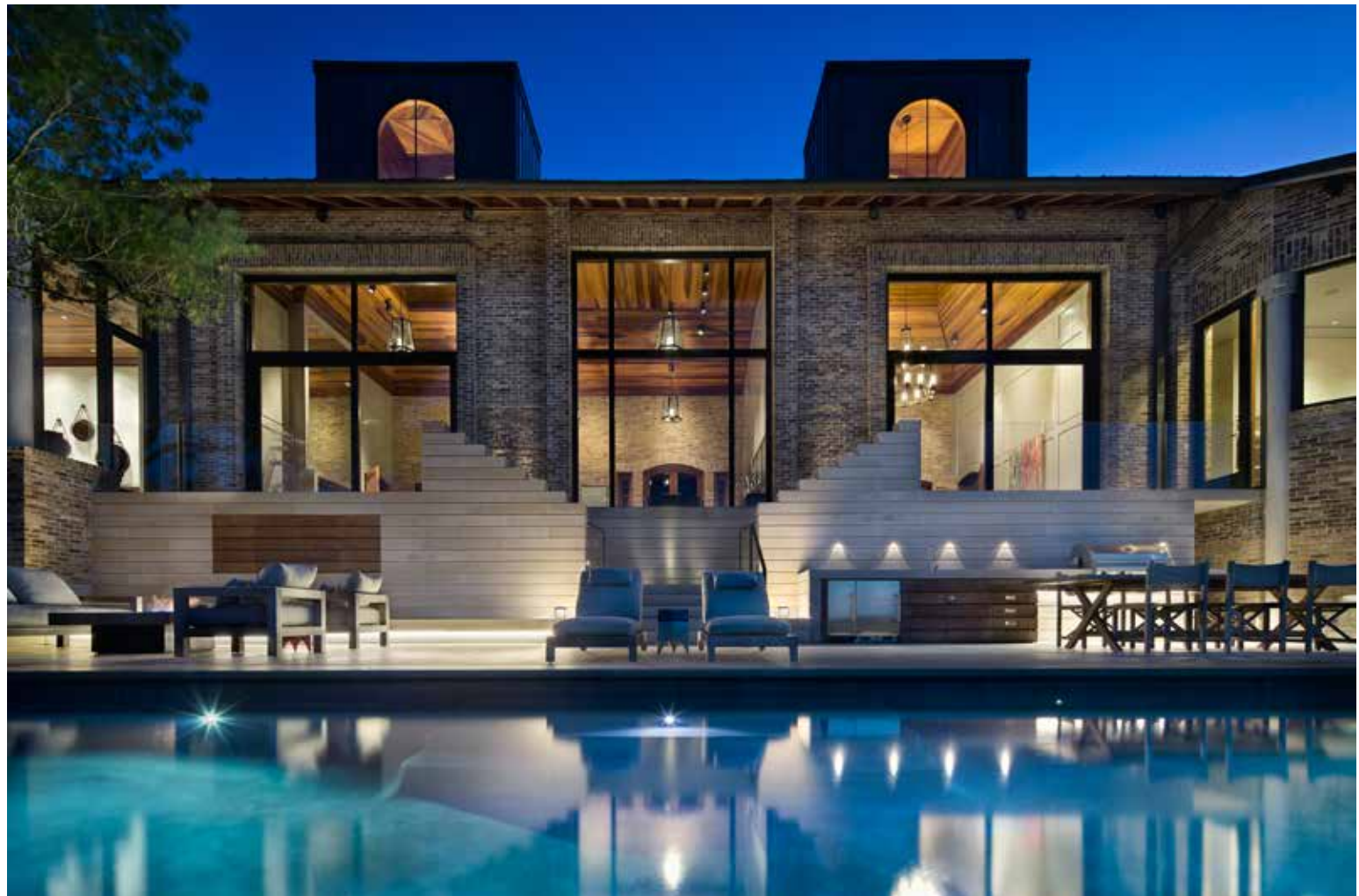


## BOX HOUSE RENOVATION

Location: Austin, TX  
Size: 14,330 sq ft

Situated atop a 140-foot tall limestone bluff, this West Austin residence boasts a commanding position at the south side of Lady Bird Lake. Originally inspired by traditional Mexican haciendas, the existing home—designed in 1980 by Hal Box, a former dean of the UT School of Architecture (1976-1992)—possessed a clear architectural identity. The main challenge of the renovation was to open up the house to its spectacular location.

Inspired by the limestone bluff upon which the home resides, a new pool deck acts as an extension of the existing topography, forming a sculptural pedestal for the existing brick façade and uniting the interiors. In the kitchen, wood cabinets and an extraneous brick arch were replaced with glossy white cabinets contrasted by soapstone countertops. Instantly recognized as a more suitable location for the master bedroom, an unused screen porch was enclosed with floor-to-ceiling windows that frame views of downtown.



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