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FROM RELAXED LOUNGING AND TABLEWARE
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EXPERT IDEAS FOR ALL OUTDOOR SPACES



DIVE IN

Whether expansive and architectural, compact and convenient or simply built for scenic impact, pools are the quintessential summer escape.



INSIDE JOB

An idyllic lap pool by Jacobsen Arquitetura (jacobsenarquitetura.com), surrounded by swaying palms and a lush lawn, proposes the novel - but quite logical - notion of putting your loungers in the pool for easy access to a cooling dip.

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SHAPE SHIFTERS

The kidney-shaped template of old is out: these days, anything goes as far as pool shape is concerned - whatever works for your tastes and location. A sleek and streamlined pool (top left) makes the most of the scenery, while a low wall shades the loungers - these slimline ones from HAUS (hertexhaus.co.za) - from view. This cut-out deck (above left) forms an island effect for pool-goers to enjoy the water running soothingly around them from a lounge (like these comfortable ones from Weylandts, weylandts.co.za). Best of all worlds! This little plunge pool in a Boland country escape by Bridget George of KLG Architects (klg.co.za, above right) is tiny but perfectly purposeful when all you need is somewhere to cool off. This strikingly architectural pool by Roberto Forte (fortearchitetti.it, opposite) has all the right angles, with the geometric shape and shadows cast by the pergola drawing your eye to the horizon.



PHOTOS: DOOK (ROBERTO FORTE) / PARIS (TIMMER (KLG ARCHITECTS)) / SUPPLIED (HAUS, WEYLANDTS)
PREVIOUS SPREAD: FERNANDO GUERRA (JACOBSEL ARCHITECTURE)



COMFORT ZONE

Creating easy-to-use spaces poolside requires ticking all the practical boxes - to ensure you have everything on hand, and sidestep trips inside. The ideal complement to a perfect pool or beach cottage is an outdoor shower to rinse off after a lazy day of lounging (top left). Kit it out according to your needs - Superbalist (superbalist.com) has a wide range of accessories.

Paving the way for extended sojourns outside with comfortable furniture and an inside-out setup, this spacious outdoor lounge by Kettal (kettal.com, top right) makes trips to the pool and back seamless. While compact, this cleverly designed pool finished by Decobella (decobella.co.za, above left) considers all your comfort and sun-protection needs, with built-in seating and shading at the water's edge. A pool pavilion by Nicole Hollis (nicolehollis.com, above right) has it all - lounging, eating, shaded and seating spaces - meaning you can camp out here all day. This long, rock-clad pool with mountain views and elegant wicker loungers at Caracal cabin (cabineducap.com, opposite) invites leisurely days and long swims.

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