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4 The Poolhouse

Spanning 5,000 square feet on the edge of a large lake, the poolhouse sleeps up to 14 in five bedrooms with its star attraction being the heated rooftop pool. Interiors by Manuela Hamilford create a chic boutique hotel atmosphere (rental guests have access to a butler and turndown service) with a St Tropez-inspired bar area, cinema, private garden and hot tub.

"The brief was for a lake house that was modern and clean but still maintains an organic, natural design that ties in with the views," says Hamilford. "We used warm woods in the lounge and kitchen with cement floor tiles throughout the ground floor. We painted the walls in a soft grey polish plaster and created a cocoon of soft greys throughout the open plan space with honed carrera marble in the cloakroom and a soft white stone for the worktops in the kitchen.

"For the cinema room we used a grey natural hessian fabric on the walls that had metal studded rivets embedded in the wallpaper. The coffee table was from Christian Liagre and made in an aged black wood with iron legs. The dining table is also a black metal finish with wood benches and leather seats."

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