

Designer Manoj Malde and contractor Dan Riddleston will be keeping Pro Landscaper in the loop as they each prepare for their Chelsea 2017 gardens



MANOJ MALDE COUTURE GARDENS

Debut Designer at RHS Chelsea 2017

Garden Beneath a Mexican Sky

Contractor Living Landscapes

Sponsor Inland Homes & Living Landscapes

As a new designer at the RHS Chelsea Flower Show, the biggest challenge was finding a sponsor. After unsuccessfully posting information packs to various corporate organisations I met Tecwyn Evans of Living Landscapes in October 2015,

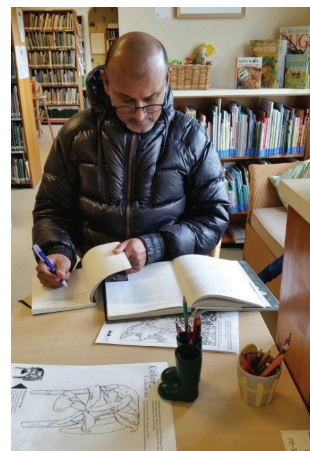


sketch in hand. His first words were: "I want to build that for you." Whilst the sponsor search went on, I researched plants and emailed a list to Dave Root at Kelways Plants. He called me the next day, very excited, saying: "I love your plant list and want to work with you."

My fortunes changed further when Inland Homes Plc agreed to sponsor the garden. Inland has won awards for commitment to landscape design and

care of the local environment – a perfect fit, as I am a real believer in 'greening grey Britain'.

Plant sourcing trips started in October 2016 – first destination Spain, where we found some amazing plants. The next trip was to Italy, where I found the very trees I'd had in my mind and in my sketches.



On the advice of Nick Bailey, and the generosity of Rosemary Alexander, we pegged out the garden at Sand Hill Farm in Hampshire. This enabled us to check all the proportions.

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