



We've all noticed the improvement in the interiors of new homes in Spain, catering for increasing numbers of permanent, year-round residents with central heating, fireplaces and quality fixtures. But things are looking better outside too, as developers spurn the quick buck to create attractive environments for the more discerning palate

As the market for new homes in Spain grows ever more mature, so does the consumer. No longer are we prepared to accept the shoddy buildings or concrete jungles of a million cheap jokes upon which Esther Rantzen and her acolytes founded a televisual institution. Those days are gone. The cowboy developer, who would appear suddenly, pour concrete and hit the trail again, is being ridden out of town by a new breed of bold frontiersmen. These pioneers believe in maintaining the natural beauty of the Spanish countryside. They place quality above quantity, leaving hefty tracts of their land undeveloped, ensuring unobstructed views and plenty of breathing space for the lucky souls who choose to live in their properties.

It takes a certain style to introduce your latest developments with a quotation from Montaigne. But then Monte Mayor Golf & Country Club is a class act, and the French philosopher's *mots* are

particularly *juste* for this kind of low-impact, low-density development: "Let us permit nature to have her way. She understands her business better than we do." And so she is allowed to dominate the landscape. 56% of Monte Mayor will be untouched by development, while in the remaining 44% the building volume is only 12.2% of the plot area. Everything blends in with the environment. Construction is adapted to the land, rather than the land adapted to construction

In 900 acres of private estate, there are only 675 units in total, including exclusive villas, traditional fincas, courtyard houses, townhouses, apartments and undeveloped plots with the investor in mind. A limit of 1000 members share the recreational lake for non-motorised watersports, equestrian centre, spa facilities and gymnasium, tennis club, helicopter pad and a challenging 18-hole golf course – ranking amongst the top five most picturesque courses >

