



BEST NEW BATHROOM DESIGNER

With entries invited from designers with up to two years' experience of bathroom design, the judges were looking for creativity and an innovative approach to the client brief

WINNER

ROSALIND CALOW,
STAFFAN TOLLGARD INTERIOR DESIGN

THIS bathroom forms part of a full refurbishment of the client's Portuguese holiday home. The brief was to create a luxurious master bathroom in a style that was essentially a modern interpretation of a Mediterranean country villa.

Calow achieved this using modern shapes, sanitaryware and brassware, combined with traditional natural materials and local craftsmanship. She explains: "Of particular importance was the local expertise in joinery and stonework, which was used to advantage throughout, notably in the creation of the marble shower floor and marble double basin/vanity-counter, right down to the finest details in the tiling of the shower cubicle."

As the clients use the house only sporadically throughout the year, Calow designed ventilated cupboard doors in smoked limed oak to update the traditional, less elegant slatted fronts available. This was intended to maximise airflow and freshness without compromising the room's modern and minimal aesthetic.

In terms of the layout, Calow aimed to create something special with the

introduction of a bathing and showering island, on which the dynamic of the whole room hinges. Not only does the central location of the bath give a feeling of freedom and spacious elegance, but it also creates the perfect space behind for a large walk-in shower with his-and-hers entrance.

Against strong competition, the judges selected Calow's design as the overall winner as the result of a number of factors. They noted the use of local products and an end result that feels clean and modern but very user-friendly, adding: "It has the feel of a confident design with a consistent use of materials."

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