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BREAKING VIEWS**

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ELON MUSK, the world's richest man, gets a lot of flak about his wealth and passions (buying Twitter, the latest). People ask: 'Elon, how about doing something worthwhile?' Well, what about virtually creating the electric car industry, building a Hyperloop, SpaceX? Not forgetting Starlink, without which Ukraine communications wouldn't exist.

Bill Gates, Steve Jobs, Elon Musk are all products of the US ethos of everything is possible no matter what class you belong to or what school you went to. Also the big three weren't focused on making money initially. They wanted to develop products benefiting mankind and started at the bottom against the odds working day and night for virtually nothing, often in the garage. In 2008, facing bankruptcy, Elon put in all the money he possessed because he had a vision of what could be achieved with Tesla and SpaceX -

**ELON MUSK:** He had a vision.

THAT'S RICH! THE WORLD'S ENTREPRENEUR BILLIONAIRES

the sign of a true entrepreneur. In the UK, Richard Branson is probably the closest to the big three above.

Problem is, the UK doesn't really encourage thinkers anymore. True, we've produced Sir Clive Sinclair, Turing and Berners-Lee. But we've become too cautious and, instead of cheering on those with inventive minds, we often just knock them.

Many recoil at the very mention of extreme wealth, but forget that some of the world's richest people worked hard to acquire it. Bill Gates was personally involved with writing the codes which evolved into the software that runs on so many of the world's computers. And has given over \$50 billion to the Gates Foundation which seeks cures for infectious diseases.

Gates and the founders of Amazon, Tesla, Facebook etc are all entrepreneurs who have created, mainly through their own drive and determination, substantial and reputable businesses serving millions of customers

and employing hundreds of thousands of staff. One hundred and fifty years ago, the list would have been dominated by people who inherited their wealth across centuries, originally acquired by men who waged wars and unleashed barbaric kinds of violence.

Speaking of which, can you buy Russia and sack Putin, Elon?

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Where To Buy In Spain?

EWN talks with property expert Peter Bowerman about the Costa Del Sol property market

With over 30 years professional real estate experience and extensive knowledge of Southern Spain, I am very well versed on where people choose to buy. Around 95% of our clients rightly target Western Costa Del Sol, from Malaga to Sotogrande, incorporating around 16 small adjoining towns, with total travel time of around 1 hour from one end to the other.

This area is favoured by clients from all over the world for its superior infrastructure and great lifestyle facilities. The Western Coast is a thin piece of prime real estate sandwiched between the Mediterranean and beautiful mountain backdrop. This unique setting offers more than just visual splendour, it creates the very best climate in Europe, with

fabulous Mediterranean beaches to the South offering warmth from nearby Morocco and a high mountain range to the North protecting the coast from any bad weather moving down from Northern Europe.

Two property hot spots worth mentioning are the beautiful up and coming beach town of "La

Cala De Mijas" (The Cove of Mijas) and Marbella's Nueva Andalucia which is the residential area just behind the famous Puerto Banus Marina and beach clubs. Both areas are extremely popular and high on our clients' viewing lists, which will stand them in good stead for both future capital growth and rental potential.

Your agent needs to have a real feeling of what you want from a property, ideally we need to see exactly what's in your mind. Some clients have a clear vision of what they want, but others are open to see what is available and then refine their search. The sooner the agent knows what is important to you, the sooner you are going to find it. Remember everyone's Overseas Dreams are different.

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