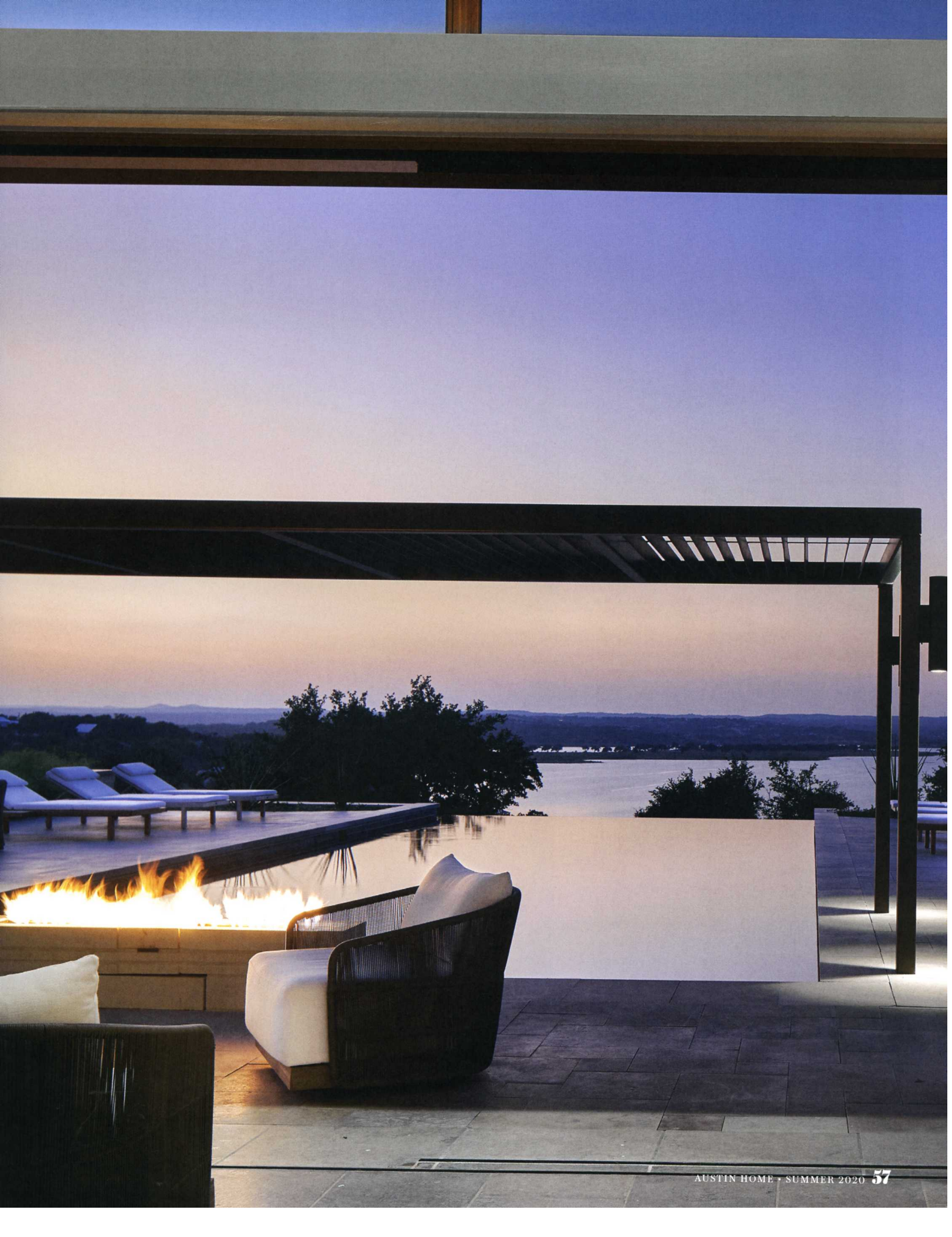




Before Sunset

**A HILL COUNTRY LAKE HOUSE GETS AN
UPGRADE WITH A WHIMSICAL CABANA AND
SLEEK POOL**



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Every year from January through April, Nebraska-based philanthropists Kim and Tom Dinsdale escape the cold by heading south to their house on Canyon Lake, about an hour outside of Austin. Since purchasing the traditional Hill Country-style home in 2009, the couple has spent most of their time boating on the lake. But after 10 years of talking about it and admittedly “dragging their feet,” the couple pulled the trigger on adding a pool and cabana to the property. The result is pure magic.

To create the ideal oasis, the couple turned to Heather McKinney of McKinney York Architects, who has worked with them on several properties in Nebraska and Texas. The modern cabana and sleek 28-foot by 48-foot pool are the perfect place to relax, swim, and entertain. “I call it my happy place,” says Kim, who is originally from the Lone Star State. “I can’t imagine not having it now.”

The cabana and pool were built just downhill from the main house in an area that is surrounded by oak trees and features a stunning view of the lake. Twenty-foot-long glass walls on two sides of the cabana open completely, providing uninterrupted views of the water and blurring the line between indoors and out. “We were really pleased with the alignment of the views,” McKinney says. “You can look through the cabana, and the view of the lake is framed past the pool. Something about the composition is very soothing. Everything is meant to take your blood pressure down.”

Inside the cabana, a 22-foot-long shuffleboard table is the star of the main room. (The game was a request

