To infinity and beyond!
Richard Branson has big plans for the universe
The house that clutter forgot

Italian architect Antonino Cardillo embraces minimalism in cavernous Barcelona pad

We’d all like a bit more space around the house. We’re not talking Changing Rooms-style wall hangings and naff trophies, we mean golf clubs, swimming pools – anything that makes you wish you’d mastered acrobatic gymnastics whenever you walk into them.

This is precisely what Rome-based architect Antonino Cardillo was aiming for when he created the House of Convivio, which sits just outside Barcelona and was completed this May with a price tag of £3m. Inspired by his travels to Cuba and Spain, it’s a space that constantly changes perspective as you move through its rooms. The building is huge (its two levels are just under a mammoth 4,000 sq ft), but dividing walls have been forsaken for undisturbed space, which makes clutter almost impossible. The master bedroom is located inside the giant swirl dominating the living area, accessed by two separate staircases, while the kitchen is cunningly located on a right-hand limb, close to the dining area seen in the distance.

Cardillo employs some illusory tactics, such as bringing light from unexpected corners of the house, to create different silhouettes throughout the day – which, we think you’ll agree, is hardly comparable to Laurence Llewelyn-Bowen hanging mirrors at jaunty angles.

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COMPETITION

Win a £1,000 bike, HD TV and Blu-ray goodies

PlayStation 3 42" Toshiba screen and Adulthood DVD up for grabs

Bikes? They’re all the rage, we heard. That’s why we’ve decided to give one away to tie in with the release of Adulthood on DVD on 13 October. The lucky winner will not only receive a Blu-ray copy of the film, a HD-ready Toshiba TV and PS3 on which to watch it, but they will also get their hands on a Puma Urban Mobility Glow Rider bike.

Now, if you’re currently cursing this new trend in silly names, hang fire – there’s more to it than an extended moniker. The steel frame collects sunrays in the day and glows in the dark when night falls. It’s also used in Noel Clarke’s film that boasts enough spurs, knives, sex and drugs to give you a great aunt a heart attack. Danny Dyer stars and there’s a soundtrack featuring Keziah Jones, Beady Eye and Dizzee Rascal.

To enter: email competitions@shortlist.com – writing Adulthood in the subject box – by 15 October with the answer to this embarrassingly simple question...What was the title of 2005’s precursor to Adulthood?

a) Boyz In The Hood
b) Adulthood
c) Robin Hood: Prince Of Thieves

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Hackett and Aston Martin join fashion forces

Preppy designer and iconic car maker create luxury racing collection

Hackett, a brand defined by its collegiate style, has teamed up with Aston Martin, noted for its tailored elegance and links to James Bond, to produce a new range of clothes and accessories. Like Pimms’ and croquet, or bowler hats and ironed copies of The Times, they dovetail so well together that you hardly notice them. This autumn’s collection features innovative jackets (pictured below) that use Italian fabric supplier Loro Piana’s Storm System – a unique fabric blend of wool and nylon with waterproof and breathable properties. The collection’s lightweight garments serve as a second skin, and feature a patented state-of-the-art manufacturing process called ‘Zero Sear’ technology.

Accessories include an umbrella, cufflinks, travel bag, key ring and, er, helmet, all taking their inspiration from the car’s signature details. Prices for the leather jacket hit the £800 mark, whereas the umbrella retails for a mere modest £150.

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