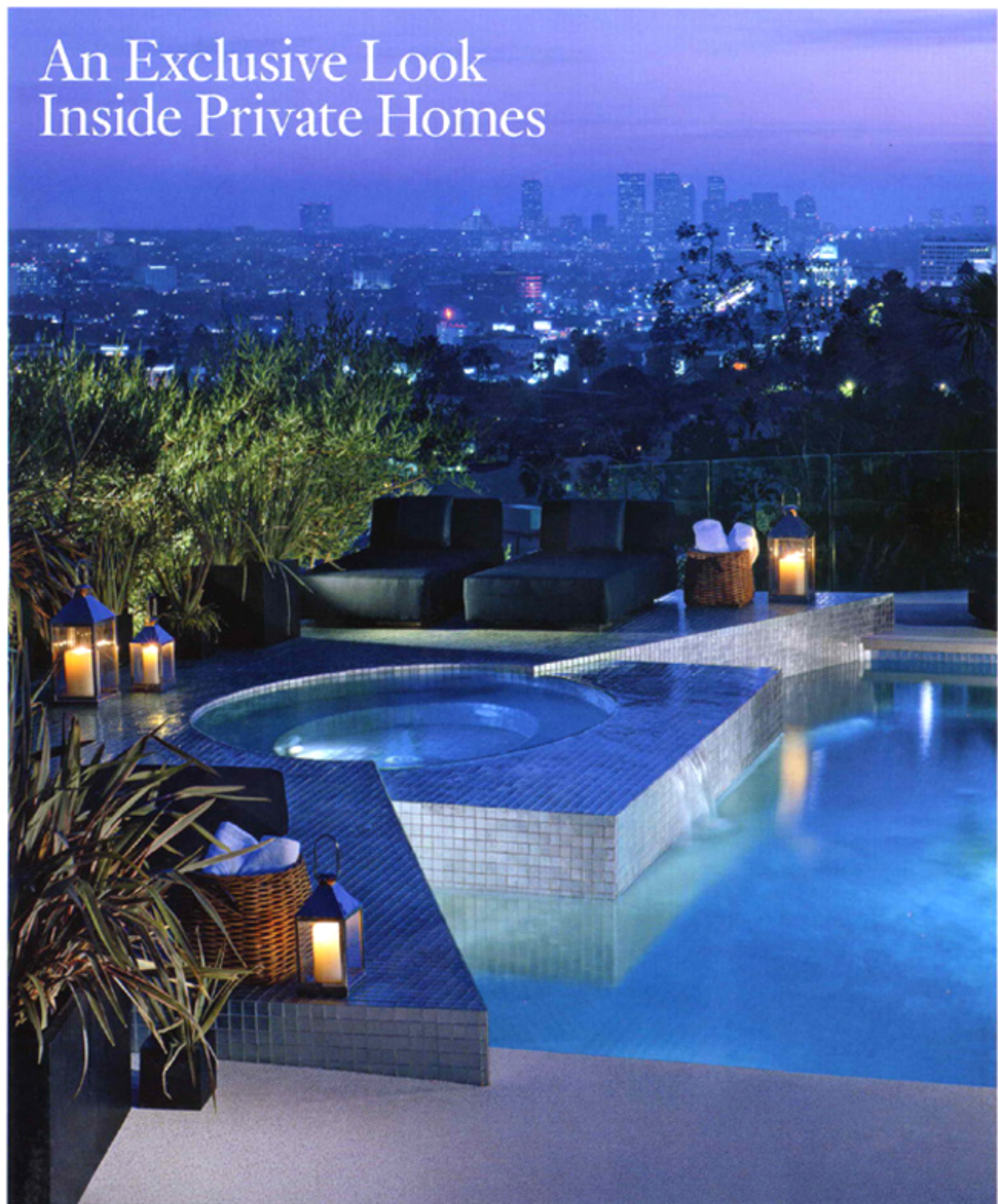


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## Arthur Chabon

What distinguishes these rooms from other children's rooms is that they're in a vacation house," Arthur Chabon says of a pair of rooms in an Aspen, Colorado, residence (see *Architectural Digest*, July 2004). So instead of planning spaces that could be frequently—and easily—changed, Chabon, who served as the project's interior architect, and Buck Rodriguez, the interior designer, ensured that the rooms would be filled with familiar memories for the children, at the time ages six and eight, every time they visited the house.

The rooms have similar architectural features. Each has a dark-stained beam ceiling and wainscoting and a high shelf around the perimeter. The rooms share other features: Furniture placement is consistent, with wall lights and tables flanking the beds; Stark carpets in a neutral tone ground each room; wallpaper, draperies and bed linens offer splashes of color. And each has a collection of antique toys sourced by Rodriguez and the clients. "We wanted them to always remember the chandelier made from an airplane and the miniature chairs in the girl's room. Those spaces will always be about those things," says Chabon.