Ann-Marie Powell has created a haven for spa members and guests to rest

OAK AS A KEY MATERIAL

Ann-Marie Powell MSGD tips oak as being the material du jour. 'From sustainably managed woodlands, oak is a warm, naturally durable material that can be used for such a huge range of garden applications – decks, furniture, pergolas, planters – while also providing a link to materials used inside a client's home.' Ann-Marie and her team at Ann-Marie Powell Gardens took home the International or UK Commercial Landscapes & Gardens award for their work on Sopwell House Cottonmill Spa Gardens. 'I wanted to create a commercial contemporary, classic garden which was detail- and experience-driven, where our natural inspirations still shone through to exude character, warmth and soul.'