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### Who is OMEO design and who is Palmeras property development?

OMEO design is my own interior design company, where I am the creative director and managing all designs. I also have an inhouse architect/project manager working together with me. Palmeras property development is a creative and innovative real estate development brand developing luxury villas. Founded by my colleague Kristoffer and me, in Palmeras I am in charge of visual aspects as well as co-managing all of our projects together with Kristoffer, who is also responsible for financial matters. We have kept the core team small in both companies, but we have built a wide network of partners and collaborators, who we work with on a daily basis.

### Tell us a little about yourself, what made you become an interior designer and move to Marbella?

For me, the world consists of colors, textures and patterns. I pay significant attention to all three of those aspects in every environment I am exposed to and I find it extremely important that everything matches. The love for colors and shapes I have inherited from my father, who is my role model in life. He is an art dealer with a contemporary art gallery in central Stockholm. So, I've been surrounded by the art and design world since I was born. I also had my first job at my father's gallery where I obtained a lot of knowledge about the industry.

When it was time for me to leave the nest and continue my higher education, I moved to Los Angeles, where I studied Art, Design and Marketing. I loved living in California, but the long distance from my family made it a bit difficult.

Therefore, I decided to move a little closer – back to Europe. I did what my artist soul told me to do - I closed my eyes, put my finger on the map and landed somewhere between Marbella and Cadiz, so I moved there. I had a plan to go in my father's footsteps within the art field. But when I moved to Spain, I found an interesting renovation project that I bought and directly felt a huge passion for interior

design and the property development business. My first project went rather successfully so I started taking different courses and classes within the field of interior design and architecture and I created my interior design company OMEO design.

I soon realized that Marbella gave higher prospects within this business, so I moved here.

One day I had a meeting with Norwegian property developers, who just completed renovation of a villa and wanted me to arrange some art pieces. When I was planning the art works in the villa, I noticed that some colors were a bit conflicting and a couple of areas could benefit from some additional decorations. I offered to re-style it for free and the property ended up being sold on the first viewing. One of these Norwegians, Kristoffer, saw potential in me and offered me another project. After a while, me and Kristoffer saw the opportunity in creating our own property development brand and we founded Palmeras property development.

### What were some of the brands and materials used in the design of this home?

I don't prefer any specific brands, but rather create a mixture of OMEO's own bespoke furniture and decoration items from different brands all over the world. I always seek for unique design elements with a luxurious feel and high quality, that stand to the test of time. Villa La Toca is gifted with breathtaking views, therefore the goal of the interior design was to highlight the views. I chose a contrasting black and white theme and a soft natural colour scheme with some accents of blue to accentuate the sea views.

### What would you say is your signature touch when it comes to interior design?

I always have animals in different forms somewhere in the interior design. It can be anything from a big rhino skull sculpture, to an animal themed coffee table book, salt and pepper shakers that resemble animals etc. I think it's a nice way of adding life and bringing nature closer to home. I'm a big animal friend and activist so I don't use actual animals, just

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manmade things as a celebration of them. My signature touch can also be felt through my colour schemes, which is usually a natural colour palette of earthy tones with high contrast and a strong unpredictable accent colour. When creating the mood board and colour scheme for a project, I always draw inspiration from the views outside, because that is something that can't be changed. Therefore, I need to figure out the best way how to highlight them with the right colours or on the contrary, bring the attention from outside to inside.

**What was your favourite part of La Toca to design?**

I loved all areas but the main lounge and the secret hammam were a little bit more special for me. I fell in love with the views from the main lounge and made sure it became the heart of the villa, that brings family and friends together. It was definitely a challenge to turn this space into a comfortable living area, since it had many sharp angles, which meant that we needed to build

bespoke carpentry to utilize the space. Also, the main lounge is home to one of my favourite and most eccentric furniture pieces in the entire villa. I designed a bespoke dining table with big gold gilded trunks as legs and a rustic piece of wood attached to them. Moreover, we installed LED lights underneath, so at dinnertime when you light it up, it brings the gold gilded trunks to life. For the hammam, I designed a bookshelf in the games room that also functioned as a secret access to the hidden dark savage and rose gold themed hammam.

**What was the biggest inspiration when designing this home?**

The main inspiration came from the peculiar shape of the villa that reminds of a diamond attached to a leaf. The multiple levels of the villa allowed us to create different ambiances for each space. Also, the colour scheme was as mentioned before, inspired by the surrounding nature and stunning sea views, which gave a feeling of a hidden oasis.

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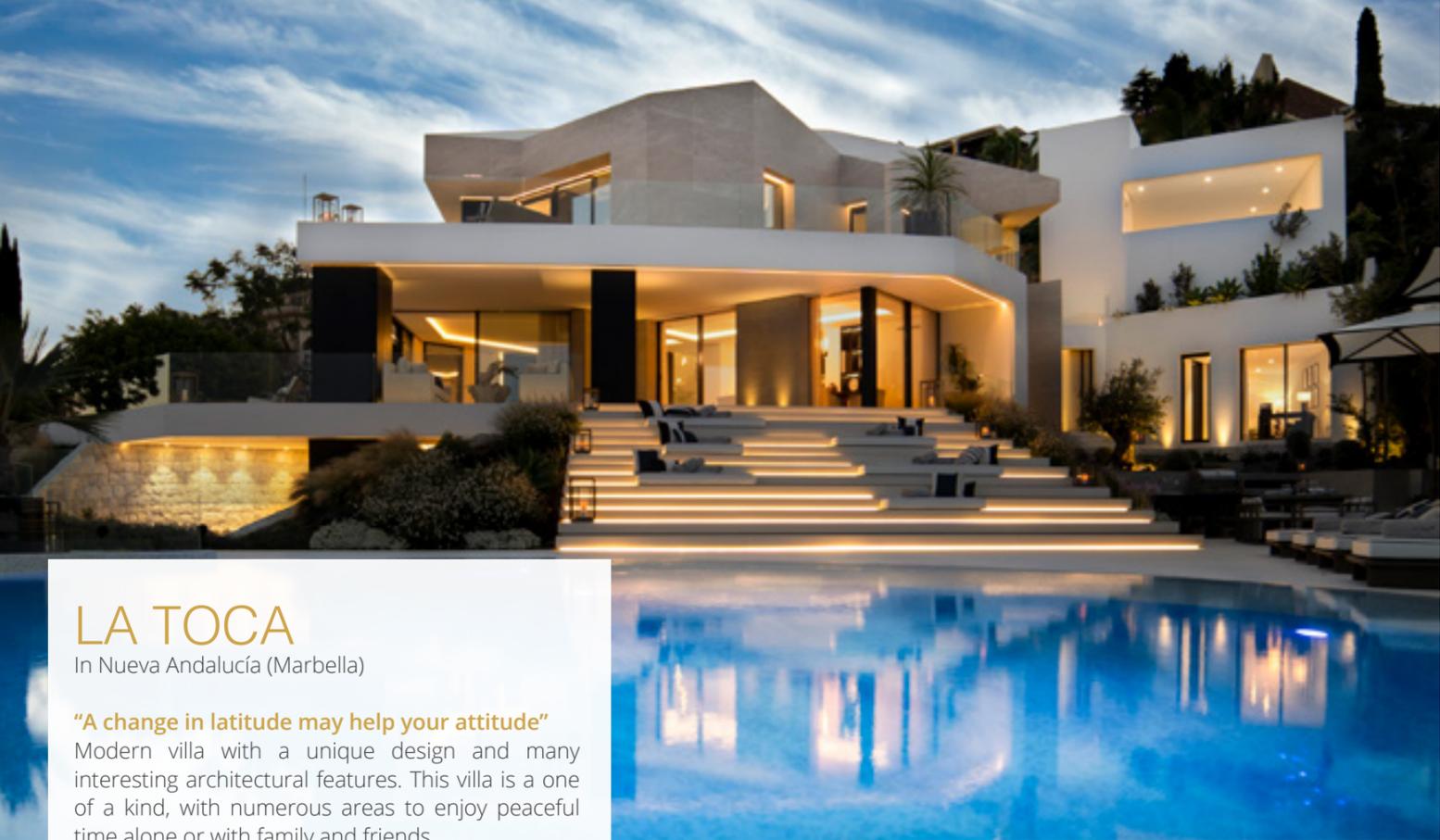


**What has been your most memorable design project?**

For me, the one at hand is always the most important one! I love each of them equally, and all of them have a good mix of highlights, funny stories and challenging obstacle that I overcame. I cherish and value deeply each and every project I've had the honour of turning into someone's home.

**Have you got any new projects coming up soon?**

Right now, we are 24/7 working to finish our next Palmeras project, that will be launched next month. However, the new year has some new and exciting projects in store for Palmeras. In January 2020 we will start building our very first newly built villa project. This is exciting for us since before we have only done renovation projects, but this time we can build the villa from scratch. The upcoming newly build villa will represent the true essence of Palmeras. That's all we can reveal right now, but for sure Palmeras is going to raise the level of expectations for the villa market in the following years.



## LA TOCA

In Nueva Andalucía (Marbella)

**“A change in latitude may help your attitude”**

Modern villa with a unique design and many interesting architectural features. This villa is a one of a kind, with numerous areas to enjoy peaceful time alone or with family and friends

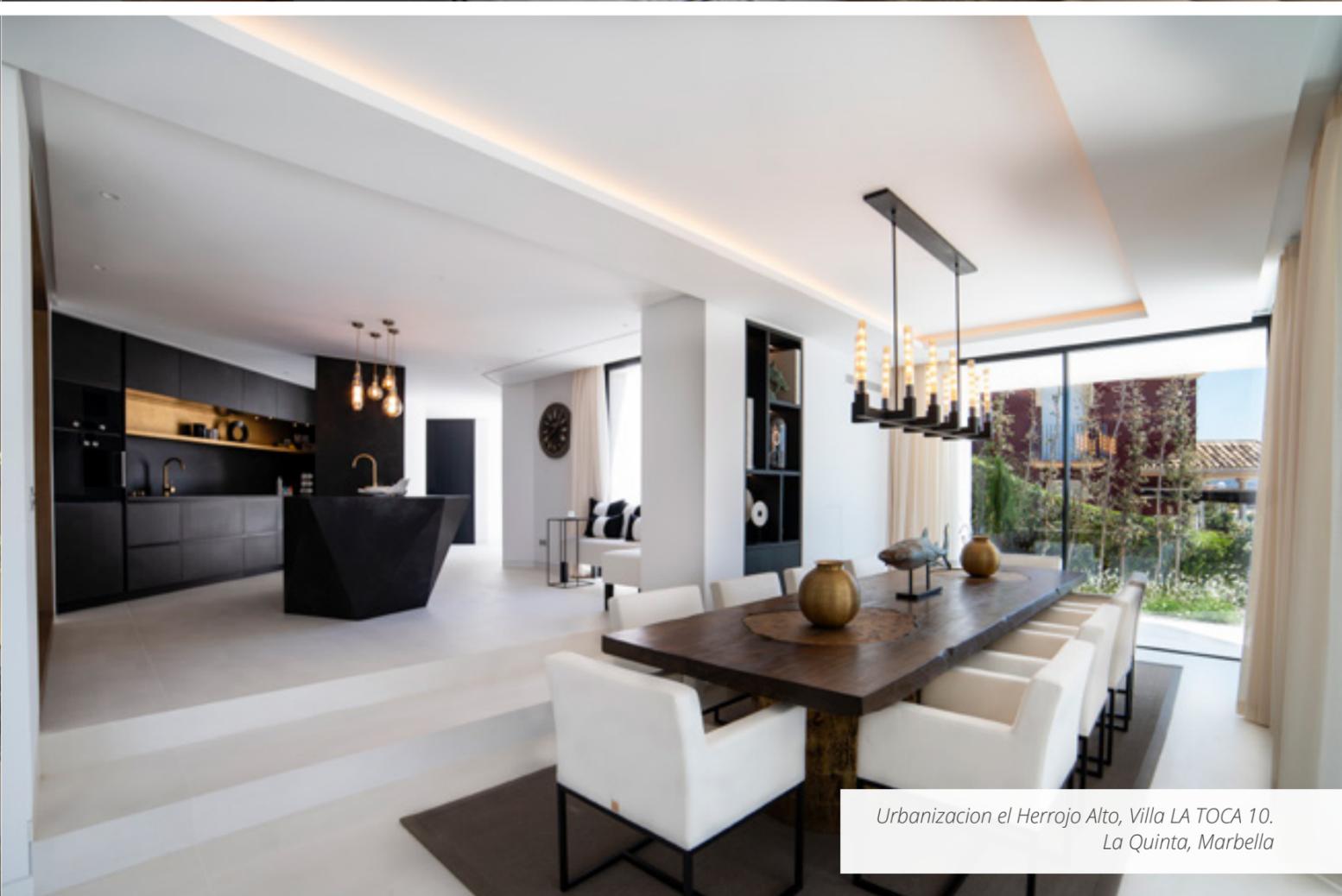
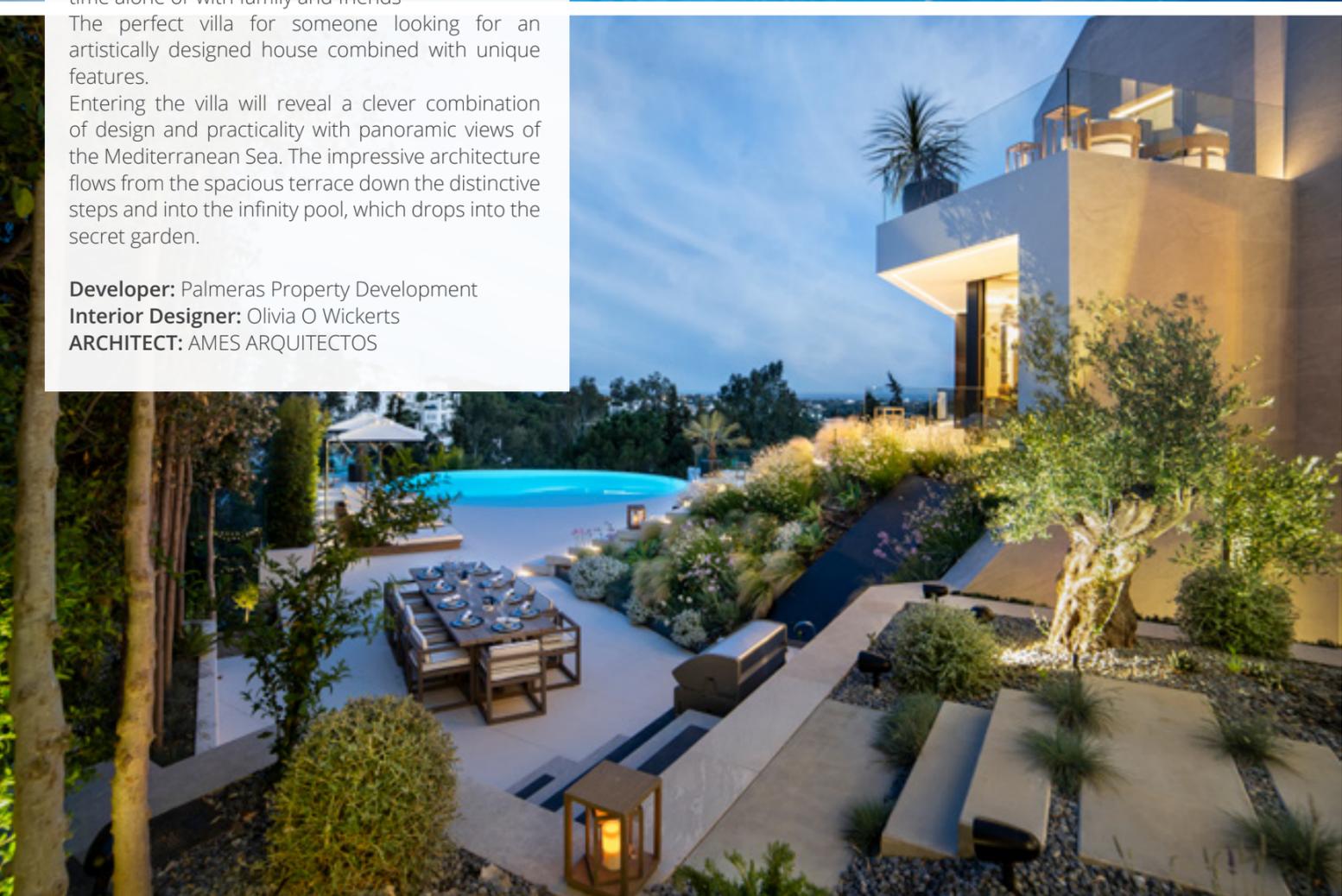
The perfect villa for someone looking for an artistically designed house combined with unique features.

Entering the villa will reveal a clever combination of design and practicality with panoramic views of the Mediterranean Sea. The impressive architecture flows from the spacious terrace down the distinctive steps and into the infinity pool, which drops into the secret garden.

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