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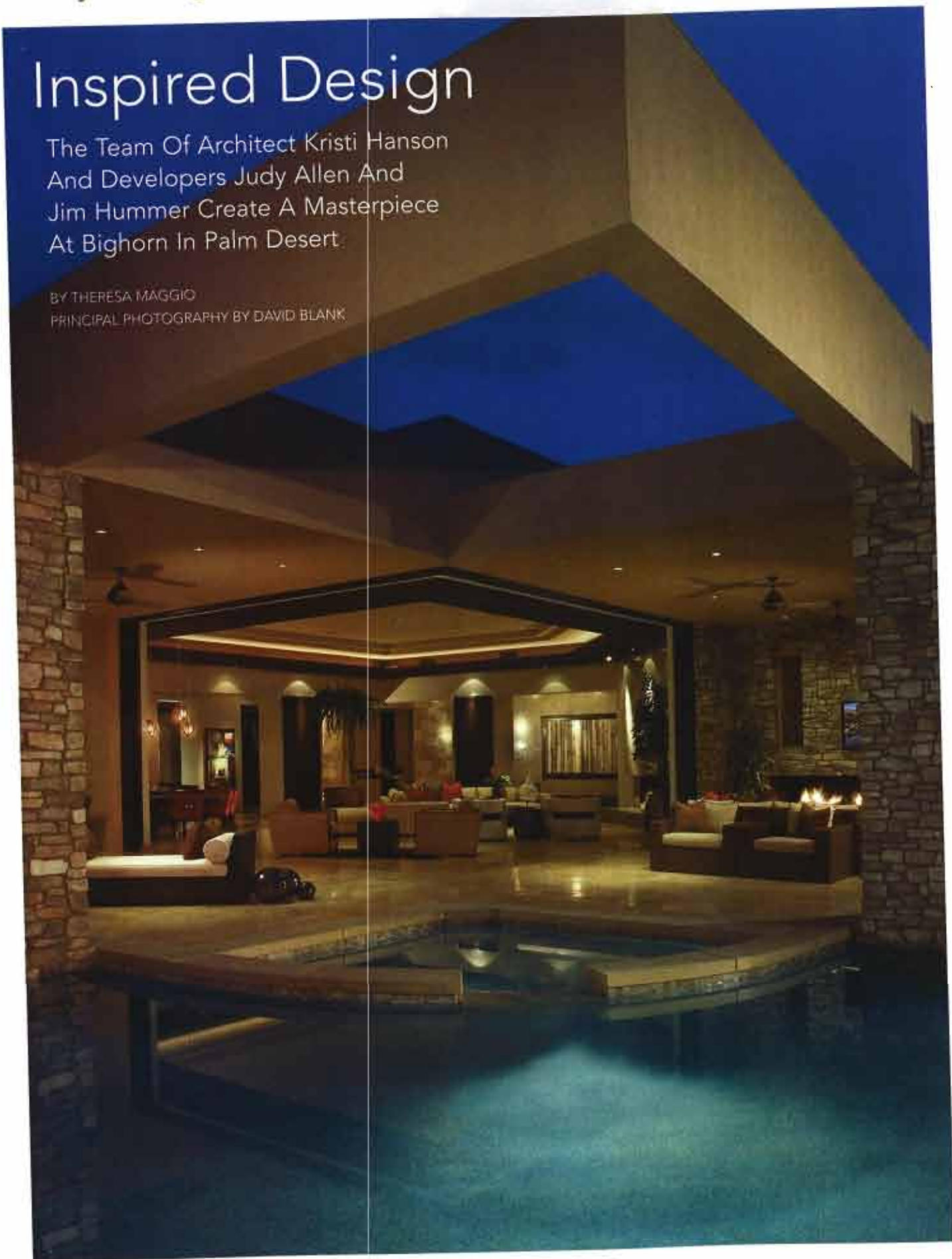
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# Inspired Design

The Team Of Architect Kristi Hanson  
And Developers Judy Allen And  
Jim Hummer Create A Masterpiece  
At Bighorn In Palm Desert.

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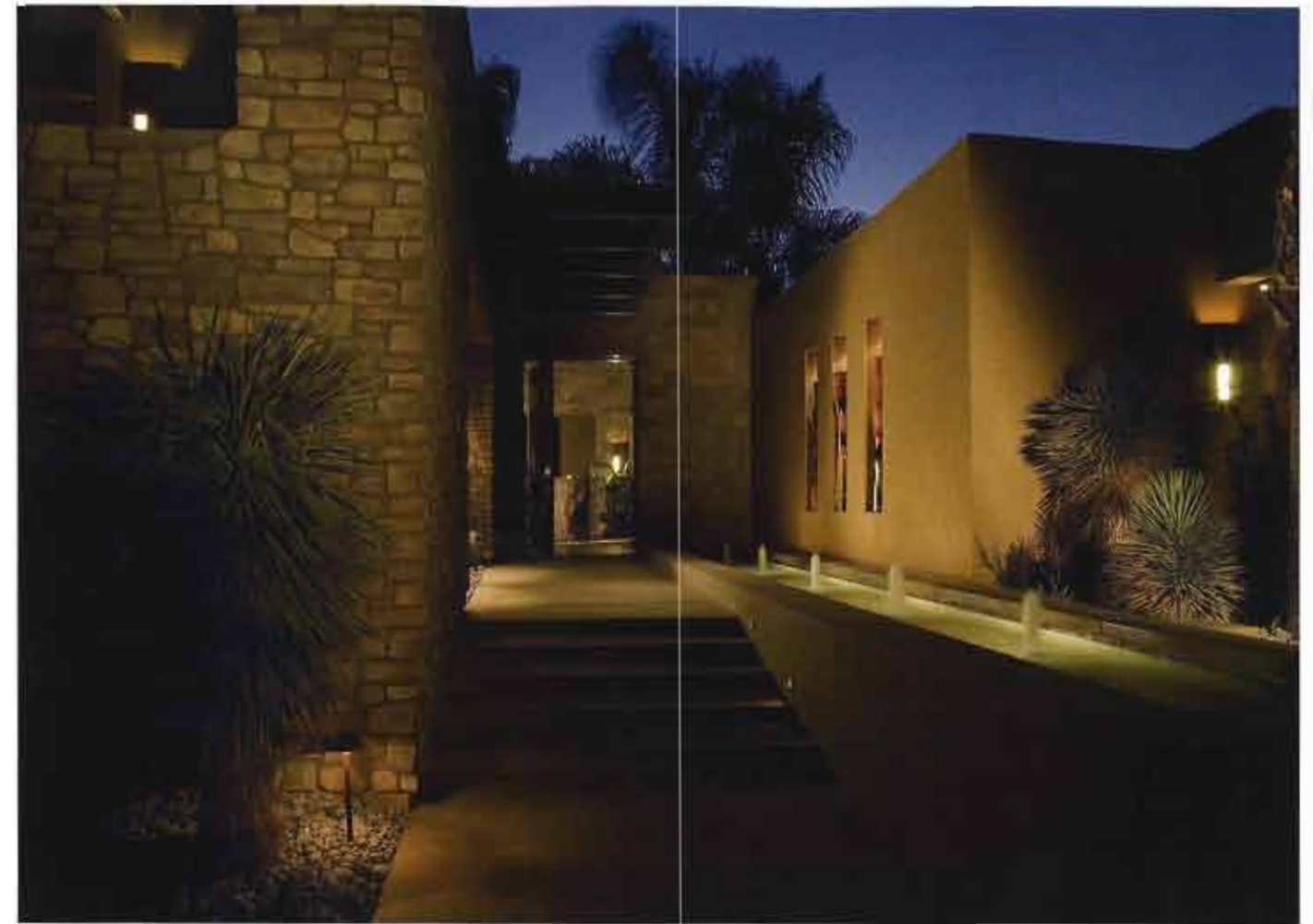
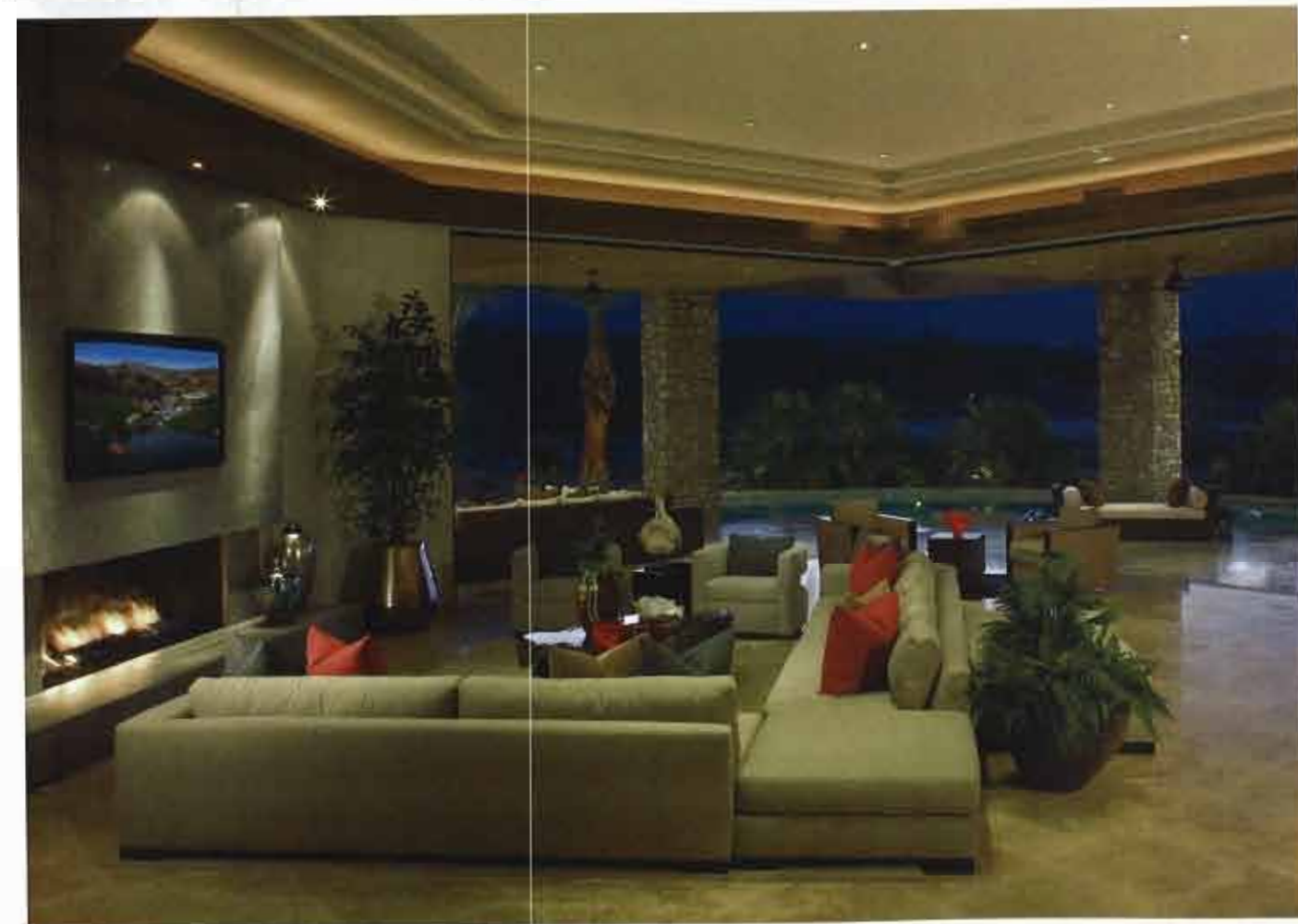
Dining al fresco is personified in this incredible home. Glass pocket sliders disappear so you can enjoy the spectacular views and dine inside the formal dining room or on the entertainment patio. OPPOSITE Inspired by the surrounding mountain peaks, the architect designed a cantilevered roof line floating over the semi-circular pool and spa providing added drama from the great room.

What inspires great architecture and design? It's as if architects and developers reach far within themselves to create a home that represents their soul. This Palm Desert residence at 865 Rock River was designed to represent the collective souls of architect Kristi Hanson and developers Judy Allen and Jim Hummer. The dynamic trio has designed four homes together at the prestigious Bighorn Golf Club in Palm Desert, and is poised for more exciting adventures in the future.

Stunning views are at the forefront of this spectacular creation, with the space designed to make the most of indoor/outdoor living from the main room to the guest suites. The panoramic mountain ranges, emerald fairways and stellar valley views, complete with twinkling lights, below allowed Hanson to express her unique

imagination. A magnificent, cantilevered roof over a refreshing semi-circular pool and an elegant, elongated entryway display beautiful ceramic art and welcome guests into a private lush garden. Pocket glass sliders allow a flow between the entertainment patio, great room, dining room and wet bar. The use of unique textures involving stacked desert stone, slate walls, contemporary flat stucco, floor to ceiling glass, unusual windows peeking through to perfect views, and elements of flowing water throughout create a Zen atmosphere that defines her work.

"Kristi is a recognized leader in innovative and elegant designs," agree developers Judy Allen and Jim Hummer. "We are so impressed with her incredible talent, the materials she uses and the finished product, from conception through construction. She is at the creative forefront of designing function within her masterpieces."



ABOVE Stacked masonry stone complements the sleek contemporary walkway with water feature and artistic niches showcasing glowing ceramic pots.  
OPPOSITE TOP One of a kind chandelier was designed by Kathy Blackbird for this stunning dining space.  
Photograph by Ethan Kaminsky.  
OPPOSITE BOTTOM Natural elements, clean lines and state-of-the-art technology combine effortlessly as electronic glass sliders reveal mountain vistas, desert terrain and the limitless valley beyond.

Brilliant ceramic sculptures and a soothing water feature line the entryway, while serene bamboo plantings and dazzling foliage lie beyond the massive custom crafted metal doors that lead to the peaceful entry courtyard of this secluded, contemporary estate.

Through the entry hall a streamlined leather bench complements the Venetian plaster wall treatment in rich, natural hues as guests discover the signature great room. A gorgeous, interactive wet bar is ready for any occasion and includes lounge style seating for five, a Kohler sink, sleek granite counters and artistic designer niches. An entertaining sectional and plush furnishings provide cozy views of the fire-and-ice fireplace, and the plasma television.

In the formal dining room, a pitched boardwalk-style roof soars over the sophisticated table that seats twelve. Overlooking

access to outdoors, the dining room includes an extensive buffet and a striking driftwood bench in the adjacent alcove.

Custom crafted furnishings and high performance appliances are mandatory in Allen Hummer residences. "Because of our committed beliefs, Judy, Jim and I collaborate well and develop a vision for what we want to achieve—a stunning residence that represents the casual lifestyle of Bighorn. Judy and Jim bring pulled magazine pages filled with ideas and when we walk the home site we feel we are completely in sync, brainstorming ideas with one another."

State of the art appliances are an understatement in the gourmet kitchen and private catering kitchen, a new trend in the desert. Natural light radiates throughout and enhances the handsome cabinetry, unique tilework and granite center island with custom oversize sink and



ABOVE The stunning modern kitchen hosts every culinary amenity to please even the most discerning food connoisseur. Photograph by Ethan Kaminsky.  
OPPOSITE Retire to the luxurious master suite and beautifully crafted spa bath; a refuge built to provide you with the ultimate comfort and relaxation.



seating for four. Professional appliances feature dual Miele ovens, six-burner Viking range, Sub-Zero refrigerator/freezer and microwave/convection oven. Kitchen dining looks out onto the lushly landscaped courtyard while the catering kitchen provides for lavish, stress-free entertaining.

Accented wood and custom lit doors open to the breathtaking master suite, with stylish sectional seating, gorgeous sandstone accents over a romantic fire-and-ice fireplace and plasma television. A designer bamboo headboard with matching nightstands and a driftwood accented bureau bring natural elements into the interior. Frostwork glass and textured, multi-leveled mosaic tile in glowing earth tones highlight the master bath, with views of mountains beyond. The spa bath features a massive walk-in with dark wood built-in millwork, a double entry step down shower, dual vanities and a morning bar.

A split-level separate guest wing also includes two guest rooms. The first bedroom has a full bath, walk-in closet, over-

sized shower and luxurious furnishings. The second guest room has a full bath, stunning views, a ledger stack stone fireplace, plasma television and desk, and both bedrooms share a morning bar.

The private office features a double-sided granite desk and plantation style shuttered cabinetry, complemented by grass cloth wallcovering for a feeling of leisure and relaxation, and opens to a private patio.

Overlooking the Canyons' ninth hole, the entertainment patio features stacked masonry columns, the semicircular pool and a cantilevered roof over the living area.

The residence 865 Rock River is a testament to fine architecture and design throughout its 7,802 square foot interior living space, but what truly defines it is the seamless transition as it increases in size by 1,490 square feet at the push of a pocket slider button.

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