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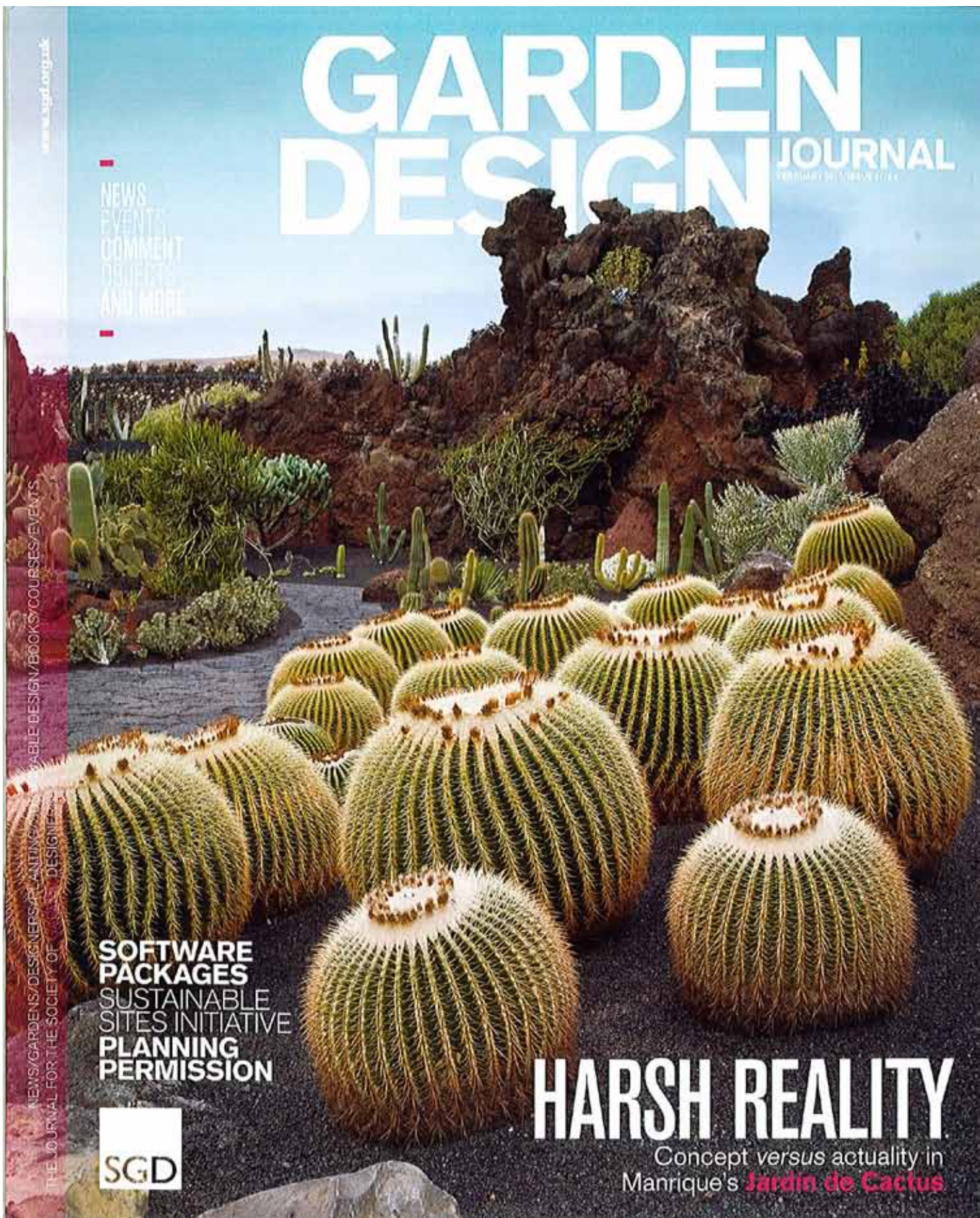
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Water Gems' award-winning private garden in Edinburgh



## Domestic garden wins Grand Award

At the 2009 BALI National Landscape Awards ceremony in December, the prestigious Grand Award went to Water Gems (ALBA) Ltd, an Edinburgh-based landscape contractors who specialise in water features. They won the award for a private garden in Edinburgh, fighting off

competition from multi-million pound commercial developments. The scheme was the Principle Winner of the Domestic Garden Construction Cost between £100,000 and £250,000 Category, but it's rare for a domestic garden to then go on to win the Grand Award. Nick Benge, Manager

of Water Gems, said: "We are delighted and honoured to have received these awards. The garden was an exceptional project with a unique client who contributed to the design." The judging panel were astounded by the level of workmanship on the garden and the attention to detail.