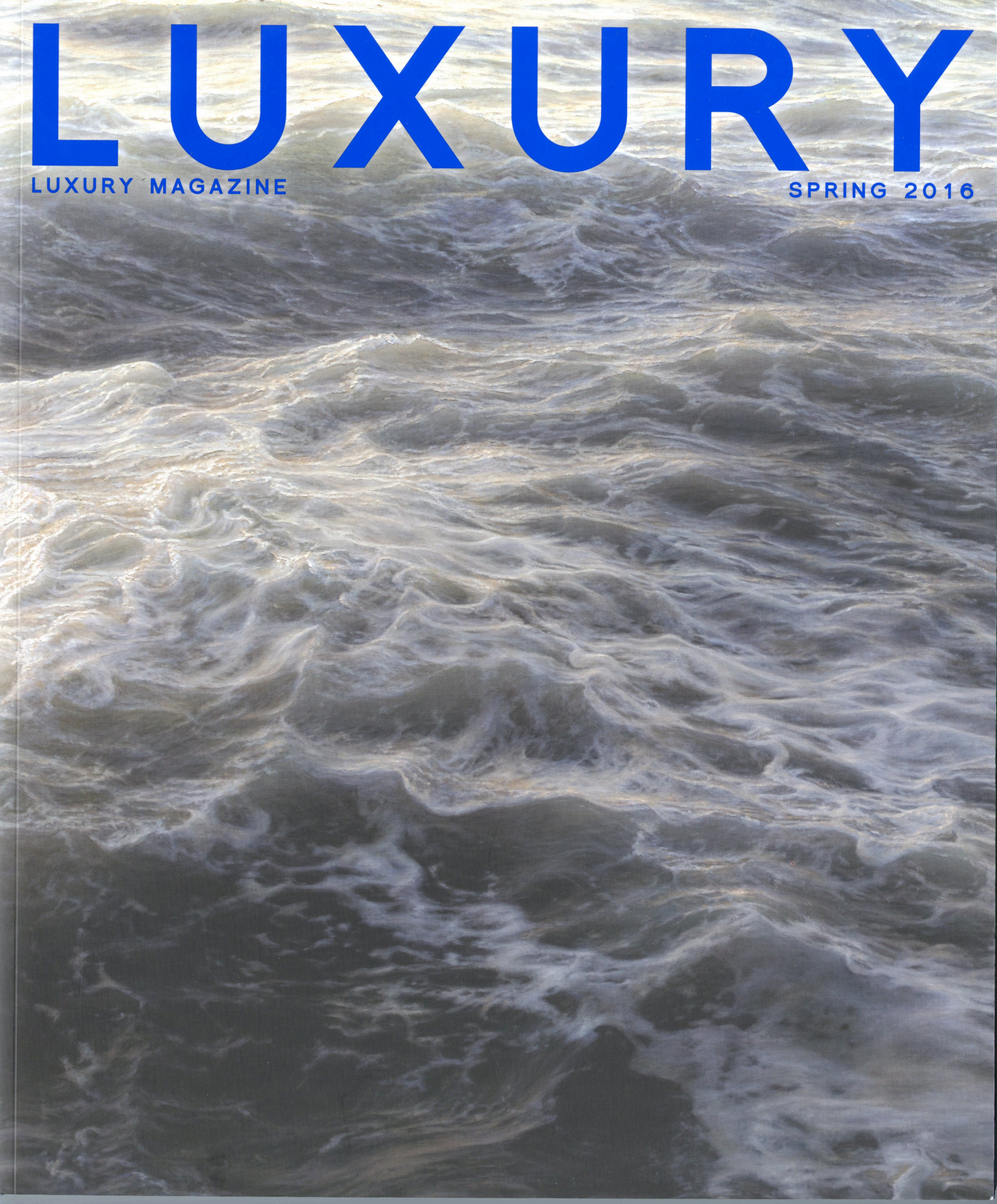


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8. LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

Architecture: KAA Design, kirkpatrickarc.com **Interiors:** Corina Lash Interior Design, clashid.com **Sq. Ft. of Gym:** 5,000 **Year Built:** 2013 **Sustainable Features:** Recycled teak, geothermal heating/cooling, locally sourced materials.

Call it stealth architecture. When Grant Kirkpatrick's client decided he wanted a gym added to his sprawling property, he might have requested a freestanding trophy structure to impress visitors. "But he didn't want to clutter the site," says Kirkpatrick, founding partner and design principal of KAA Design, who, with fellow principal Patti Baker, created an ample, elegant space that impresses by its subtlety. Their solution was a structurally independent "vessel" slipped underneath an existing tennis court. *The only disturbance to the land was to dig into the slope beneath the court to accommodate spa baths and a steam room.* Everything, including the 25-meter lap pool, is heated geothermally. The stone on the back wall was harvested from nearby Red Mountain in the Mojave Desert, while flooring is recycled teak. Yet the gym is a kind of secret; you'd never know it was there unless someone told you. ▸

