



MAKING A STATEMENT THROUGH DESIGN

The Clip House in Madrid, Spain – designed by Bernalte-León y Asociados – is a highly sculptural design defined by sinuous curving bands of copper cantilevered from a vertical concrete spine and enveloping the main spaces. The design concept reflects the international life-style of its owner rather than making any response or concessions to its suburban setting. Internal spaces for living, work and sleep flow freely, served by top-lit circulation within the concrete spine.

Expansive diffused glazing infills between the copper bands flood the spaces with light while clear glazed panels just to the narrow frontage and subdividing internal spaces allow views through. The dramatic copper bands, made up of numerous small pieces of copper and lined internally with timber, form a continuous skin of the house, shaping the architectural spaces, occasionally breaking through to the inside. They can also be seen as a graphic device – perhaps reflecting the client's background in advertising – and part of the simple language created by the interplay of different materials.



