

# BESPOKE VILLAS *in Benahavís*

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## LEADING COSTA DEL SOL CONSTRUCTOR PARTNERS WITH BELGIAN PROPERTY DEVELOPER

Atlas Group continues to gain international contacts in the field of luxury property, with new builds in Los Flamingos. The construction company has been recruited by Belgian Caenen Group to deliver three bespoke, high-end villas in the prime area located in Benahavís.

Caenen Group is a leading property player in Belgium and was founded in 1966. The company has over 12 real estate agencies, including Bond Estates S.L., which is the Spain-based luxury real estate division. As part of Caenen Group, Caenen Capitol Fund was founded to issue bonds to private investors and asset managers, and deliver pension funds to invest in land with development potential. The group is always on the look-out for opportunities, and Spain is one such location of opportunity.

Always seeking creditworthy partners and maintaining a diverse real estate portfolio, the company invested in the plot in Los Flamingos and set to work looking for a reputable builder.

Atlas Group was chosen to take care of the entire construction of each of the three villas, including the whole construction project, the swimming pool and the garden. Optimising the project from the architect and creating a cost-efficient project has meant work has already begun in full force and the properties will be completed in early 2021. They will be available for sale through Bond Estates.

Christophe Burriek, Partner of Bond Estates, said selecting Atlas Group to bring the construction to fruition was a no-brainer, "After an extensive study of the market and comparing different construction companies, we chose to work with Atlas Group. As top quality is the main concern of Bond Estates, Atlas Group's flexibility, professionalism and many years of experience in luxury villa building convinced our management to employ their expertise." Mike Gregory, General Director of Atlas Group, said, "We are working in parallel with our client to ensure a great project. Sharing Bond's view of quality, our team have a track record of producing luxury properties and we are excited to see the finished result."

The properties feature a warm aesthetic of wood integrated into the architecture. Blending large terraces and fluid open spaces, the properties will maximise the stunning views across open golf greens and down to the horizons of the Mediterranean, and they have environmentally friendly qualities.

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## Marbella Architecture is Evolving in 2020

Clean lines, cubic design and white-washed villas... A familiar vision on the Marbella landscape these last few years, with the surge of modular-style architecture. But recently Marbella and the Costa del Sol has welcomed a new style of architecture; remaining contemporary and with all the modern comforts but properties have more and more injections of wood, stone and an aesthetic mix of materials to break up the cubic shape and blend with the Mediterranean landscape in a natural way.

### TREND 1: MIXING NATURAL MATERIALS

Sleek wooden pergolas, vast stone walls and exciting build structures which break away from the typical square mould are becoming more common, especially in the luxury market. Imagine the aesthetic qualities of selected walls wrapped in the rough edges of stone, or striking wooden pergolas springing from the build to frame exterior seating areas.

### TREND 2: FLUID LIVING SPACES

Integrating the interior areas and outdoor spaces to benefit from the incredible Mediterranean climate... Smart window glazing can create a special connection to the natural landscape outside and adding glass that runs the entire width of the wall can blend the indoor/outdoors and make the interior living areas seem larger than they actually are.

### TREND 3: HIGH QUALITY AND ECO-FRIENDLY

Architecture and construction are being shaped by EU regulations, and by the end of this year the industry has strict targets to build "Passive Houses", including the integration of renewable energy and improving energy efficiency. When it comes to architectural influence, the architect must consider all of these points during the design process, such as the orientation of the build, to aid heating and cooling, the roof overhang and the overall size of the property.