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ARCHITECTS

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## ALEJANDRO GIMENEZ ARCHITECTS

This project in Sotogrande exemplifies the style and approach of Alejandro Giménez Architects. The owners, who live in Russia, wanted a vacation home where they could thoroughly enjoy the light of Andalucía and a residence that in style followed the traditions of Andalusian architecture with its thick, white walls.

The firm actually conceived the design of the house by working on it at the plot rather than in the studio. During the process they made quite a number of changes to refine the use of space, just like a sculptor would.

The residence uses three natural materials: wood, mud and whitewashed walls. This combination creates striking contrasts but also balances the vernacular and modern in a harmonious way.

At the heart of this house is the swimming pool that is attached to the building in a way that allows the owners to have both an indoor and outdoor pool. They also designed a mix of pool and fountain and where one of the walls of the house rests on the pool they installed a curtain waterfall.

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Architect Ivan Costenoble established Marbella-based Mansion Design more than 20 years ago. The studio's design philosophy is based on a desire to reflect the quality of life on the Costa del Sol through their architectural designs and to share a passion for architecture with their customers.

The team collaborate closely with each client to produce a home that captures their wishes, lifestyle and needs to ensure that the finished product is the home of their dreams.

Clients can choose from these architectural styles: Contemporary, Classical, Modern, Rustic, Modern Andalusian and Hi Tech, although the architectural creation will be a bespoke "haute couture" residence.

Mansion Design offers a range of services in addition to architectural design, including project management, construction, landscaping and decoration. It also has a catalogue of available plots to purchase.

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