



Creating a personal lifestyle setting

P4 ARQUITECTOS EULALIA POLO DE UÑA

P4 Arquitectos was founded in 2015 by husband and wife team Eulalia Polo de Uña and Joaquín Amores Sardá, who lead the architectural design and engineering teams respectively. Though this makes P4 a new brand on the market, the company's principals have over 20 years experience in this area, having built villas, apartments, retail and office complexes in and around Marbella since the 1990s.

When she graduated as an architect, Eulalia, like most of her colleagues, desired nothing more than to create wonderful homes with all the expression and creativity that modern design allows. At the time, however, most buyers had fallen in love with the Cortijo Andaluz style, yet now architects across the

region are able to give free reign to their creative vision and innovation amid a renewed flowering of sleek, white modern architecture.

"Most people see this change from contemporary versions of rustic architecture to the modern styles of today as a very clear and sudden threshold that we crossed during the years of construction inactivity, but for me the process had already begun earlier." For Eulalia, the echoes of a nearby future were already discernable in the evolution that kitchen design was undergoing throughout most of the 2000s. "Even when we were still building rustic style homes, the kitchen was evolving, slowly spreading outwards through the interior of homes in what was an inside-out

process of stylistic change."

Modern home electronics and new construction materials have added to this evolution, yet what hasn't changed is the architect's role in creating not just visually enchanting forms that are also functional, but in working with light, space and lifestyle concepts to arrive at the design in the first place. "What defines an architect is his or her composition of the many different elements that go into creating the living spaces we call a home, an office or any other building we use."

One of the most useful developments in this respect is the increasing sophistication of computer models and renders, yet in addition to this Eulalia still finds handmade sketches and 3D models very instinctive to designer and

client alike. "When I'm discussing a design concept or details with a client, it is much easier and less time consuming to sketch out and adapt examples of what we're discussing as we progress through the ideas." Interiors play a more important part in this than ever before, for it is a lifestyle that people want from a home, not just a collection of rooms, so for Eulalia how the property facilitates movement and the flow of life are central aspects to her work. "As architects, we love design for its own sake, but especially when we build luxury villas and apartments we must never forget that we are there to realise the vision of those for whom they will be a home."

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