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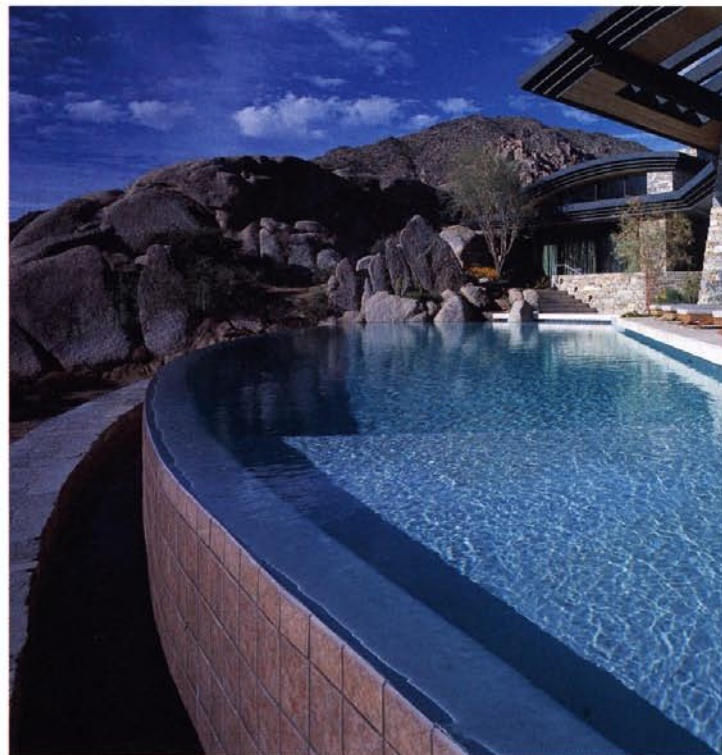
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If the saying "opposites attract" were true, this home would be the visual equivalent. A contemporary design tucked in between two large piles of rock within the Desert Mountain community in Scottsdale, the difference between the modern architecture and decidedly rugged desert landscape is both transparent and surprisingly beautiful. Architect Bing Hu of H&S International wanted the exterior of the home to look like it was floating, "as if it were a bird taking off," he says. He implemented the desired effect with the large, angular overhang jutting off the front of the home, both emphasizing the view and giving the home the feeling of movement. The limestone deck underneath this overhang is the perfect place to watch the sun set or relax by the zero-edge infinity pool. "The view really looks like an Ansel Adams photograph," says Eric Linthicum, the builder on the project.

While many non-forgiving materials were used in the project—steel, stone and glass—it is still extremely comfortable, with lush lounge chairs and, for the ultimate in relaxation, two massage tables overlooking the mountains.

Both architect and builder agree that the most challenging aspects of this project were the gigantic boulders that dot the landscape. "We worked very hard to integrate the natural surroundings of the space and really nestled the house in between two huge boulder piles," Hu says. Ideal for an extremely private outdoor space, this home combines the ultimate in both stunning architecture and natural landscape.

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