

Designer Manoj Malde and contractor Dan Riddleston will be keeping Pro Landscaper in the loop as they each prepare for their Chelsea 2017 gardens



MANOJ MALDE COUTURE GARDENS

Debut Designer at RHS Chelsea 2017

Garden Beneath a Mexican Sky

Contractor Living Landscapes

Sponsor Inland Homes & Living Landscapes



I am living and breathing this garden. Client work has been put to bed and meetings continue with suppliers and contractors – Tecwyn Evans and I have worked closely with Outdoor Design to make sure the steelworks are engineered down to the exact millimetre.

Topcret and Living Landscapes have created test panels for the large steps crossing the pool of water. The

challenge is to make the steps strong but lightweight so that the structural steels do not have to be over-engineered.

Some great companies are supporting the garden: Valspar Paints UK is supplying the



paints, Gold Leaf Gloves the gloves for the planting team, Sneeboer the planting tools, Roberti the furniture, Indigenous Planters the pots, and CED Stone Group is supplying our gravel.

Visiting Kelways nursery to check on my plants gets the heart racing. It is the one aspect of creating the garden which gives me butterflies – will they be ready in time for the show?

The garden is one thing, marketing meetings with Inland Homes are another – designing the brochure, organising the planting team, requesting access passes from the RHS, and choosing the photographer and videographer. Max Horberry is filming my visits and meetings to create short videos.

Stress levels are huge. I have learnt how important it is to have a strong, supportive and trustworthy team around me. These are the people who help me find solutions to drive the project forward.

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