury swimming pool, rekindling the romance is no more than a few steps outside your door. Imagine returning from work, taking your partner's hand and strolling into the atmosphere of an exclusive couples resort. Multi-colored mood lighting, cascading waterfalls and gorgeous fountains evoke the moment when that special someone first took your breath away. The sweet smell of aromatic plants and the serenity of a sun setting behind crystal clear water creates the perfect setting for much needed — and often long-awaited — alone time. Your honeymoon may have lasted only a week, but a Master pool offers a mini holiday every day, any time.





Secluded Sanctuaries

We all need a sanctuary to just be alone or with those most treasured in our lives. A place secluded from the busy world and sometimes even our neighbors, as nice as they might be. A haven we can share with close friends and just be ourselves with no pretenses or false bravado. A Master pool is just such a place, nestled into the landscaping — a natural retreat that still allows a view of distant splendor. A Master Pools builder can create the seclusion with rock formation and vegetation to complement the azure pool and accompany it with the music of trickling water features that masks unwanted noise and provides privacy from adjacent neighbors. Close your eyes and visualize what your sanctuary could be like; then open them and let your Master Pools builder make it a reality.



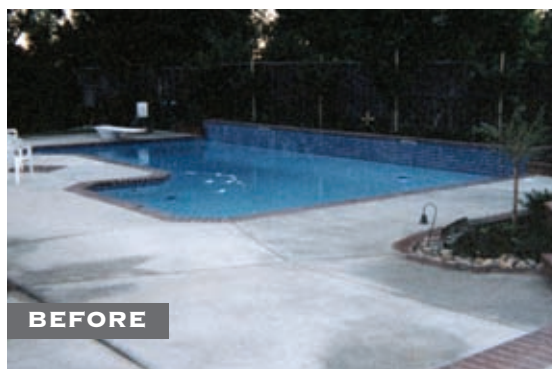






Better by Redesign

A dazzling place you never knew could exist is just around the bend. Swimming pools have been around since ancient Rome, but recently designs and options have been changing rapidly with advances in technology and construction techniques. While your pool may offer a convenient place to swim, it could offer so much more to your overall outdoor lifestyle and be easier to maintain as well. A poolscape remodel by a Master Pools builder will bring a whole new meaning to the word *spectacular* when describing your backyard. Adding real or faux rockwork or waterfalls, replacing the decking with new colors and textures, adding a fountain, a waterslide or grotto are just a few ways to create an exciting entertainment center in your yard. The days of referring to your pool as “nothing special” are gone — it’s time to create your new poolscape.

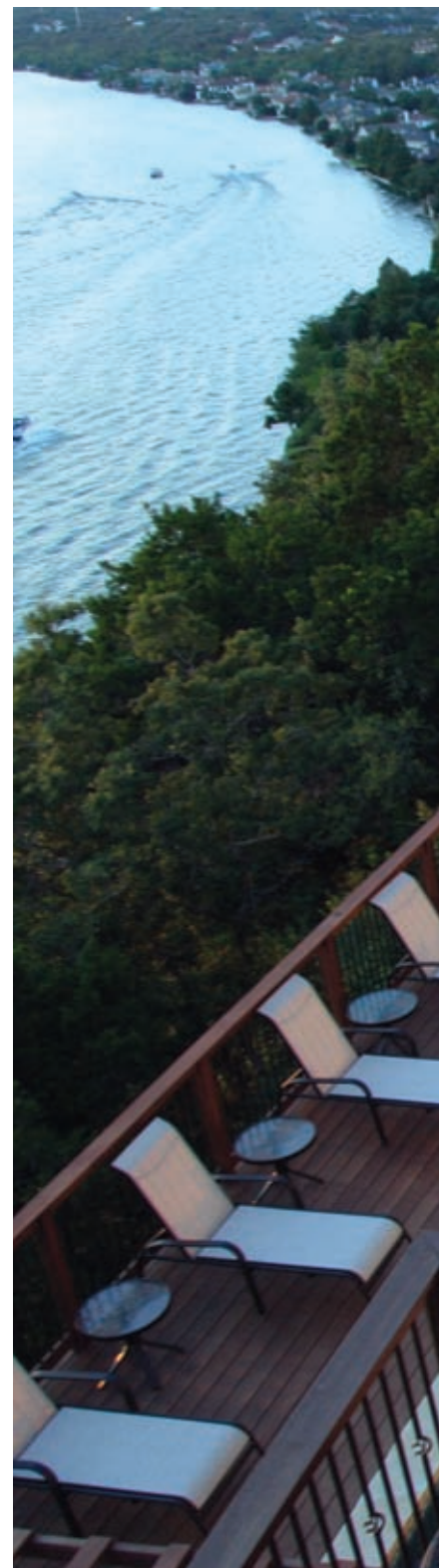


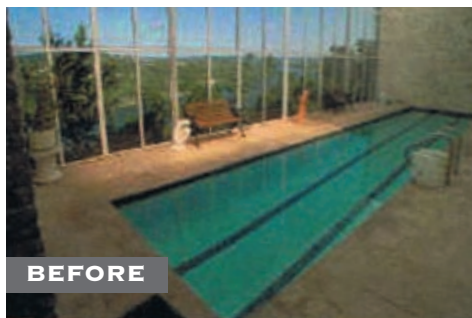
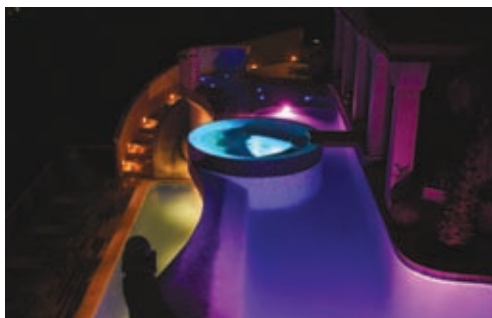
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A Whole New World

You just moved or remodeled your home — but the poolscape still has the look of the old house and doesn't even register on the emotion scale. It is time for a makeover! A poolscape remodel by a Master Pools builder can be as dramatic as a house remodel and just as impressive. The plan outlines the work to be done and the vision for the outcome. It can be that elegant contemporary design of your dreams, complete with spas perched to take advantage of far-away vistas across the pool's vanishing edge, and multi-tiered water features cascading to levels below. It is like getting a second chance to own a new pool, and this time there are so many more great features to include. This time, you can personalize to your outside living space! Remodeling your pool will create a whole new world in your backyard.

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On Your Way to a Beautiful Poolscape

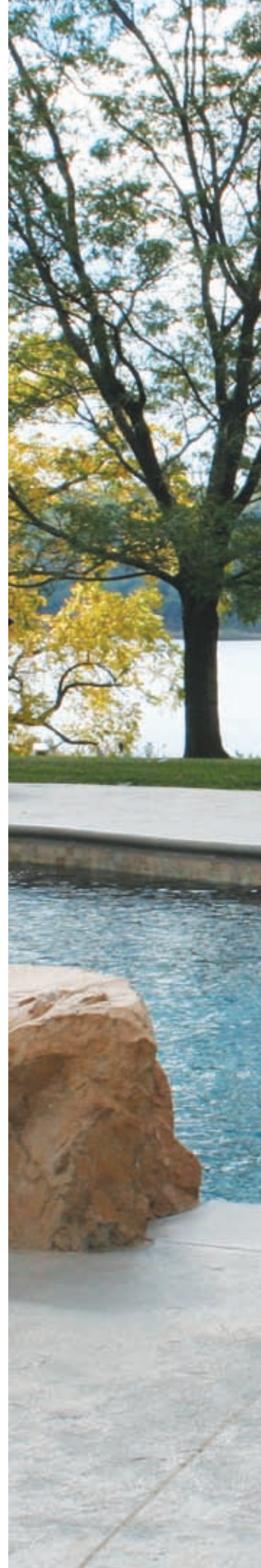
When planting a garden, you have a world of options to consider. You want to choose the right variety of plants to get the best mix of color, shape, texture and fragrance — without overdoing it. It is the same when planning your poolscape. Adding the reflective quality of water can create a backyard oasis that is both beautiful and functional. A swimming pool can be a valuable asset to your property and lifestyle, enticing you to spend more time outdoors, but how do you create the perfect poolscape?

Custom designs allow you to personalize a poolscape to meet your style, needs and desires. Fun, relaxation, exercise, romance... take your pick. One pool can satisfy all of these functions or target just one, tailoring each and every aspect to your lifestyle — from

the landscaping to the interior finish. One of the first things to consider is the look of the pool and how it will blend into the surrounding environment and architecture. Master Pools builders always keep this in mind while they are designing. Their knowledge and skills in deciding which features and materials look best against unique backdrops is paramount.

An infinity-edge pool, also referred to as a vanishing or negative-edge, has water running over one or more sides of the pool, which allows the pool to blend perfectly into its natural environment, creating a striking effect. If you reside near a large body of water, this feature gives the illusion of water flowing seamlessly into the lake or ocean. Other illusions, such as a perimeter-overflow pool feature, pours water over all the edges and into a trough below deck-level. This effect imitates a natural body of water, and when combined with a dark interior, the pool looks like your own private lake.

For a tropical feel, lush, colorful foliage and natural or faux rock waterfalls and boulders can surround a curvy, lagoon-style pool. Add a tiki-bar and your family reunions and children's birthday parties take on a luau theme. If you are looking for a taste of the islands with a touch of elegance, a beach entry replaces traditional steps with a gradually sloping deck that flows right into the pool. Beach entries









provide an ideal place to keep cool while sunbathing and for young children to play. The list of options is endless, ranging from functional elements such as underwater benches, tanning ledges and swim-up bars with underwater barstools to exotic grottos and crashing waterfalls that add “wow-factor” and excitement. Your pool can have a daytime look and a nighttime look, each possessing a unique spark to meet your varied entertaining modes.

Pay attention to the sun’s movement across your property, to how and where the sun hits, and to the shadows created by existing trees in full bloom. Your house, a wooden fence or a tall tree on the neighbor’s property may create shaded areas during different times of the day, affecting the placement of lounge chairs and dining tables. Even the sun’s reflection on the water can appear more brilliant depending on the pool’s strategic placement. If you have not considered these factors, relax, because your Master Pools Builder already has.

With years of experience, these elite poolscape designers recognize the artistic potential of every site while factoring in the engineering requirements. They will help you make the most out of your pool design, so when night falls, your swimming experience does not have to end. Poolside entertaining has become more popular as homeowners place more emphasis on their outside “living room.” A beautiful aquascape is something you want to use and show off. Elements of fire, with flames rising from stone pillars or a water feature, set the mood for drama, excitement and romantic evenings. Firepits and fireplaces offer light and beckon guests to gather round. Dramatic uplighting and subtle downlighting accent the beauty of your plants, shrubs and flowers, otherwise lost once the stars come out. Lit walkways and pool lighting enhance the shapes and textures in your yard, while also providing a transition from the home to the pool.

One feature, or combination of features, can make your pool an experience like no other. A few laminar jets, which shoot continuous arcs of water from the deck into the pool, can provide a hint of elegance as well as the gentle sounds of flowing water. For something more attention-grabbing, you can install fiber-optic and LED lighting that change the jets’ color and accent the deck area with a decorative waterbowl. Digital technology and remote controls have made water features more popular and easy to control. With the touch of a button from inside your home, you can turn on waterfalls, make fountains come to life, get the spa bubbling and set the pool water to a comfortable temperature. By the time you have your swimsuit on and grab a towel, your pool is at your service. Conveniences like these make those impromptu dips worth taking.

The skills and talents of today’s pool builders allow you to have a pool that is as sleek and simple or as bold and extravagant as you want. With today’s world of options ready for the taking, how do you find the right combination to build your ideal poolscape? The Master Pools builders are the answer. Look for the Master Pools Guild logo beside their names to identify them as the exclusive Guild members in your region. They will be honored to transform your backyard into your own personal sanctuary. They are true artists at heart – your backyard is their canvas and your desires are their inspiration.





Master Pools Builders and the Art of Custom Creations

With integrity, talent and dedication, members of the Master Pools Guild operate to accomplish one mission — to build the finest pools in the world that meet their clients' poolscape vision. Collectively this global network of elite custom pool builders constructs over twelve thousand pools a year. Master Pools builders develop strong relationships with each other by sharing design and construction techniques and regularly attending continuing education meetings in their dedication to being industry leaders. This unification of creative minds generates an unmatched and highly valuable world of knowledge to meet any design or technical challenge they encounter.

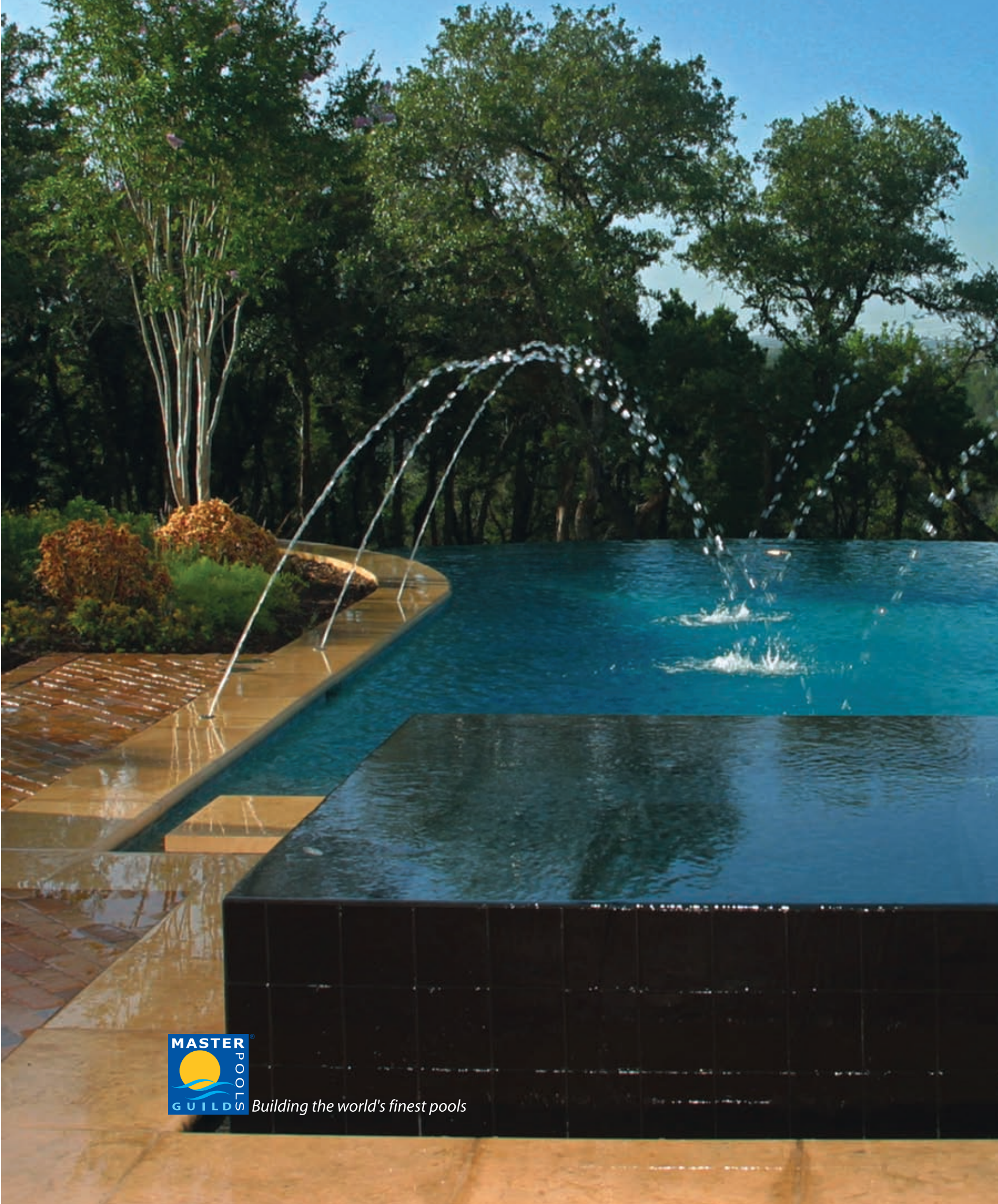
For more than four decades membership has been by invitation only, based on a reputation as a quality custom pool builder with superior design and building talents — and a commitment to a Guild Code of Ethics that respect the rights of clients, suppliers and employees.

Master Pools builders are true craftsmen, expressing their artistic talents through the beauty of water, quality materials and a passion for fine design. They custom build each poolscape to fulfill homeowners' dreams, giving them a backyard paradise that will enhance their daily lifestyle.

Enjoy this Gallery of Master Pools that shows the importance of harmony between the design and all the elements of the pool environment, including the design of the home and its natural environment. Each poolscape is unique, influenced by both the builder's experience and the homeowners' aspirations for an environment that complements their tastes and lifestyle. Whatever your poolscape dream, a Master Pools builder can help you create your own artful masterpiece to enhance your family's life.

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Building the world's finest pools

This Gallery of Master Pools captures the essence of the international Guild of elite custom pool builders. You will be captivated by the beauty these Master Pools builders have created — embracing water in harmony with natural settings and landscaping to complement people's homes and enhance their lifestyle. Incredible water feature designs are seemingly limited only by one's imagination.

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