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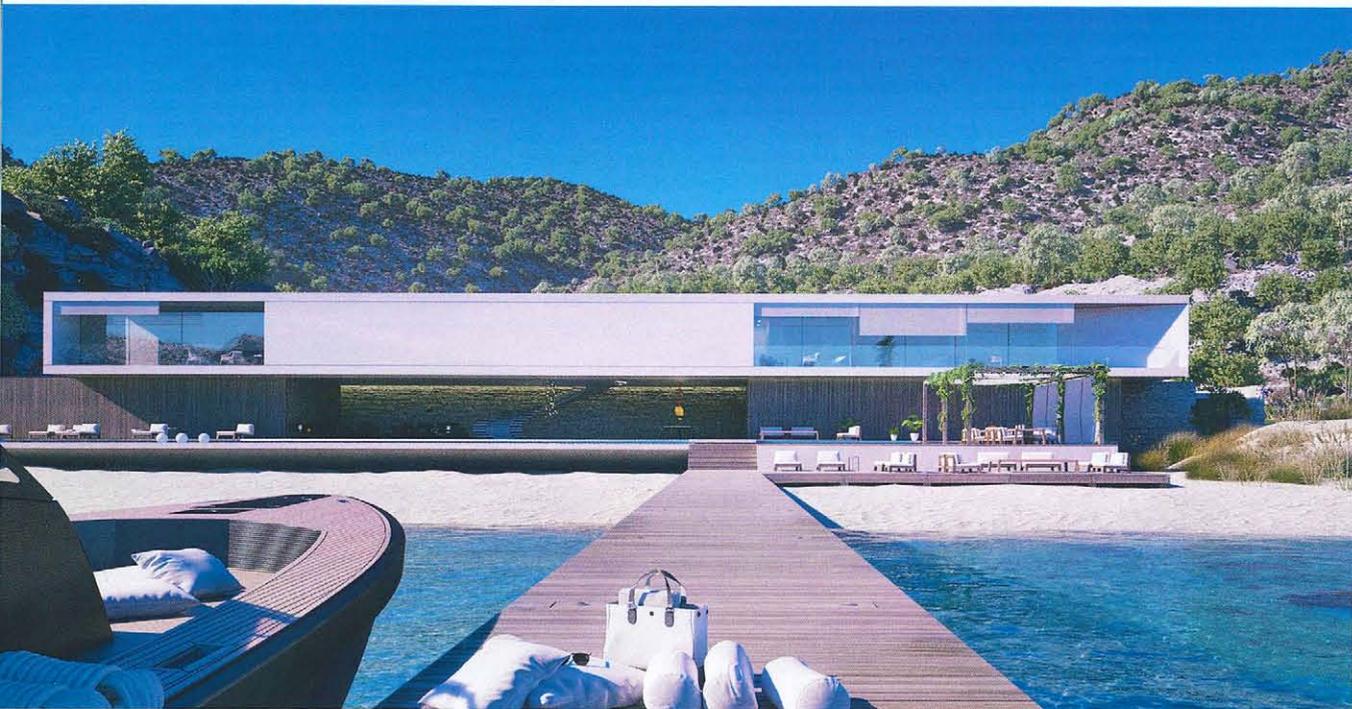
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A MEDITERRANEAN SUPERHOUSE

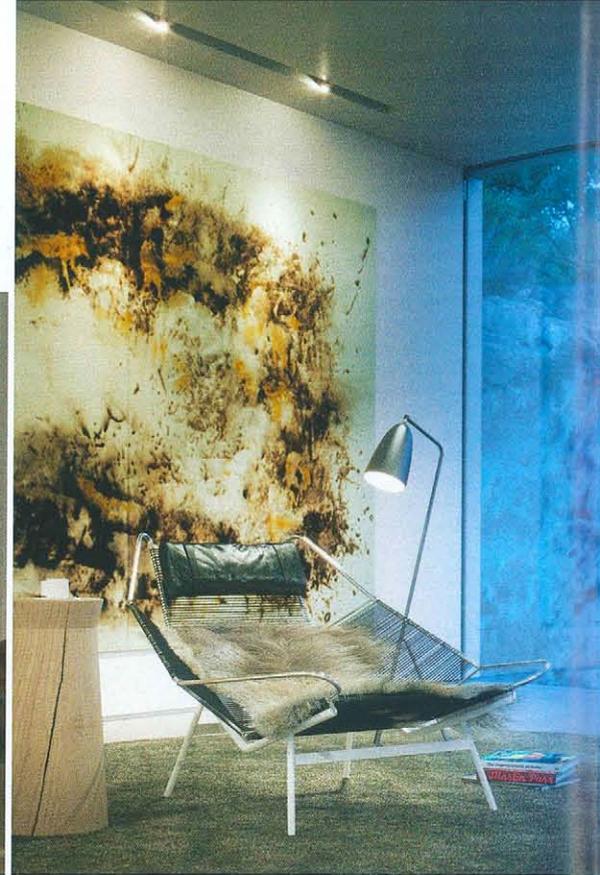
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A limited edition of 30 homes buildable anywhere in the world. Marrying luxury with high design, a beautiful finish and leading-edge solutions inspired by the world of yacht design. The result: sea, sun and nature become central elements

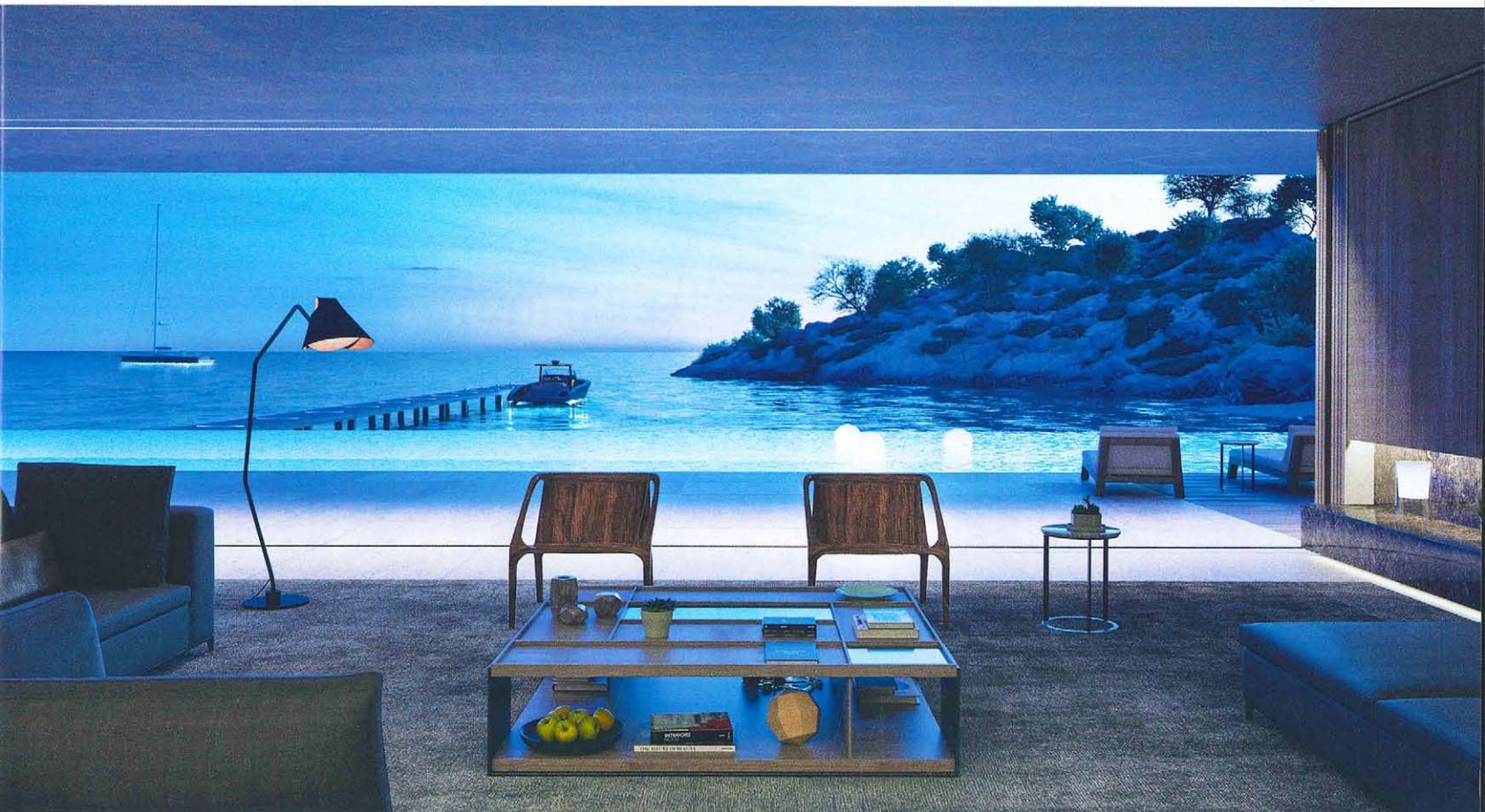
Why do superyacht exist whilst Superhouses donis there such a thing as a superyacht but not a Superhouse? This was a question that spurred Magnus Ström of Ström Architects to plant the first seed for his studio's concept for this luxury house. A unique project, a distillation of architecture at its purest, it is inspired by the design and finish of the luxury superyachts Ström became fascinated while working in an architecture practice beside Dubois Naval Architects. The similarities and crossovers between the two types of architecture are clear to see from the superb renderings that flank this article. The Superhouse is underpinned by a holistic approach: it's not

The house is built from in-situ cast concrete to ensure it is durable and can withstand its exposed location. In the external walls, the concrete is mixed with ground white marble aggregate to produce a smooth, hardwearing surface that self-cleans naturally in the rain



just architecture and design, it's a lifestyle choice. The Superhouse would fit anywhere in the world, but this example was designed for a remote private bay on an undisclosed Balearic island that can only be accessed via a long road that winds its way through mountainous terrain or by helicopter. The design concept is simplicity personified: two L-shaped stone walls cradle the house which comprises two distinct timber volumes with different functions. The first volume has service areas, such as the kitchen, stores, staff accommodations. The second volume contains a spa and a gym but a floating staircase also leads up to the master suite above so that the owner can have direct access

to the wellness area. Sliding screens are used to separate the various spaces and connect the volumes. Outside a 50-metre pool stretches between the beach and the open-plan living space: when viewed from inside the house, in fact, sea and pool seem to meld into one expanse of blue. There is also a sunbathing and relaxation area outside the spa at the other end of the pool. The house is incredibly sustainable with photovoltaic panels meeting all electricity requirements. The idea is to build just 30 Superhouses, very much in the vein of a limited edition run of art prints, each with its own number discreetly engraved on its façade. www.superhouse.me



The entire concept centres around space, light, proportions and material. The architect strove to find luxury in simplicity. Sliding screens disappear into the floors and wall, creating different environments as required and improving the functionality and versatility of all the spaces