

THE CLIENT BRIEF

As a busy entrepreneur with far reaching, extensive international business interests I am looking for fresh, new and exciting ideas for a striking, exciting and contemporary second home design.

Unusually and due to my extremely heavy workload commitments I wish to appoint the services of an architectural practice to consider designs for a unique, 'retreat/getaway' property. This appointment will have limited input from myself at this early stage as I am open to fresh new ideas which will model and shape this exciting new building.

This home will also be used as a place to entertain my clients, provide an alternative relaxing and rejuvenating break from everyday normal life and also act as a satellite office for my professional affairs. Due to the nature of my profession I am able to carry out my normal working duties remotely with access to the internet alone.

I love the outdoors and I am keen that this is reflected in the designs you consider. However, views and the design of the building should be inspiring and dramatic. I enjoy entertaining and eating outside and like the idea of the external and internal spaces being as one to form light, airy and open living space uninterrupted by the building fabric.

Sustainability should be embedded within the design also. I am open to ideas of green 'sedam' roof areas, solar panels (or photo voltaics), rain water harvesting (use of rainwater for flushing toilets and non-potable uses) and alternative energy solutions i.e. wind and wave systems. Consider solar shading and spaces which may help keep you cool in hot sunny months. These systems should be elegant and carefully integrated into the design proposals.

This is an ideas/conceptual project and the project should be treated as 'unrestricted' in terms of both the design proposal and budget. Structural solutions should not hinder the design proposals at this stage.

The other element of design freedom is that you have full 'carte blanche' in terms of the proposed location of the new build. Chose any country, any location. It may be high up in the mountains, on an island or by the sea, hung off a cliff face or even floating!

As an indication the design should include the following:

- *The property should have 6 bedrooms with associated bathroom and wc areas.*
- *Kitchen and dining areas*
- *Living room areas including garden rooms and social spaces*
- *Office*
- *Cinema*
- *Games room*
- *Garage*
- *Swimming pool*
- *Utility space/changing areas*
- *Helicopter landing pad area*

One other thing - I have a love of tropical and marine fish and this should be reflected in the design and layouts of the building. I have significant numbers of exotic and quite large fish which I wish to act as show pieces in the proposals. I can imagine this showcase feature being integral to the design of the house. Maybe the stairs circulate around the tank and you descend down through shallow water, surface dwelling fish to the deeper bottom dwelling species? Maybe the tank can be suspended above a social space – a



living ceiling or similar? Maybe the aquarium extends from inside to outside? I want this building to be dynamic, exciting and beautiful.

I am looking for dramatic and interesting solutions; a house like no other where the imaginative design solutions are far reaching and stretch the creative envelope.