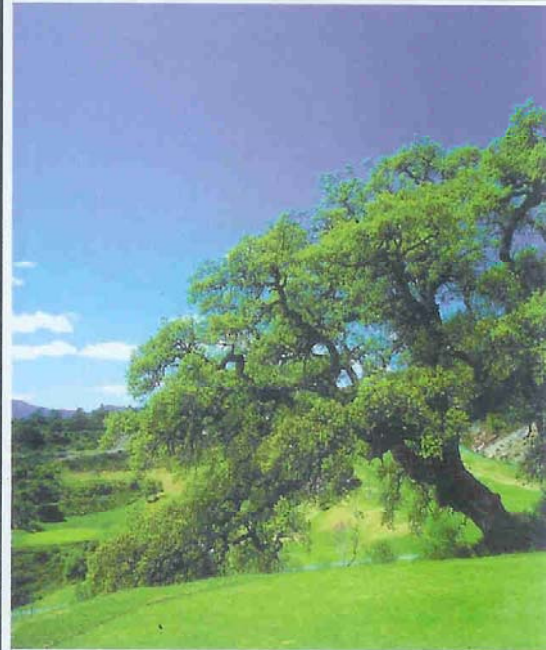


Plots *of* Gold

Peter Wilkey, Director of Johnson & Wilkey Asociados and member of the Association of Project Managers and the Chartered Institute of Builders, has been looking after self-builds on the Costa del Sol for 18 years seeing projects through from feasibility to completion. Peter comments, "Demand is very high for property on the Costa del Sol at the moment and provided you take professional advice, building a property in your ideal location, and with a layout to suit your preferences, is going to be a safe investment as the equity is already within the property which will in turn be valued by demand. It is also quite a thrill to be involved in your home from conception all the way through to completion and needn't cause you a headache if you surround yourself with qualified people."

So what does this all cost? Peter continues, "To build a 300m² villa comprising four bedrooms, three bathrooms, terrace areas, private pool and basement I would quote a figure of 1.500 euros per square metre. This is an all inclusive price to include contracting a project manager and architect through to handing over the keys with no hidden extras. Of course you have to add the cost of the plot purchase to that figure. With superb plots available for approximately 125 euros per square metre, such as those in Phase 2 of La Reserva de Sotogrande with stunning views over the 18 hole course, lakes and sea beyond, your total build cost would be around 825.000 euros for a 3000m² plot with 300m² villa all in. If you consider that turnkey projects of the same dimensions direct from the developer are costing anything from 1.2 million euros upwards, you've saved yourself, at the very least, 400.000 euros and gained the home of your dreams at the same time. It makes perfect economic sense."

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