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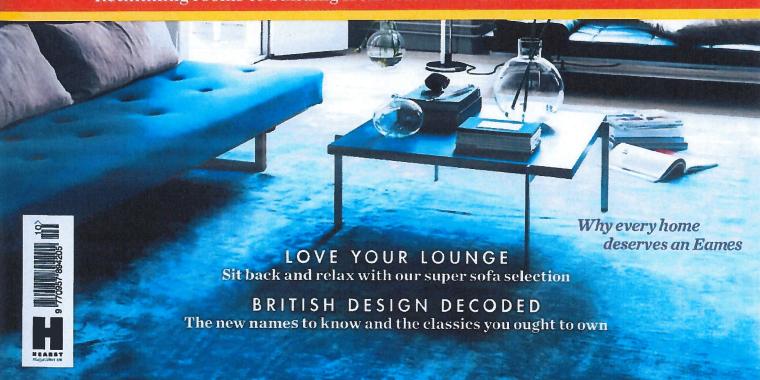
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ARCHITECTS & INTERIOR DESIGNERS

Rethinking rooms to building from scratch. Who to call. And what it'll cost.



RIBA award-winning architecture firm Found Associates created a bold contrast between modern glass and local stone when designing the extension to this Grade II-listed 18th-century gamekeeper's cottage (above).

Company founder Richard Found explains that huge expanses of glass were used to frame the views of the rolling fields, and a green roof was planted to soften the impact of the building upon the surrounding landscape. What's your USP? We are deliberate in not having a look. What are you currently working on? Several private houses in London, the south of France and Corsica. We're also working on department stores including Saks Fifth Avenue.

Most unusual request?
To design a bath large enough to fit three adults.
Dream project? We'd really like to design a new-build property somewhere on the British coastline.
foundassociates.com

INSPIRING ARCHITECTURAL BREAKS

These are holiday lets with a difference! Living Architecture commissions great architectural projects that you can experience. Book your stay in one of these beautiful properties at living-architecture.co.uk



1 The Balancing Barn

Designed by Dutch practice MVRDV (mvrdv.nl), The Balancing Barn stands on the edge of a nature reserve a few miles inland from the Suffolk coast. Clad in shimmering silver tiles like a gigantic Airstream trailer, the house cantilevers over the landscape and offers uninterrupted views. The ingenuity continues inside.



2 The Shingle House

This delightfully simple shed is finished in tarred black shingle and sits on the unique beach of Dungeness. Scottish practice Northern Office For Research And Design (nordarchitecture.com) has lightened the interior with pale timber panelling and coloured concrete.



3 The Long House

From its traditional flint wall to the great medieval-style hall at its heart, The Long House takes inspiration from Norfolk's ancient churches and barns and puts their characteristics through the Modernist blender. The design, by Sir Michael and Lady Patty Hopkins (hopkins.co.uk) is as high-tech as it is handcrafted.



4 The Dune House

This modern take on the traditional beach house by Jarmund/Vigsnæs Architects (jva.no) is full of interesting angles softened by warm, comforting design touches. Surrounded by Suffolk sand dunes, the property is so close to the sea that you can taste salt on the air.



5 A House For Essex

Evoking pilgrimage chapels and gingerbread houses, Grayson Perry's collaboration with FAT Architecture (fashionarchitecturetaste.com) is one giant, painstakingly crafted artwork. Register for the next ballot to stay there.