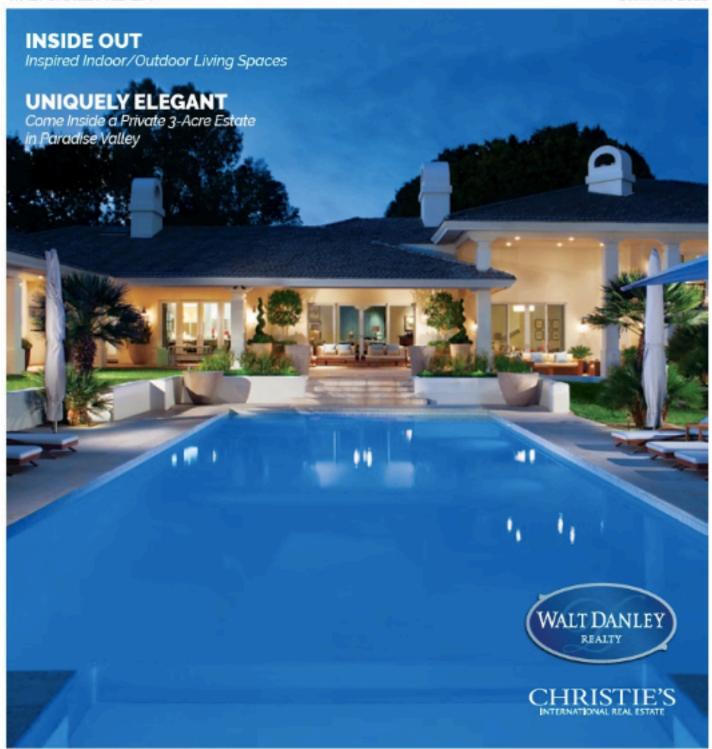
## PORTFOLIO

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Nobody moves to Arizona to be indoors. We have the best climate in the world for most of the year and nary a mosquito in sight. Eating on the patio is a tradition here, but the latest designs will make you rethink what it means to be outdoors.

Indoor/outdoor living spaces can increase the value of a property considerably, but the real benefit just comes from being outside. Kitchens, theaters, and entertaining spaces bring a unique freedom to life in the desert, and make cooking and dining outside for guests from Chicago in November just a bit more delicious.

"In this climate it would be a crime not to design spaces for people to enjoy what's outdoors." Says Tony Sutton, President and owner of Est Est Inc. and visionary interior designer. "In addition to outdoor kitchens, these days we try to find ways for people to eleep outdoors if there's say, a meteor shower or a full moon. Outdoor entertaining spaces are getting better as well, with more effective heating and cooling tech, and the

fabric and furniture options have undergone a revolution."

"People have a primal connection with water and fire as well, and we often try to incorporate those elements in our designs. Just being around flowing water has been shown to lower blood pressure, so a water feature can be beautiful and good for your health at the same time!"

Jerry Meek, President of Desert Star Construction, has been solving indoor/outdoor construction problems for awhile now. "Regardless of architectural style, a global prerequisite for building a luxury home in the Phoenix area is to maximize the functionality of indoor-outdoor spaces. What might have been a special request from a client a few years ago is quickly becoming an expectation."

What follows is a photographic collection of indoor/outdoor living spaces that blur the boundaries between architecture and the great outdoors.

