



## MODERN REVIVAL

*An Atlanta couple battles high waters to rebuild their Buckhead dream house*

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For Buckhead residents living on the higher grounds of West Paces Ferry and Mount Paran Roads, the waters of Peachtree Creek seem a pleasant natural element that soothes the mind in hot Atlanta summers. But, for those who live down the hill in the "100-year flood plain," the creek can cause problems of almost Biblical proportions under the wrong conditions. That was certainly true for Amanda Lester Trevelino and her husband, Dean, when Hurricanes Ivan and Jeanne came, and conquered, two years ago.

"After the first hurricane, we found ourselves driving around in our one surviving car, searching for a place to live and contemplating the time it would take to restore the house," says Amanda, a freelance writer and contributing editor of trends and real estate for *The Atlantan*. "After the second hurricane 11 days later, we had no choice but to tear it down and start over."

The decision didn't come easily, even though the contaminated creek waters had reached almost 5-foot-high levels inside the 2,200-square-foot house. Aside from the fact that it was the home they shared with their 5-year old son, it had historic architectural value as well. In 1951, the now-defunct magazine, *The American Home*, published the ranch house as one of the first Modernist structures of its kind in Atlanta. In 1997, Roy Otwell, co-owner of local contemporary design stores Poliform Atlanta and Switch, renovated it. "We'd been attracted to the original Mid-Century Modern house because of the location and because of Roy's re-do," says Amanda. "His aesthetic matched ours, and he has a gift for making small spaces function efficiently." Before the hurricanes, the Trevelinos intended to add a second story. And though the plans somehow survived the storms, the couple tossed them out in desperation as they moved into a live/work loft at King Plow, the first of two temporary housing stops.

Ultimately it was Dean, co-owner/principle of Trevelino/Keller Communications Group, who decided they had to rise

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**Left: The Trevelinos (shown above) enjoy relaxing poolside at home on chaise lounges designed by Alberto Meda for Alias. Available from Space, 404.228.4600.**