

# 2009 APSP International Awards of Excellence

THE 2009 APSP International Awards of Excellence were announced at the Int'l Pool | Spa | Patio Expo Nov. 16, 2009, in Las Vegas. From among 407 entries, the judges chose 107 projects representing 66 companies in 29 categories to receive gold, silver, bronze or award of merit honors.

The Awards of Excellence recognize the most beautiful and creative examples of the industry's art and craft from across the United States and around the world. For your inspiration, we're pleased to present the 2009 gold award winners.



## Builder: Marquise Pools

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**About the builder:** Greg Watson has been building high-quality custom pools in the greater Houston area for 11 years. Founded in 2001 by Chris Smith and Greg Watson, Marquise Pools was formed on the belief that innovative design, quality construction and great service are the three key components homeowners deserve when building a swimming pool. From simple, classic pool forms, to over-the-top backyard aquascapes, Marquise Pools' pursuit of perfection is the cornerstone of every project.

**Category:** Geometric - 601 sq. ft. or more

**Project:** With an expansive and relatively flat site, the designers knew that introducing multiple elevations would be critical to defining space and adding drama to the design. Four

distinct terraces spill toward the house to capture the movement of the water and lead the viewers eye to the horizon. Centered on the home's main entry axis, a cantilevered disc clad in glass tile topped with a fire bowl provides a stunning focal point for guests. Under the disc, a hidden alcove is separated from the rest of the waterscape by a rainmaker. Above the glass-tile negative edge, the main pool is defined by angular raised beams with split-face travertine and sheer descents. At the highest elevation, water from the oversized spa spills down a stairstep spillway onto the glass tile sunning terrace before cascading down another stairstep spillway into the main pool.