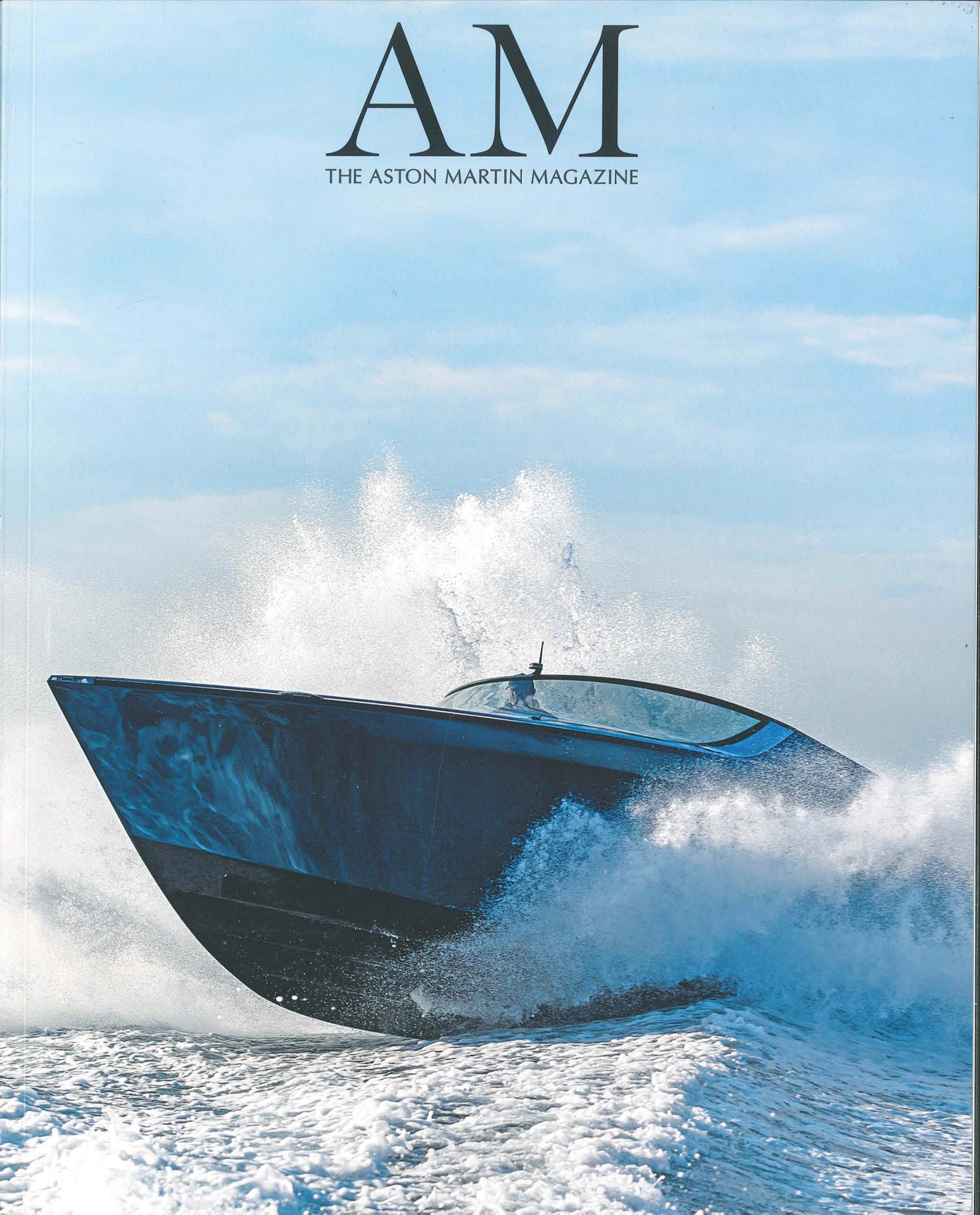


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Quest for PERFECTION

SIMPLICITY OF DESIGN ENSURES THIS HOUSE IS AT ONE WITH ITS SURROUNDINGS

Designed by Hampshire-based architect Magnus Ström, The Quest is a piece of pure, unfettered residential design. Sitting pristine in the heart of a wooded site in Swanage, Dorset, this sleek pavilion is single-storey — an approach chosen to suit the steep contours of the site, as well as the lifestyle of the retired clients. Ström and his team have treated the new house as a “beam” that’s laid across the landscape. A traditional Purbeck stone retaining wall cuts deep into the hillside, allowing vehicle access to be hidden away to preserve the views. The house is cantilevered above this artificial cutting, with the living quarters slotted in between the hefty concrete floor and roof beam. Inside, timber linings and expansive areas of floor-to-ceiling glass are juxtaposed with the raw concrete structure.

“The house exemplifies our belief that simplicity and honesty of construction underlie good design,” says Ström, pointing out that the rigour and simplicity of the original concept is instantly recognisable in the finished building. 

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*The Quest, Swanage,
by Ström Architects*

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