

# PREDIO DE SA FUA RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT

PROJECT: PREDIO DE SA FÚA RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT

LOCATION: MINORCA . SPAIN

YEAR: 1998

In 2002 the Promaris European Mediterranean Foundation awarded the complex the First Prize for Mediterranean Environmental Quality, which recognizes the efforts in environmental conservation and sustainable development.

Predio de Sa Fúa is a unique residential complex in one of the most beautiful areas in the south of Minorque. The complex consists of 36 bioclimatic houses surrounded by vegetation. These are divided into four rows following the natural slope of the land. This distribution enables all households to enjoy the views, as the terraces on the upper level are slightly elevated above the roof garden of the housing directly below. The use of thermal clay brick, stone cladding on the walls and green roofs regulate the temperature inside and produce major energy savings. The use of the excavated rocks to build the walls of the property allows for maximum integration with the natural landscape. The pools are also integrated on the houses design. Local vegetation –Mediterranean can be seen in both public and private spaces according the proposal of the landscape designer Artur Bossy.

This project is a good example of the fact that the sophistication of exclusive homes is not incompatible with bioclimatic architecture and careful landscape design, and that the aesthetics need not be incompatible with a sustainable home.

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