

Dive into summer with these ethereal aerial photos of pools

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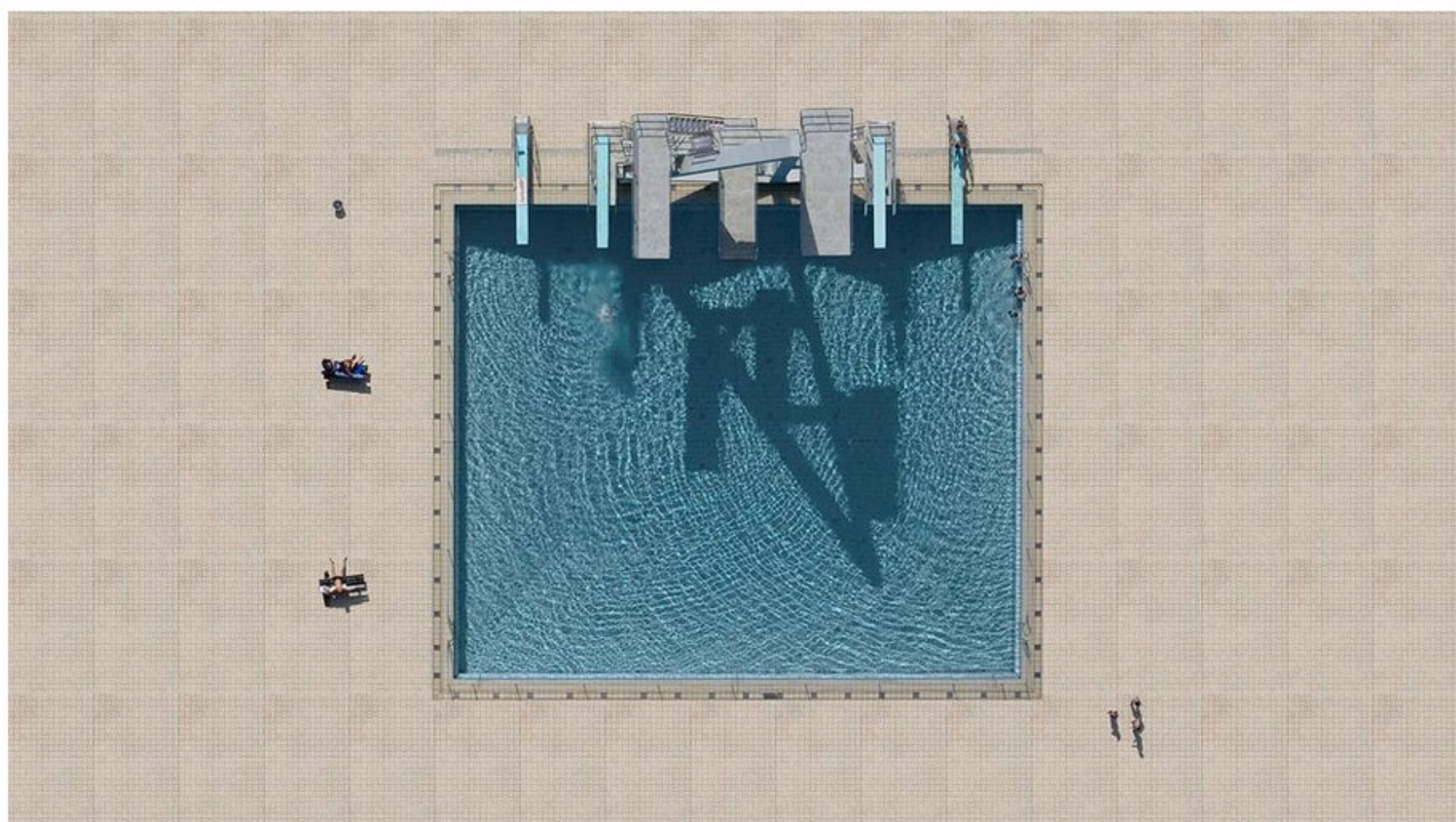


IMAGE: STEPHAN ZIRWES



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With these (finally) warm temperatures, we've all got one thing on the brain: summer. And really nothing says summer like hanging out around a pool. Photographer Stephan Zirwes, however, prefers to enjoy pools from above.

From more than 1,000 feet above the ground in Southern Germany, [Zirwes photographs from a helicopter](#) with a Hasselblad 50Mp camera. In post-production he eliminates distracting elements from around the pool, creating a super minimalist image.

"Public pools are a part of my childhood," Zirwes told Mashable. "As child, and also as teen, it was the best place at hot summer days to meet friends, neighbors, and by coincidence you met people you hadn't seen for long time. So it was always a place of relaxing."

Zirwes has photographed other things from above - from football fields to construction zones to airfields. He says aerial photography stems from his "motivation to get new views on things" and his first explored the world from above during a commercial shoot, where he was hired to make a video, but shot some still images on the side. "And I remember the photos, shot straight down, had shadows and structures in fields that fascinated me from the beginning."

Zirwes' photos will be on display at the [Opiom Gallery](#) through June 16.

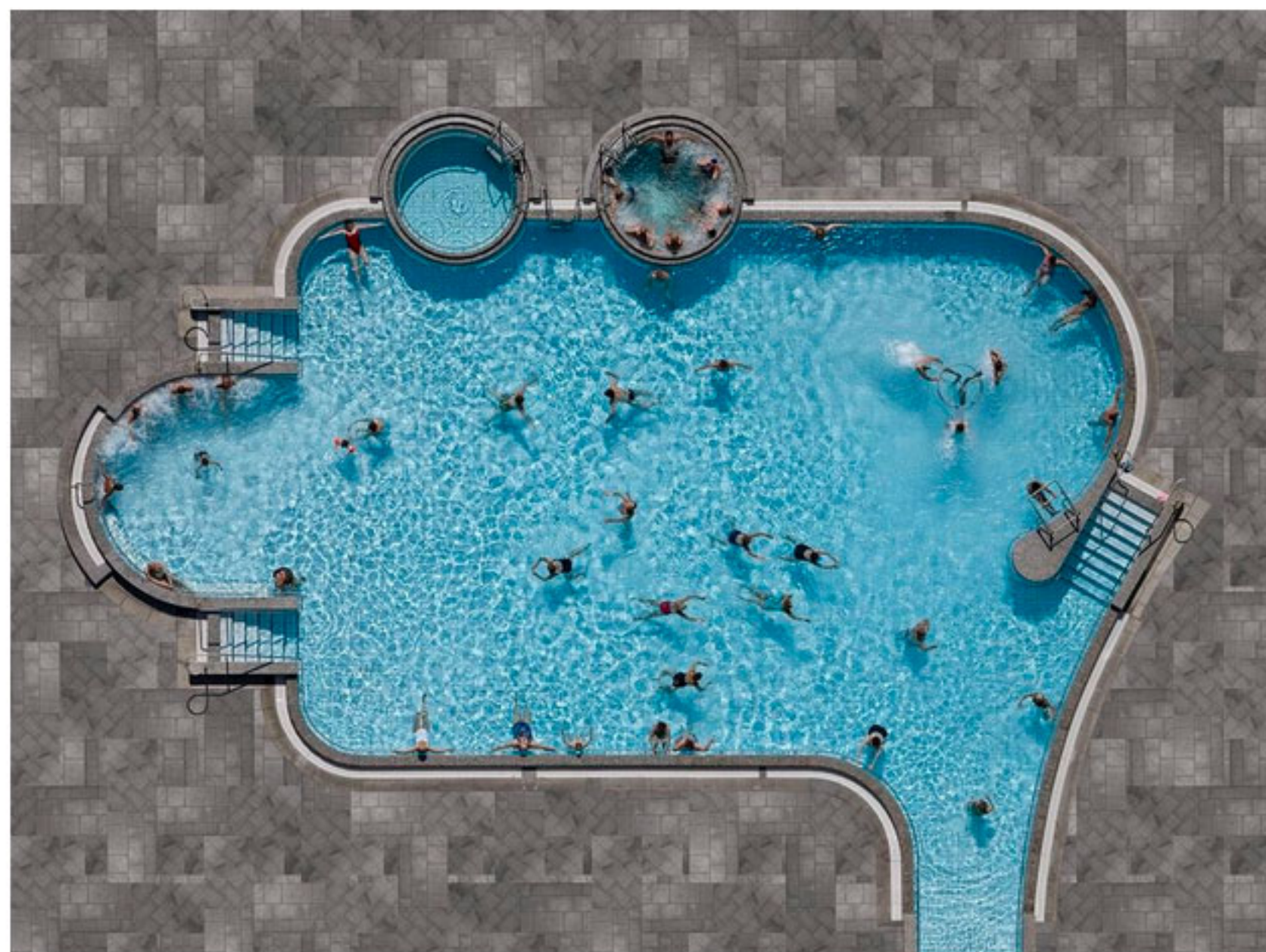


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