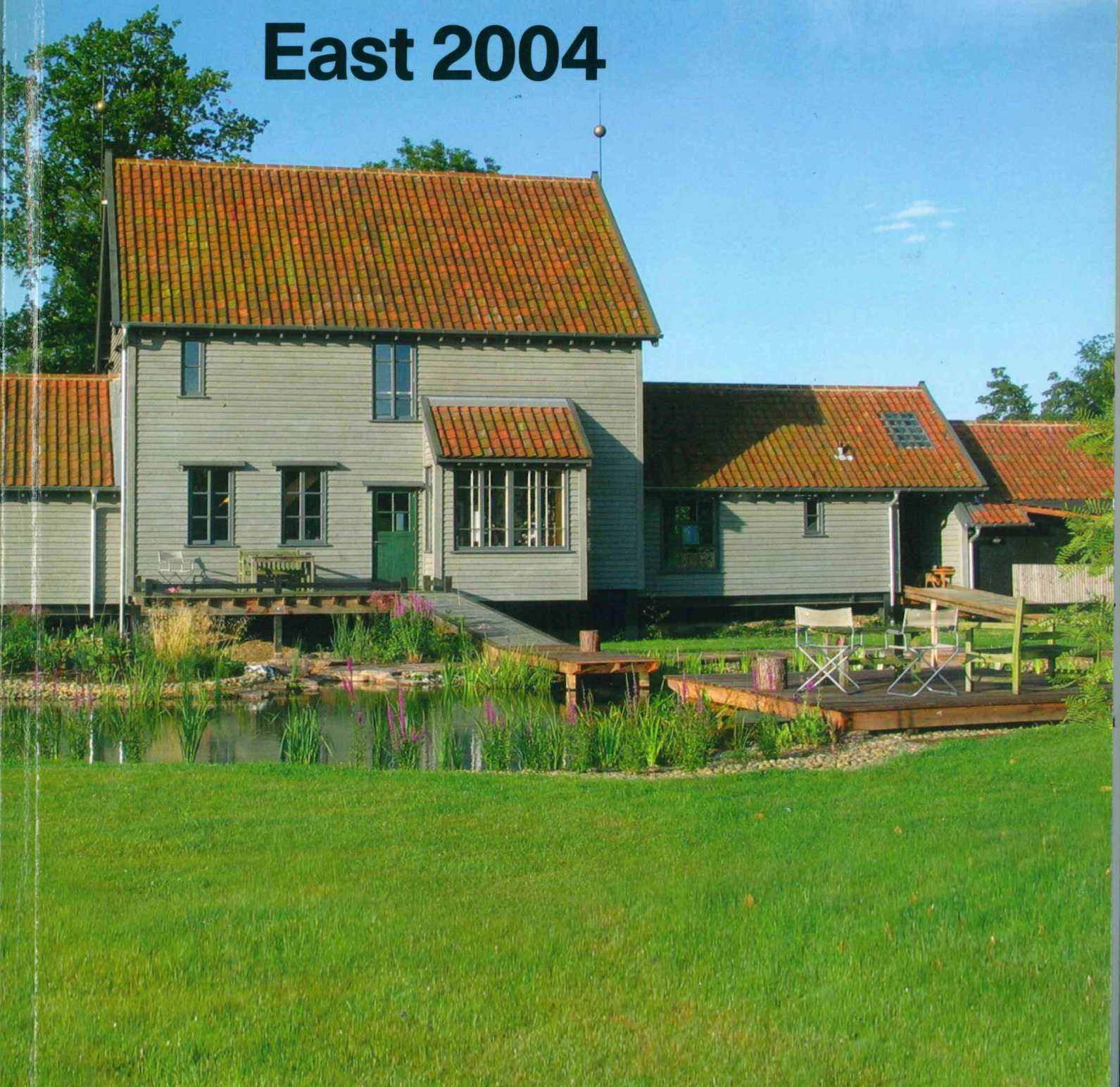


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Quaker Barns, Norfolk



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The design intention has been to keep the robustness of the original buildings and to avoid 'domestication'. Green-oak cladding is used to the upper level and straw bale infill to what was once open storage. No window openings are immediately apparent. Natural light penetrates through opaque windows set into the depth of the straw bale walls that are veiled externally by fibreglass panels spanning between the original oak frame. Windows on the south side open up onto gardens and are of oak or framless double glazed units sliding in simple steel frames and draught-proofed with car window seals. The roofs reuse Norfolk clay pantiles with glass pantiles bringing

high level light into the interior.

Internally the two barns differ in their treatment. The larger two-storey barn pays respect to the original barn structure and the layout is adapted to the bay format.

The smaller barn is more of a hybrid since it ties two buildings together which were once separate. Local materials such as knapped flint and exposed brick are used as interior finishes to play against more domestic qualities required for living.



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