

A look at some of the most outstanding properties of the year



▲ **Dubai:** This grand and luxurious villa occupies a delightful beachfront location on Dubai's Palm Jumeirah. The two-storey residence highlights a large double height foyer making the living areas bright and airy. There are 6 bedrooms with en suite, several dining and living rooms, study and terraces. Grand interiors feature hardwood and marble floors, mood lighting, smart home systems and fitted kitchen. With a beautiful garden, pool and a private beach access the villa allows for a secluded lifestyle whilst some of Dubai's top amenities and leisure spots are also within easy reach. \$20.4m; Luxhabitat (971 4) 5508335.



▲ **Dubai:** This grand villa on the lakefront of Emirates Hills is set on an impressive plot size of 20,000sq.ft. The residence stands out for its attention to detail from the grand sweeping stairways and chandeliers to decorative marble floors, columns and ceilings. There are 6 bedrooms, including 3 master suites and the open plan living area with floor-to-ceiling windows that lead out to an external terrace and landscaped gardens. Facilities include a gymnasium, several staff accommodation, private parking, clubhouse and children's nursery. \$24.8m; Lyndsey Redstone, Core, UAE associate of Savills, (971 4) 388 3339.



◀ **Oxfordshire:** Jacob's Ladder, Chinnor Hill, Chinnor. Set in a private spot on the edge of the Chilterns, this house won a coveted Riba award. 3 suites, 1 further bed, shower, kitchen, 2 receps, hall, utility, cloakroom, indoor infinity pool, 2 reflection pools, garaging, garden and woodland, about 9.5 acres. Now under offer. £1.95m; Savills (01494-731950).



▲ **Gloucestershire:** The Round Tower, near Cirencester. This Grade II former Victorian folly has been creatively enlarged. 4 beds, 3 baths, kitchen/recep, roof terrace, pool, courtyard garden, guest studio, 4.15 acres. Was on the market at £1.95m in May, still available at £1.75m; Strutt & Parker (01285-627680).

◀ **Suffolk:** Smallwood Farm House, Bradfield St George. This 500-year-old Grade II farmhouse sits in a magical garden setting and has 5/6 beds, 3 receps, 2 barns, 2 ponds and a greenhouse. Was £1.05m, now £975,000; Strutt & Parker (01473-220433).



◀ **Worcestershire:** The Court House, Wolverley Village, Wolverley, Kidderminster. A Grade II* two-storey house forming the central block of this former school, dating back to 1829. 3 beds, family bath, kitchen, 2 receps, hall, cloakroom, ample courtyard parking. Sold in the region of the asking price of £299,950; Andrew Grant (01905-734735).



▲ **Wiltshire:** The Court House, Bratton. Dating from circa 1600, this Grade II house has been refurbished by the current owner. 2 suites, 3 further beds, family bath, breakfast/kitchen, 3 receps, laundry, cloakroom, conservatory, WC, integral garage, basement, grain store, cobbled terrace, garden. Sold in September in the region of the £550,000 guide price; Winkworth (01380-729777).