

The settlement of Trouville near Moscow was named in honour of the well-known French town. Its developers set out to recreate the atmosphere of Normandy, employing half-timbering, pitched roofs, turrets, multi-coloured facades... Inside there is concrete. "When we arrived on the scene, we found a bare monolithic structure. We had to create a second

membrane of walls, in effect to build another house – of brick – inside the existing house," says Dmitry Antyushin, head of Buro 19.23. There were decorative challenges to be tackled as well as spatial ones, with the architects choosing to echo elements of the façade. "This is something we never forget; we place great importance upon harmony."