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RIGHT: The pool and terrace of Silvio Rech and Lesley Carstens's house in Johannesburg. The architect couple renovated and expanded an original midcentury home designed by Eyvind Finsen. The round daybed, chairs (*left*), and cocktail table are all custom, the chaises are by Paola Lenti, and the Panton chairs are from Vitra. The galvanized-steel spiral staircase leads to the upper terrace.



