

Developed by Bright and designed by UDesign, Villa Alcuzcuz is the first luxury residential villa in Spain built under the demanding standards of PassiveHaus (Passive House). The project has already been recognised in the International Property Awards as "Best in Spain" and "Best in Europe" in the "Architecture Single Residence" category.

Energy efficiency is part of the essence of the Passive House concept, developed in the 1980s in Germany in order to build houses with minimum energy consumption. In Europe there are only 25,000 homes built under these strict energy standards, 101 of them in Spain, including Villa Alcuzcuz as the only one on the Costa del Sol.

"However," explains Bright, "all of these have dimensions of less than 300 square metres built. Bright and UDesign were attracted by the challenge of designing a residential villa where they could show that luxury and ac-

climatisation of large spaces (1,155 square metres) are not at odds with sustainability.

"Villa Alcuzcuz was born from that challenge: the first large, luxury home that respects the environment and is built in accordance with the Passive House Regulations and Standards and, in addition, stands out for having exquisite design that is arranged around a large central glass living space with privileged views of the Mediterranean Sea and the Strait of Gibraltar."

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