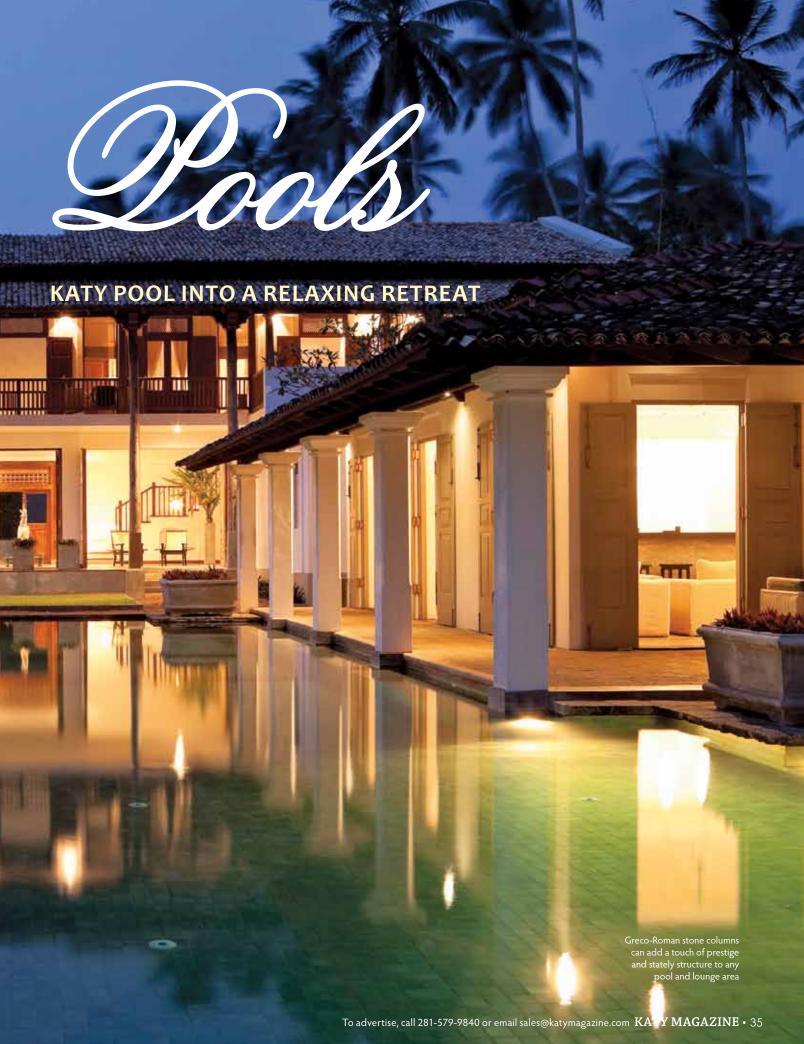
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LUXURIOUS TRENDS FOR TRANSFORMING YOUR

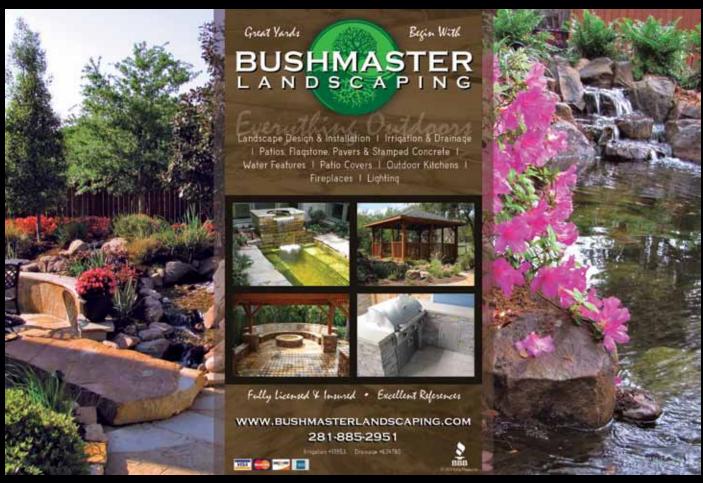
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RESORT-STYLE LUXURY

During Katy's hot summer months, your pool can become a social mecca where family and friends gather to relax and unwind. This summer, Katyites are also embracing a variety of over-the-top, luxurious features, reminiscent of five-star resorts. Impressive additions, such as Greco-Roman columns, luminescent fire bowls, and colorful tropical flowers in Greek-inspired stone planters, enliven the senses. These palatial trends can add beauty and grandeur to your backyard retreat.









ALLURING ACCENTS



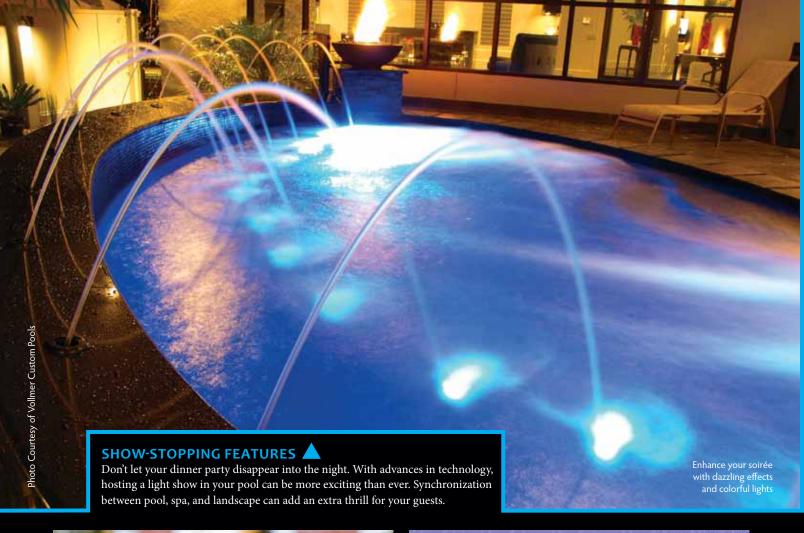
Look for running water accents this season, such as sheer descents, bubblers, waterfalls, scuppers, and water bowls. These will add a sense of peace and tranquility to any landscape.

A TOUCH OF FIRE



Trendy pool owners are incorporating sizzling fire features this year for a touch of warmth. Fire pits, fire bowls, and tiki torches can add mesmerizing flames and dramatic flair to any pool retreat.















SOPHISTICATED STONEWORK

For a sleek, sophisticated look, try adding rock accents, like stone grottos or slate waterfalls, to your pool. Etched into a rocky façade, grottos can provide a private escape and the perfect spot for underwater speakers. To up the fun quotient, incorporate a smooth, built-in stone slide for the kiddos to enjoy.

