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The beauty was always there in the sloping backyard of the Cape Cod home. It just took the talents of Peter White and his team at ZEN Associates



An entertaining deck holds an outdoor kitchen with everything needed to throw a party, plus a fire table for gathering even on chilly nights early in the season.

to tease it out. The house—a classic rambling cape—sits on a high bluff overlooking Wellfleet Harbor. The existing pool, White explains, was a dated kidney-shaped rendition that sat some fifteen feet below the house. “You couldn’t easily get to it,” the landscape architect says. “Our task was to make it feel more connected with the house.”



ABOVE: The outdoor shower gets a spa-like look with blue granite walls. **LEFT:** The lower-level deck takes on a contemporary vibe with its French limestone tile flooring and a low wall of stone supplemented by soft plantings behind the chaises. **BELOW:** The bar is a stylish mix of French limestone and black granite; the doors behind it open to storage.

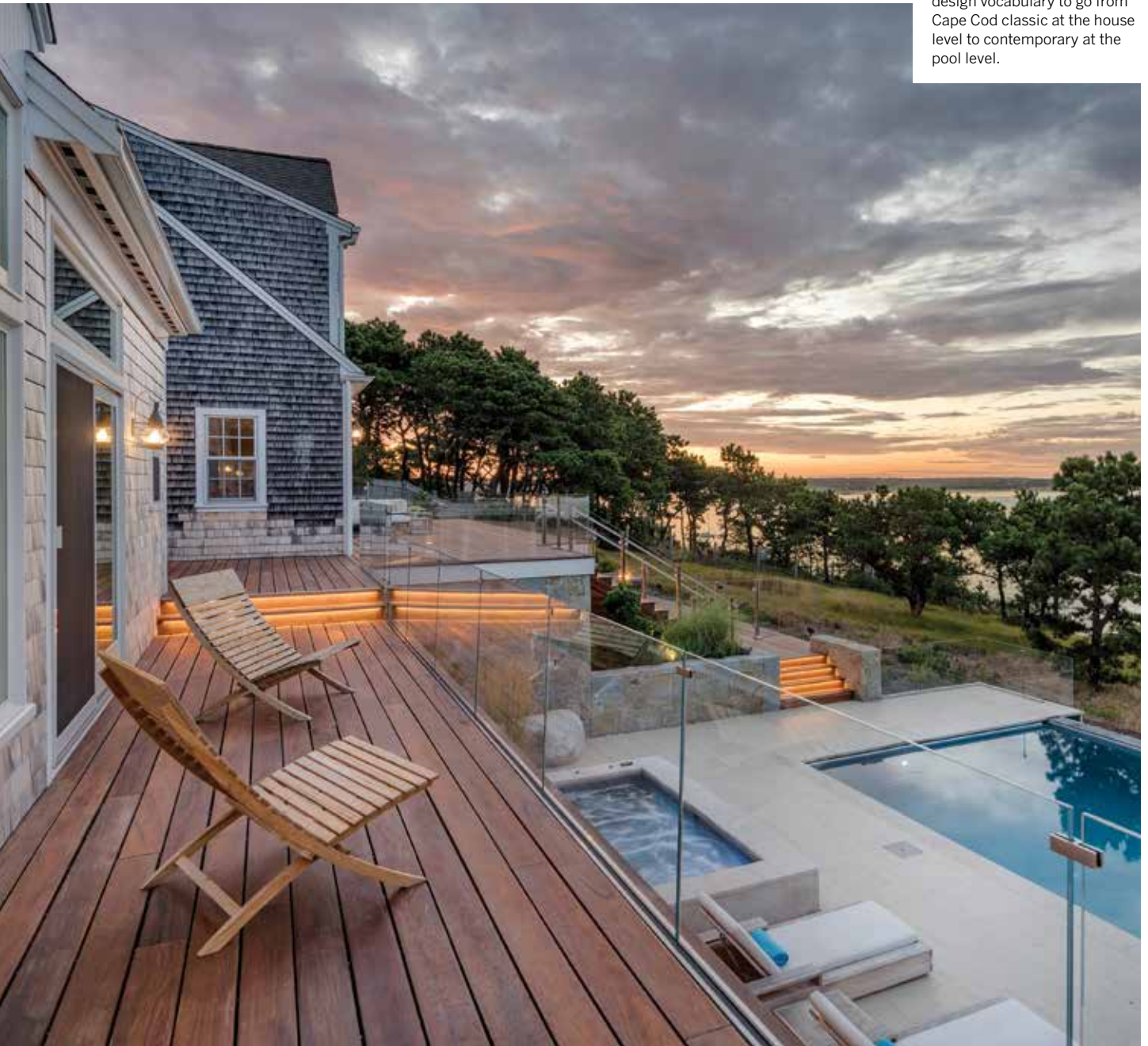


A new mid-level terrace, an entertaining area with an outdoor kitchen, a bar, a welcoming fire table, and plenty of seating, forges a connection between the main deck above and the pool area below.

A new pool—bigger, more contemporary, and pushed further out into the landscape—is the centerpiece of the reimagined lower level. A spa, standalone so it can be used on chilly nights long after the pool has been shut down, anchors a corner of the French



Frameless glass fencing, treated to keep salt at bay, keeps the focus on the view. A major challenge, says landscape architect Peter White, was subtly changing the design vocabulary to go from Cape Cod classic at the house level to contemporary at the pool level.



limestone tile-covered terrace, sheltered by a stone wall and plantings of grasses.

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A NEW MID-LEVEL TERRACE FORGES A CONNECTION BETWEEN THE MAIN DECK ABOVE AND THE POOL AREA BELOW.