

## GOLDEN AGE

For many, working life means city life and it is not until retirement that dreams of country living can be fulfilled. The attractions are obvious: whether it's sea air or rolling hills, a rural environment can be the perfect antidote to the cut and thrust of the urban centre. But getting away from the hurly-burly needn't mean abandoning long-established design principles. From new-school baronial piles to rethought farms, the countryside is awash with opportunity.

## FUTURE FARM

Jamie Fobert's farm conversion in County Clare, on the west coast of Ireland, is a textbook example of elegant country living. The original stone buildings retain the character of the area, and new zinc-clad buildings make for a dynamic modern home that unites the best of modern design and our rural past. [www.jamiefobertarchitects.co.uk](http://www.jamiefobertarchitects.co.uk)

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## HARD HUT

The growth of carbon-consciousness is driving a renaissance in holidaying at home. As a result, property on Britain's beautiful coastline is getting ever pricier, forcing smart seasideers to re-assess the once-humble beach hut. Where better to enjoy your old age than in a coastal residence such as your own gleaming Oyster Pleasance hut, designed by a team that included Will Alsop and A Models. [www.bathingbeauties.org.uk](http://www.bathingbeauties.org.uk)