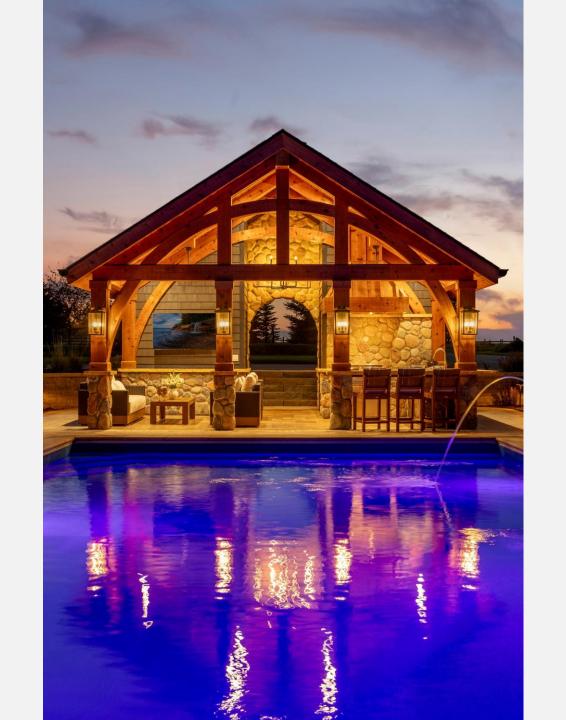


Cedar & Stone is a stunning new pool house designed as the ultimate summer retreat for a busy family with three boys. Bluff setbacks prevented a backyard build, so the pool house was thoughtfully placed to the side of the home, creating a private, sunken oasis. Featuring a dramatic arched entry, vaulted ceilings, and stone accents that echo the home's new color palette, the structure houses a bathroom, changing room, outdoor kitchen, and shaded lounge. With ample dining and entertaining space, this elegant design blends functionality and style, transforming underused property into a vibrant hub for family and friends.

Residential Detached Structure

Cedar & Stone Overview





Before





Rendering



Featuring refreshed home exterior, a redesigned driveway to meet setback requirements, and a stunning landscape design complete with *a custom pool house*



Functionality

- Pool house positioned between the pool and driveway to provide privacy, with redesigned driveway and roundabout to accommodate setbacks
- Central arched entry leads to a vaulted hall with a multi-tier chandelier, flanked by a changing room and bathroom
- Opens to two main spaces: an outdoor kitchen with seating and a shaded lounge area with TV and cozy seating
- Full-height stone privacy wall matches the home's stonework and shields the pool from the road
- Entire pool and pool house are sunken 30" below driveway level for a cohesive, private layout
- Outdoor shower on the exterior wall for quick rinsing without wetting indoor spaces
- Small, functional windows in the changing room and bathroom echo the home's architectural details



Aesthetic Touches

- Design of the pool house was guided by the home's bold mountain-lodge architecture and color scheme, complementing its dark tones, fieldstone veneer, peaked roofs, arches, and bracket details
- Kasota Limestone countertops at the kitchen and bar match the home's ledgestone; though not ideal, they're sealed annually for durability
- Large arched beams echo the home's arches, adding old-world charm and playful character
- Interiors feature board-and-batten walls, retro-inspired finishes, a basin sink, rounded mirrors, and milk-glass lighting
- The building is symmetrical along a north-south axis, with the pool centered on the pool house and kitchen/lounge areas flanking it





Innovation & Craftsmanship

- Custom Kasota stone vent covers and outlet backplates were crafted for aesthetics, despite being highly time-intensive
- The cedar arches were handcrafted on-site and required templating, hand-picking materials, and creative solutions to minimize seams. Not enough can be said about these arches as a ton of effort was put into making them
- Faux half columns at the south corners and stone finishes on the TV wall ensure symmetry and design continuity
- Space limitations due to multiple setbacks required treated framing and thin veneer stone; full masonry walls would have sacrificed room space or open areas





Challenges

- Bluff setbacks dictated the exact placement of the pool and pool house, restricting the pool house to a 20' x 16' footprint while accommodating a bathroom, changing room, kitchen, lounge, bar, and outdoor shower
- Septic system expansion and extensive trenching were required to add plumbing for toilets, sinks, and a shower
- The entire area was sunk 30 inches below driveway level for design and grading needs
- Driveway redesign was necessary to fit the building and pool layout within restrictions
- Complex drainage solutions included hidden strip drains under patio stone, slots cut into stone for surface water collection, and floor drains in both interior rooms and the shower

























