



**DESIGNER**  
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**SPECIAL FEATURES**  
 Sprawling outdoor  
 kitchen with a separate  
 pizza-making station  
 and swim-up bar  
 poolside

**DIMENSIONS**  
 65' x 22'

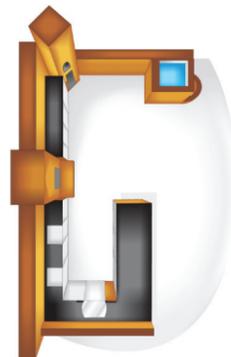
**PRODUCTS USED**  
 Cabinetry: Danver  
 stainless steel  
 Flooring: Laredo stone  
 flagging mosaic  
 Countertops: Granite of  
 Brazilian origin  
 Sink(s): Alfresco stainless  
 steel  
 Grill: Fire Magic  
 Power Burner: Alfresco  
 Warming Drawer:  
 Alfresco  
 Pizza Oven: Tuscan  
 Fire custom built by  
 Preferred Properties  
 Refrigerator: Summitt  
 Fireplace: Custom by  
 Preferred Properties  
 Hot Tub: Built-in stone  
 with granite counter  
 surround  
 Walls: Wallstone New  
 England veneer stone  
 Lighting: Designed by  
 Preferred Properties LED  
 Landscaping: Designed  
 by Preferred Properties  
 LED  
 Masonry: Designed by  
 Preferred Properties LED  
 Other: Brass herons, fire  
 bowls, heat torches

## Open-Air Flair

ALTHOUGH THEY'RE ALL about the thrill of the grill, these homeowners craved a true culinary experience transcending the typical backyard barbecue. To fashion a space both aesthetically fabulous and entertainment friendly, their list of must-haves comprised a buffet and beverage zone with swim-up bar, a warmth-granting fireplace for cool-night cozying, and an outdoor pizza-making station—all nestled near the pool and hot tub.

The biggest challenge facing Michael Gotowala of Preferred Properties Landscaping & Masonry? Establishing the project scale—especially as it related to the outdoor kitchen. The sprawling new build needed to blend fluently with the pool while permitting a clean visual connection of the entire array from one corner of the house to the other.

Gotowala met his clients' mandate in spades, reconfiguring the existing deck and lower-level exterior great room stairwell to the outside. Proactive as well as pretty, his two-phase approach also allows for covering a portion of the outdoor fireplace vignette in the middle of the roof structure at a later date. In the meantime, though, we have no doubt the family will be hosting some seriously fun shindigs in their expertly curated outdoor kitchen that also doubles as a patio pizza parlor! *Learn more about this designer at [www.outdoorkitchendesigner.com](http://www.outdoorkitchendesigner.com).* «



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