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Best redesigned home is sponsored by First Direct. Our judges looked at homes that have undergone major internal or external remodeling.

This was a tough category - our judges saw some **incredible transformations**. All these shortlisted projects were good examples of maintaining a strong dialogue between the old and the new design. All have all been made easier places to live in and for their owners to enjoy.

For a four-year-old, the Grand Designs Awards have really come of age. We received an incredible number of entries this year - more than 500 - so our judges had a hard job choosing 12 category winners and the overall Grand Designs Home and Product of the Year. And what a list they had to

choose from, with entries from both established names and relative newcomers to the world of architecture and product design. And that's what the awards are here for: fostering and celebrating great design. In these difficult economic times, it's more important than ever. As Kevin McCloud said, 'We have a wealth of design talent in the UK. To my mind, we produce the best designers and the best architects in the world right now, and that's something we should be enormously proud of.'

As a fitting backdrop, the awards took place in the Grand Village at Grand Designs Live, where some truly pioneering eco products and designs were on show. After all, apart from designing our way out of the current economic woes with innovative products, there's the equally pressing matter of averting the ravages of climate change. We hope the following pages provide a snapshot of how designers and architects are rising to the challenge of both. Enjoy!

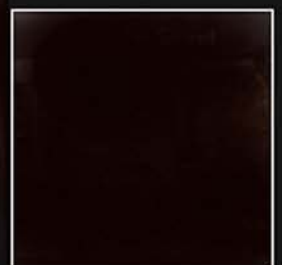
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FINALIST
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Composite House
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