

Meander House, Oxfordshire

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MeanderHouse is a walk in the woods. The sinuous form weaves serenely through its sylvan setting. Then, at the head and tail, the first floor sweeps out in dramatic cantilevers which hover weightlessly.

The woodland walk theme continues inside: the circulation route is lined from end to end with a sinuous and sensuous wall of vertical oak boards. The minimal interior using a limited palette of oak, basalt and stainless steel has been exquisitely crafted to the tightest tolerances.

The sculptural spirit of the house sits alongside a comprehensive programme of sustainability measures. A ground source heat pump supplied by 10 boreholes, each 100m deep, provides ample space heating throughout the year. An array of 42sqm of solar water panels provides copious hot water. Both these systems are managed by a sophisticated BMS which uses the indoor swimming pool as a heat sink.

MeanderHouse shows how to meld true sustainability with uncompromising modern design to create a dazzling home of the future in the Oxfordshire countryside.

