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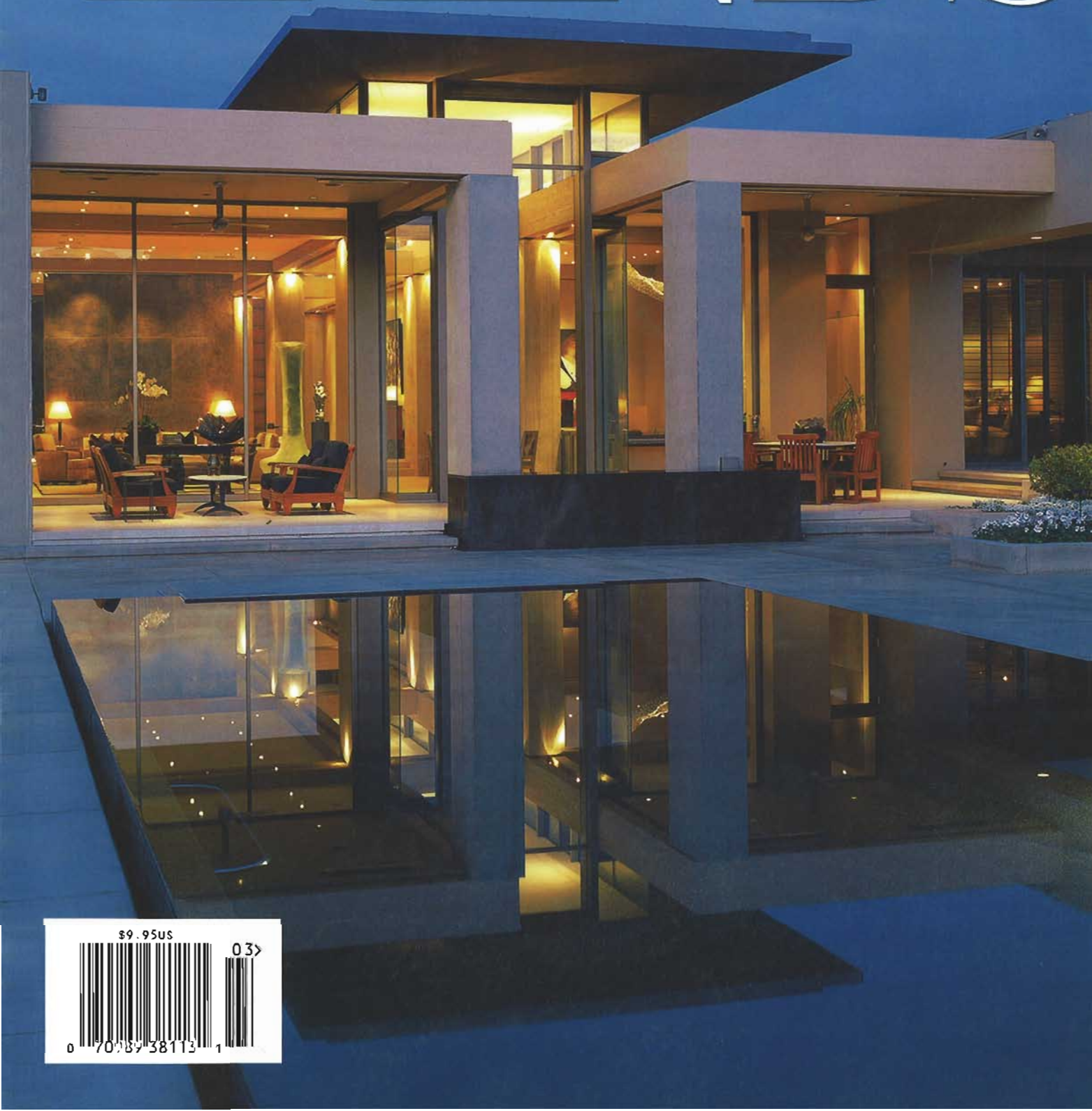
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The solid, substantial look of this Mediterranean-style home is softened by architectural detailing that includes windows and doors by da Vinci By Design



The owners of this country home knew just what they wanted – warm, comfortable living spaces with lots of indoor-outdoor flow.

To meet their requirements, architect Kristi Hanson created a Mediterranean-style house that features windows and doors by da Vinci by Design. These include the company's large Lift/Slide units that allow entire walls of glass to be concealed in side pockets.

"This opens up the living spaces to the patio and swimming pool areas and

immediately creates the feeling of being outside," says Hanson.

The study features a corner Lift/Slide unit – a technically difficult element that includes sliding screens and shutters within the same frame. Each unit is made of painted hemlock wood, with aluminum siding on certain units. The painted wood complements the home's overall look and feel, says Hanson.

"The wood adds warmth to the décor, and by color-matching the frames to the walls, the home's monolithic

appearance has been preserved."

In the guest quarters, an inscribed arch on two sliders complements the gentle curve of the door, highlighting the home's Mediterranean theme.

Specializing in imported Italian architectural products, da Vinci by Design can customize windows and doors to suit a range of home styles. Siding is available in either aluminum or bronze.

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Facing page and left: To help create indoor-outdoor flow in this home, architect Kristi Hanson specified windows and doors from da Vinci by Design. These included large Lift/Slide units that allow entire walls of glass to be concealed in side pockets. The company also custom-designed windows to suit the home's Mediterranean style.

Above: A Lift/Slide corner unit in the study allows the room to be opened out on two sides.

Far left: An inscribed arch on two sliders echoes the curve of the door. The hemlock frame has been painted to suit the home's neutral décor.