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To help avoid potential losses now is the ideal time to 'Improve Not Move'. This policy was introduced in the 90s in the UK and many people upgraded their properties and subsequently 'weathered' the housing negative equity storm. One of the most difficult problems here in Spain is finding the right person to improve what is in most cases your largest financial asset. There are many English speaking 'builders'

who will promise the earth and more. Disappointment often follows them! Dealing with the Spanish is fraught with problems for many, not least due to the language and the cultural perceptions. Now there is a viable and reliable option.

That option is Carlos Daniel Franco (CDF Arquitectura). Carlos and his wife Ana Laura are both trained architects who have come to Spain from Argentina. With them they have brought their eloquent language skills together with their knowledge of traditional 'English' requirements (Many parts of Buenos Aires could be mistaken for an English rural county). This totally unique set of skills and knowledge makes CDF the perfect 'hands on' project manager for building, modernising or improving your home in the sun. CDF is a renowned studio with vast experience in projects, design and building of residential houses, apartments and 'bloques' (these are buildings of 3 or 4 levels only).

Carlos has almost 6,000 m² of houses and 30,000 m² of buildings to his credit, all of which demonstrate his sensible approach, exceptional skills and his focused attention to every detail. Carlos is not just an architect! He will enter into detailed planning with you at the very outset to give you the most practical, cost effective and aesthetic plan. As the project develops, he controls the sub-contractors to ensure each phase of the plan develops without deviation from the original. This diligent close scrutiny ensures that the plan is completed on time, on budget with the correct materials and exactly according to your agreed wishes.

This in turn reduces the inherent stress on the customer who, after all will be footing the bill for the project. Carlos and Ana Laura have been involved in the

industry in this way for 12 years and as a result have numerous satisfied customers who can and will provide testimony to their expertise. Visits can be arranged or examples seen on their website. CDF specialise in more traditional British designs together with the local Spanish styles. Whether you require a modest renovation, a total house refurbishment or initial build, CDF will relieve you of the problems so long associated with the 'Cowboys'.

A visit to their office is recommended where a no obligation discussion can take place to discuss your dreams.

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