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Within the 10,000 square feet of designed outdoor opulence, this creatively and structurally complex project is spectacular in design and engineering. The multi-pool and spa project boasts several hand-made mosaics and stunning water features. The design team used a combination of fire features and LED lighting for a "wow" factor across the entire outdoor space. ryanhughesdesign.com

Project Team

Ryan Hughes Design Build
Jeff Zock, RLA, Senior
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Ryan Hughes Design Build's Amarula Sun project could be the very definition of dramatic. He describes it as "10,000 square feet of designed outdoor opulence." Indeed, it is a design and engineering feat. Located on the Gulf of Mexico in a velocity zone, the site presented exciting opportunities as well as multiple challenges.

The homeowner asked that the spa be located on the second floor, the primary living space. The ultimate goal was to have it spill into the main swimming pool located 15 feet below on the ground level.

"As designers, we felt that simply having a spa cantilever 15 feet over the main pool would not provide the cohesive look and flow desired. Therefore, our vision was to break up the elevation by creating separate pools that all spill over into a lower lap pool," explains Hughes. The effect is of water in constant motion, flowing from pool to pool. "Even for the spa, we created a double spillover so that when one walks out of the rear doors of the home, there is a seamless water-to-water visual."

The main pool features grotto-style seating, the mid-level pool spills over a high acrylic window into a sun shelf with a three-sided vanishing edge, and the lap pool is characterized by a covered pavilion with outdoor kitchen and sunken fire pit.

The decorative aesthetic draws from opulent "Versailles-esque" interiors. "We played off [similar] finishes by doing an all-tile pool with several handmade mosaics. We also incorporated 24-carat gold into the mosaics," explains Hughes. "We used a combination of fire features and LED lighting to bring a wow factor across the entire outdoor space that was already full of water-wow."

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Top: Drawing inspiration from the beauty and elegance of the home's Italian Villa-like elements, this luxurious outdoor space by Ryan Hughes Design/Build transports family and guests to a Mediterranean retreat with a combination of water and fire, relaxation, and entertainment.

Right: The beauty and functionality of the swimming pools and outdoor rooms from Ryan Hughes Design/Build include personally designed spaces created for enjoyment no matter the desired use, locale, or season.

Artistry of Space

RYAN HUGHES DESIGN/BUILD INC.

➔ Offering a fresh new perspective on outdoor living and the spaces that accommodate it, Ryan Hughes Design Build is a second-generation company reborn for the 21st century. Ryan Hughes and his teams' work can be found in intimate to over-the-top outdoor living spaces and swimming pools across both the United States and Canada.

Among the firm's specialties is the ability to capture a client's unique vision. By creating intimate settings that fit beautifully with the surrounding environs, Ryan Hughes has become known for what he terms "artistry of space." Signature design elements include state-of-the-art water and fire features, custom stonework, and sophisticated landscape plantings—all of which blend

together to brilliant effect.


Having traveled internationally since childhood, Hughes weaves into his work cultural experiences and architectural influences from around the globe. That worldwide perspective has resulted in diverse and inspired projects that have, in turn, led to multiple industry awards and inclusion in international design books.

Offering the services of a licensed pool contractor, as well as landscape design and architecture expertise, the team specializes in pool engineering, pool construction, and outdoor living space project management. Promising knowledge of the finest outdoor elements, clients can expect harmonious gathering places that are logical and aesthetically pleasing extensions of interior rooms.



The scope of their designs encompasses everything outside the walls of the home, from the hard- and softscapes to the outdoor furnishings. Their highly customized pools and spas are truly marvels to behold. Both the science and art of outdoor design are evidenced in Hughes's work.

With years of collective design-build experience, the firm delivers advanced technical knowledge coupled with top-line automation systems, progressive outdoor lighting, and audio-visual systems. They are also skilled at creating dynamic outdoor kitchens.

In short, for homeowners looking for the ultimate in outdoor getaway, Ryan Hughes Design/Build is the firm to contact. 

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