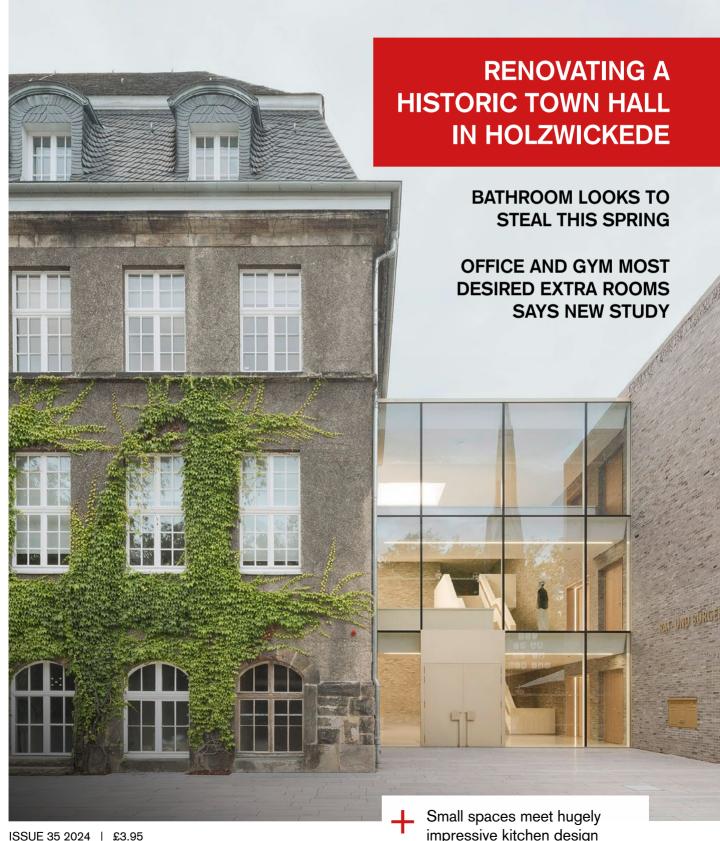
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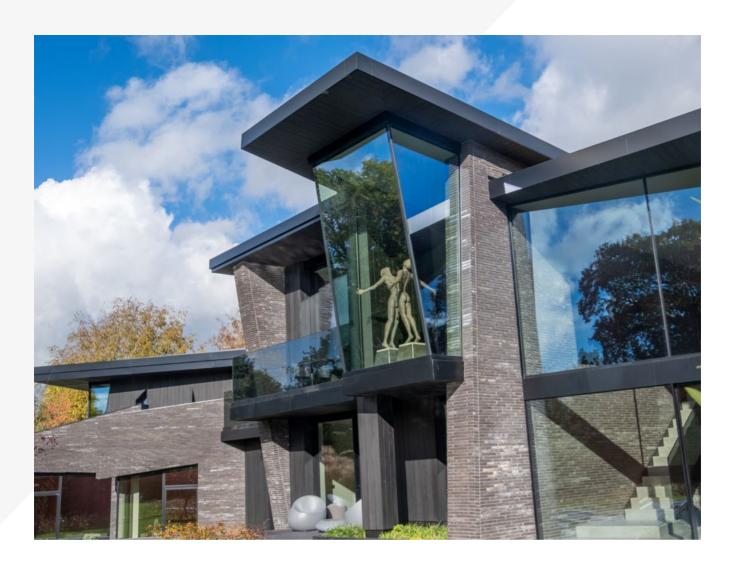












# PARAGRAPH 79 HOUSE IN SUSSEX

A new, highly sustainable house build, built under paragraph 79(80) in Sussex featuring specialist glass design from IQ Glass

IO Glass and Morgan Carn
Partnership complete a
sustainable bespoke house in
Sussex AONB, dubbed the 'James
Bond Villain' house.

The large bespoke home is built on the site of an old quarry, and takes inspiration for the plot's previous use for the design. Morgan Carn Partnership explain "The design has evolved from the shapes and the angles of the bricks and glass shards that were deposited on the site while the old quarry was being backfilled."





The projecting window had to be fully engineered using 3D technology. The line and wind loadings on the glass had to be considered along with the outward leaning angle so that we could design the correct glass specification and fixing.

Large glass elevations within the brick elevation were a key design feature. Of particular note is the large 4m tall projecting window on the first floor. IQ Design Manager Tony Fuller says "The projecting window had to be fully engineered using 3D technology. The line and wind loadings on the glass had to be considered along with the outward leaning angle so that we could design the correct glass specification and fixing."

The overall build was built under Passive House principles to ensure the exterior envelope was highly insulating. Thermal bridging was a key design consideration and glazing was triple glazed for enhanced Uw values.









# THE KEY TO EFFICIENCY

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Adopting advanced management processes has become imperative for many businesses, with the integration of key and asset management solutions emerging as a crucial aspect. These electronic or mechanical solutions play a pivotal role in facilitating operations, improving security, and enhancing overall efficiency for different companies.

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The mechanical solution enforces traceability and accountability through personalised access pegs, providing immediate visual insights into which user has which key.

#### Saving Time & Money:

Implementing key management solutions leads to tangible cost



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Whether managing a large construction site or overseeing multiple properties, these systems can be customised to suit the scale and specific requirements of the operation.

savings by reducing the potential loss or theft of keys and assets, eliminating the need for expensive replacements. Time saved in accessing keys and managing security protocols contributes to heightened productivity and enhanced profitability.

### Adaptability to Diverse Environments:

Keytracker's key and asset management solutions are designed with versatility in mind, catering to the diverse needs of each sector. Whether managing a large construction site or overseeing multiple properties, these systems can be customised to suit the scale and specific requirements of the operation. This adaptability ensures that building companies of all sizes benefit from efficient key management.

#### Conclusion:

In conclusion, implementing key management systems, such as intelligent lockers or peg-in, peg-out boards, offers a transformative approach to the challenges faced by building companies. Enhancing access control, improving accountability, and fortifying security measures pave the way for a more streamlined, cost-effective, and secure future for all businesses. Unlocking efficiency through advanced key management solutions is undeniably the key to success.

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## THE RESIDENCE COLLECTION

The Residence Collection updates Shropshire home with trending sage green colourway

The Residence Collection, a premium window and door designer, has installed 16 timber alternative windows and two doors in its sage green colourway into a Shropshire countryside property.

Partnering with installer,
Fairmitre Shropshire Windows and
Conservatories, and fabricator,
HWL, the new windows come from
The Residence Collection's R9
windows that provide elements
of 19th century architectural
design whilst also providing
modern functionality and energy
efficiency.

The range has A++ energy ratings with this double-glazed installation reaching a u-value of 1.2Wm2k as standard, resulting in optimal insulation and energy savings. The R9 collection is the original timber alternative window and they feature side hung and top hung casements as well as Georgian bars.

This collection is available in 23 colourways with this particular project choosing the popular sage green which has become one of The Residence Collection's top five colour choices over the last 12 months. The installation was complete with Regal monkey tail Pewter Patina handles. The fully mechanical manufacturing method will ensure durability and strength through these windows' life span.

Jo Trotman, Marketing Manager





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of The Residence Collection, commented, "Our sage green colourway has proved very popular, and this countryside home in Shropshire is the perfect example of how colour in windows can enhance a property while still being high-performing and energy-efficient.

"The Residence Collection would like to say a big thank you to our quality partnerships that make this premium design, manufacturing and installation service possible. In this region Fairmitre Shropshire



Windows and Conservatories and HWL helped us to seamlessly deliver this property upgrade and we look forward to working alongside them again in the future."

Paul Jones, Managing Director of Fairmitre Shropshire Windows and Conservatories, further commented, "This installation went extremely well and resources were made widely available with the support from The Residence Collection and HWL. Our showroom also offered a more personal touch to the beginning of the homeowner's transformation, allowing them to pick out the sage green colourway from seeing a real-life, stunning example here."

■ To find out more about The Residence Collection's R9 collection, please visit: www.residencecollection.co.uk/ collections/r9/

#### Architect + Designer's Guide to Architectural Ironmongery

An innovative new Architect + Designer's Guide to Architectural Ironmongery has been published by the GAI.

The guide has been produced to bring together all the information that architects, designers and other specifiers need to make the scheduling and specification of an architectural ironmongery package run smoothly and achieve the best possible result.

Structured around a brandnew overlay to the RIBA Plan of Work, it provides unique clarification on where the architectural ironmonger can add value at each stage of this industry-standard model for the design and construction of buildings.

The comprehensive 32-page guide also features practical



advice, checklists, potential pitfalls, and extensive illustrations of best practice relating to hardware products such as hinges, door closing and locking devices, door handles and furniture, grab rails, window fittings and sophisticated electronics to control locking and access.

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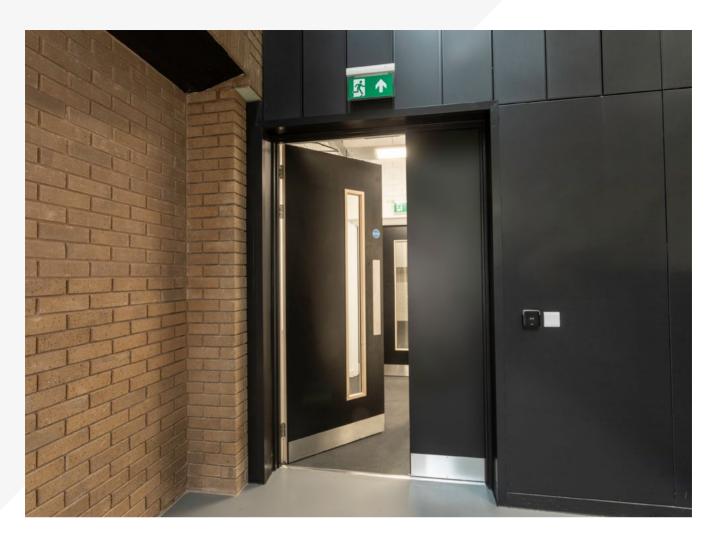


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for healthcare, all combined with various design features - vision panels, styling options (grooved, panelled) and finishes (veneered, laminated, painted etc.). Ironmongery choices include heavy duty to aesthetical and bespoke designs.

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# SMALL SPACES MEET HUGELY IMPRESSIVE KITCHEN DESIGN

**BORA Appliances** 

With their minimalist design BORA S Pure and BORA X BO add refinement to even the smallest of kitchens, making them the perfect choice for the tiny houses project from Munich start-up Vagabundo.

Setting new standards with their minimalist design, the three tiny houses offer between 15 and 34 square metres of living space.

Vagabundo founders Luca Knipp, Andreas Müllner and Michael
Leitner had a vision to create living spaces that fulfil basic needs without compromising on comfort or good design.





"The central idea - minimalist design - naturally has to run through all interior areas, including the kitchen," explains Müllner. The founders therefore decided to equip the kitchens, with clear lines and oak fittings, with BORA products. The BORA S Pure induction cooktop and the BORA X BO steam oven offer maximum performance without compromising on convenience and are the perfect fit for Vagabundo's philosophy. There is no cooker hood to interfere with the views of nature through the large windows, and the integrated odour filter makes it possible to cook like in the fresh air.

An ideal solution for small kitchens, the BORA S Pure cooktop extraction system features an elegant design and delivers top performance with optimum cooktop use. With a width of just 60cm, this ultra-compact appliance boasts an impressive range of options. The system has four different cooking zones which are suitable for all standard pot sizes. The entire cooktop surface can be used optimally thanks to the specially developed induction coils and the asymmetric arrangement of the extractor opening. The BORA appliances add refinement to even the smallest of kitchens, making them the perfect choice for the tiny houses project from Munich start-up Vagabundo.

The team was impressed with the BORA X BO's qualities and

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performance too. "When we tested the steam oven for the first time, we were thrilled that our roasted vegetables were ready after just twelve minutes," recalls Müllner.

The BORA X BO is a steamer and oven rolled into one appliance. The steam oven offers professional technology for the domestic kitchen, with a steam extraction function built-in. Together with the innovative activated charcoal odour filter it keeps the kitchen full of fresh air, ensures a clear view

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"BORA and Vagabudo Living are a perfect match. As companies, we represent the same values: quality, innovation and sustainability."

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# A GUIDE TO BATHROOM SURFACES

#### Cullifords

Whether it's for beautiful baths or statement shower enclosures, finding the right bathroom surface can be daunting. With more choices and material varieties than ever, homeowners and designers can easily find the perfect option for their scheme, from both a practical and an aesthetic point of view.

#### Granite

The Cullifords range has some of the most sought-after granites from around the world, with a selection of beautiful, durable and functional choices available in various tones. Warm and earthy options like Juparana Bordeaux Granite and Marinace Aquarius Polished Granite are perfectly suited to current colour trends, whilst moody and striking designs like Diamond Fall Granite and Amazonite Granite would be perfect for creating a statement. The durable aspect of granite makes it an ideal material for use in the bathroom, as well as the kitchen.



Amazonite Granite, priced from £3,600 per m<sup>2</sup>

#### Marble

In its purest form, Marble is white in colour but it can range from soft pink, greys and blues to stronger greens and reds with elegant veining and unique patterns, as can be seen with the Arabescato Orobico Rosso Marble and White Beauty Marble. Its unique characteristics make it an attractive option for homeowners looking to add a designer statement to their bathroom.

#### **Natural Quartzite**

Natural Quartzite is a highly durable material that is resistant to scratching and makes a great feature wall, especially when used behind the bathroom basin. As can be seen with the Dolce Vita Quartzite and Cristallo Quartzite slabs, this material is known for having a seamless appearance, making it advantageous for homeowners that are looking for a sleek and coordinated setting.

#### **Ceramics**

Ceramics are inherently water, mildew and mould resistant, making them perfect for high humidity spaces. They are available in large slabs, reducing the number of seams needed to create a smooth modern look in the bathroom. As can be seen with the Arabescato and Calacatta Macchia Vecchia SapienStone Ceramics, they fit perfectly into place, offering excellent technical performance and style, particularly when applied to both walls and floors.



White Beauty Marble, priced from £560 per m²



Cristallo Quartzite, priced from £2,200 per m<sup>2</sup>



Calacatta Macchia Vecchia SapienStone Ceramic, priced from £210 per m²

#### Limestone

Limestone is a soft, natural stone, which exudes personality and warmth. The attractive material is available in muted hues as well as more golden tones, from versatile greys through to enriching creams, as can be seen with both the Jura Beige Limestone and Jura Blue Grey Limestone. The natural feel of Limestone makes it a popular choice for bathrooms, due to its timeless and calming aesthetic.

#### Onyx

Onyx is one of only a small selection of natural materials that are translucent, allowing light to pass through them, amplifying their beauty. The colour spectrum is extensive, from soft greens, such as the Green Onyx, right through to subtle pinks, such as the Pink Onyx. This material has become a popular choice in interior design, with it being particularly well suited to saunas and spa-like bathrooms, thanks to its luxurious yet soft and relaxing appearance.

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Top left, Green Onyx, priced from £1200 per  $m^2$ . Above left, Pink Onyx, priced from £2800 per  $m^2$  Above right, White Onyx, priced from £2000 per  $m^2$ 

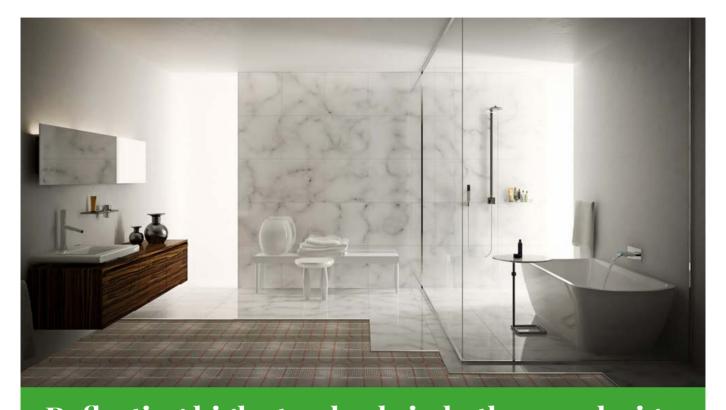


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# LIGHT AND DARK CONTRAST AS THE MAIN CHARACTER IN THIS LUXURY BATHROOM

Marble is an excellent aesthetic choice for spaces like bathrooms. Selecting the right marble can transform this area into oasis of comfort, luxury, and well-being.

The design of this suggestive and modern bathroom is based on the contrast between light and dark, glossy and opaque surfaces.

The contrast between the two colours enhances the balance created by the veins of both marbles. The shower has a strong impact and appears to be the visual fulcrum, thanks to the use of Grand Antique marble with the book-matched technique. The Grand Antique is a brecciated black marble from France, suitable for interior spaces, that gives a distinctive and unique touch to each surface. It stands out for the strong contrast of its black background interspersed with plays of white veins.

Inside the shower, there is a niche made with **Arabescato Corchia** marble, an element that creates balance and harmony with the entire space. Arabescato Corchia, is a fine-grained brecciated marble

extracted in the Monte Corchia basin, in Tuscany (Italy). It has ovule motifs with grey-blue veins that allow it to be described as a breccia with a white background with irregular veins. Its characteristics make it ideal for enriching any environment.

Every detail of this bathroom is a testimony to "Made in Italy" excellence. In this room, Italian craftsmanship and marble come together to create a truly unique environment. The bookmatched surface is an ode to the harmony between human creativity and the beauty of nature.

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# **EARN. YOUR. STRIPES**

#### Bathroom looks to steal this spring

Stripes? They're here to stay.
From fashion to interiors, they're a forever trend and are set to be bigger and better than ever in 2024. Don't go thinking they're reserved to ticking stripe curtains and circus stripe cushions, style up your bathroom with striped tiles and you'll find yourself top of the decor charts. Over to our Head of Creative Grazzie for her five striped bathroom scheme picks to inspire your interiors this spring.

#### 1. Stripes, But Make Them Micro

"Some tiles come with stripes printed straight onto their surface (see our Deckchair porcelain tiles as a case in point), and some do stripes in a more subtle textured way. Enter Bamboo.

"These porcelain tiles are made up of matchstick stripes, and with their

satin finish that varies from matte to gloss you end up with a wall that's so textural you will find yourself running your hand over it every time you go to the bathroom.

Go one better and combine two colours of Bamboo tiles. One row in one colourway, beneath a layer in a different shade, and repeat.

#### 2. Two-Tonal on the Tub

"Next up, a bathroom so mesmerising you may find you'll in a total trend trance on the daily. There's a lot to admire from the border art and multi-directional metro tile layout, but we're here to talk about stripes, so all eyes on that bath tub.

"We used our washed pastel effect porcelain tiles, aptly named Petite because of their bitesize form, laying





them vertically and alternating the colours between the gloss Blue and Sky finishes. The result? A bath panel seriously upgraded and earning its style stripes.

"Just when you thought a bath couldn't get more inviting..."

## 3. Say Yes to Colour-Clashing Stripes

"There are so many colour combinations that I love, but one of my absolute favourites has to be pink and orange (a bit controversial some might say, but to me, it's punchy, powerful and full of panache, done right).

"It's a colour coupling that might take your mind to the iconic fuchsia pink and coral combo worn by Taylor Swift at the Grammy's by Atelier Versace, but if that's a bit too strong, then try on for size the rich and warming Seaton tile tones of Marmalade and Shrimp.

"We used them in this fiery shower room to zone the sink area from the shower enclosure, lining them up to give rise to a ceiling to floor pinstriped wall in colours that are bold but far from brash. I love."

#### 4. Pattern Mash-Up

"Our Petite tiles are back for a second round of stripes, but this time in a very different context. Still two-tonal, still vertically aligned, but a scheme that proves stripes don't have to be the only pattern in the room.

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Why lay those stripes one way when you can mix things up a bit more and have multidirectional floor stripes? Because of the carefully considered colour palette, you can 100% get away with as much striped playfulness as you please.



"The gentle pastel tones of Petite in Sky and White but this time in the matte finish draw upon the colours in the botanical wallpaper to help them all tie together. Tiling halfway up the wall in a wainscoting-inspired approach creates further balance with a single row of the Petite tiles clearly sectioning off the two patterns. Both busy, both beautiful, yet balanced and 100% happy in a room together.

"P.S. the flooring is our Carpenter wooden-style tile."

#### 5. Floor to Wall Stripes

"A second appearance from our Seaton tiles in a multi pastel palette combination - striped of course. Pink Sands, Deep Sea, Sky and White Sands combine and create a stripe upon stripe of complementary colours. But it doesn't end there. Eyes to the floor and you'll see further stripes still by way of our Deck Chair floor tiles in Rose. Why lay those stripes one way when you can mix things up a bit more and have multidirectional floor stripes? Because of the carefully considered colour palette, you can 100% get away with as much striped playfulness as you please.

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# HOW THE KITCHEN TAP INDUSTRY CAN HELP THE COST OF LIVING CRISIS

With energy bills rising and the cost of living eating into household budgets, finding ways to minimise expenditure is a priority

#### Average energy usage in homes

The average family home uses around a fifth of its energy heating water. For those in flats, the percentage is higher.

It's not just the hot water coming from the tap either - putting the kettle on at regular intervals uses bursts of power to heat your water. Surprisingly, around two-thirds of people overfill a kettle during use, meaning there's tons of wasted energy.

#### So, what is the solution?

The kitchen tap industry has developed several solutions to make taps more energy efficient. One of the most popular options in homes in the current market is a boiling water tap.

While most people choose these taps primarily for convenience, there are a number of benefits, including energy savings.

Manufacturers have designed boiling water taps (or as they are otherwise known, 3-in-1 or 4-in-1 taps) to be more efficient than your average kitchen faucet. They are made to instantly boil water without needing to wait for a kettle. Plus, you don't need to wait several minutes for a pan of water to boil on the hob.

Not only does this save on electricity or gas to heat the water, households only use the volume of water needed. So, less is wasted.

## How do boiling water taps help the cost of living crisis?

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Switching to a 3-in-1 or 4-in-1 tap reduces this. While there is the initial investment of installing this system, the overriding benefit of reducing costs can outweigh the price.

There are numerous other uses for a boiling water tap, such as sterilising, cleaning cookware and making soups. So it's a versatile addition to the home and can prove a handy investment while helping reduce home-running costs.

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## KITCHEN DINER LIGHTING

Layers of decorative lighting in your kitchen diner can help with functionality as well as bring personality and style into your home

## Create a central focal point over an island or dining table

More and more properties today really make the most of combining a social kitchen with a dining zone which overlooks a patio or garden. Whether it is a traditional period property or a modern minimalistic home, there are many decorative lights available to suit. Choose a light that has a metal finish that blends in with the architectural elements in the room such as brass. nickel or black door handles. Then if you have the space to create drama with a beautiful crystal chandelier or a modern LED sculptural light, this will help to bring a sparkling focus point into your room. Consider installing dimmer switches in your dining zone to enable you to create a relaxing ambience when settling down to a romantic meal or a family celebration.



You may have a low ceiling, so choose from a large collection of decorative flush or semi-flush fixtures for this situation. Many of the pendants and chandeliers come with adjustable chain and/or rods, so in this situation they can be removed to suit these applications.







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#### Creating additional layers

Wall lights offer a great opportunity to make them functional wall art, especially with dramatic overscaled sconces. Consider accent picture lights to illuminate your favourite paintings or under cabinet lighting to create a calm kitchen ambience in the evening. The clever use of natural light from windows, reflected into the room from



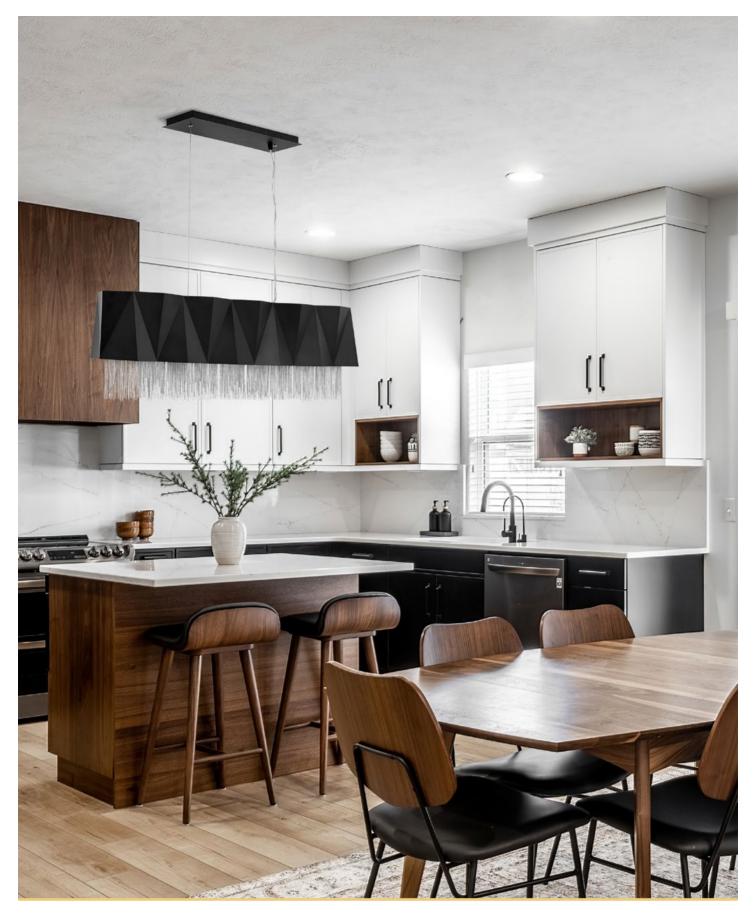
statement mirrors should help make the most of bright sunny days, along with beautiful soft candle light on the table centrepiece.

#### **Table Lamps**

A pair of buffet table lamps on a side dresser can add a final soft layer of light in a dining area. Table lamps are available in all shapes and can bring a pop of colour to your décor in the daytime, as well as provide a gentle light in the evening.

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#### **Interior Flooring**

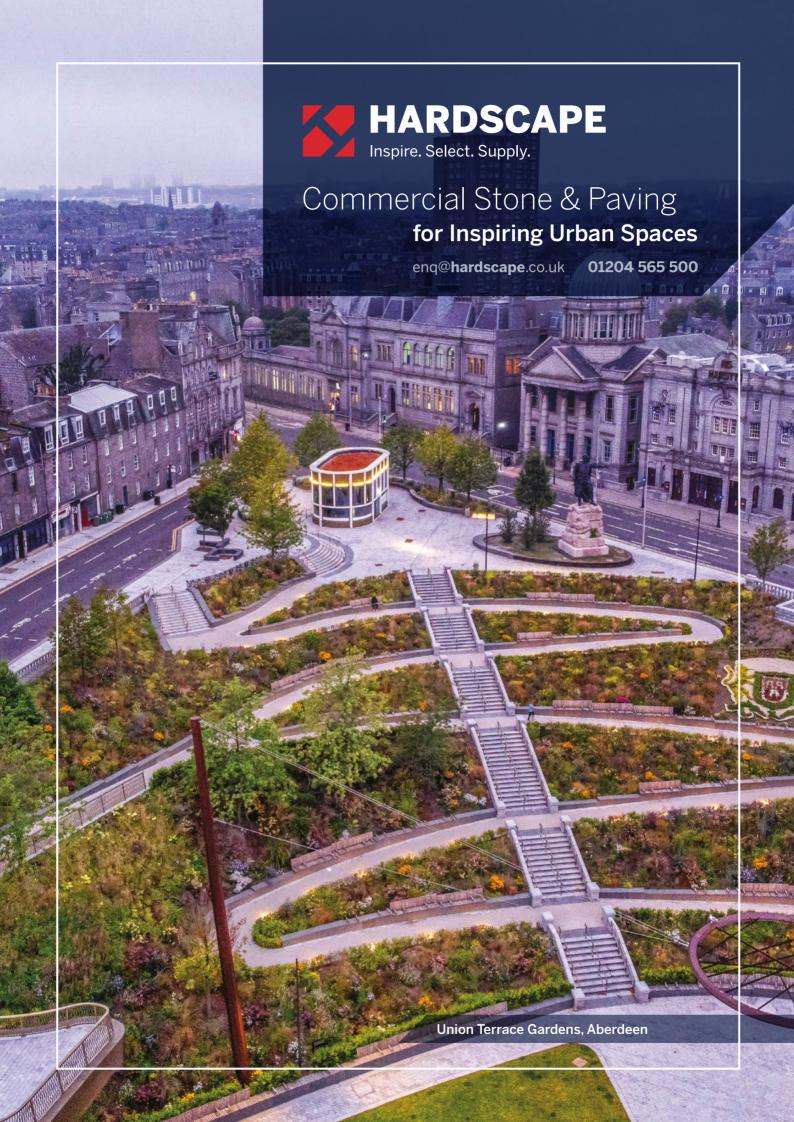
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# KING'S GATE CAERNARFON CASTLE

#### **Buttress**

Buttress has completed work on the three-year-long program of conservation and enhancement works at Caernarfon Castle for Cadw. The principal gatehouse, King's Gate, will now allow visitors to access certain areas of the medieval gatehouse for the first time in centuries.

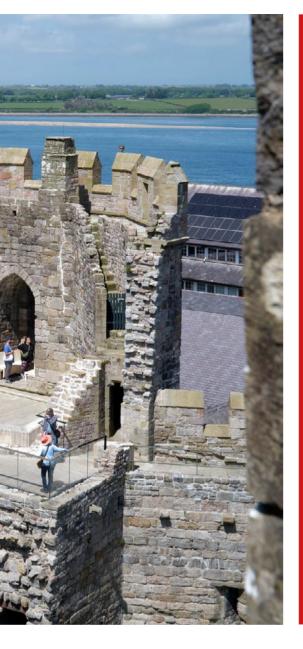
Caernarfon Castle and its

associated walled town have played a significant part in the history of Wales and the rest of the UK for much of the last millennium. The castle is among the most iconic monuments in the UK and became one of Wales's first World Heritage Sites in 1986.

The project is sited at the castle's monumental front gatehouse,

which forms part of the popular upper-level wall walk, which had previously not been accessible to all

Delivered for Cadw - the Welsh government's historic environment service - the £5 million project has aimed to advance the visitor experience and enhance understanding of the







site by improving the visitor offer, especially for those with limited ability to access certain areas.

This has involved the introduction of a new layer of architecture to the medieval building in the form of bespoke pieces of 'furniture' that sit on top of and within the tripletowered gatehouse. Designed to form the negative of the building the structure and architectural features have been created to be physically separate from the castle walls, only touching the building lightly at access points to minimize the impact on the significant historic site.

Internally, three new floors of accommodation have been created, housing accessible toilets with changing places, a café, a gift shop, a reception area, staff facilities, storage, and new and immersive interpretation areas that tell the story of the people who built the castle.

On the upper level, the architectural forms emerge from the towers below to create a viewing deck with seating areas, allowing visitors to take in views across the castle complex and beyond. Access to the deck is provided via a glazed lift, which enables visitors of all abilities to access this part of the castle for the first time in its history. It is also believed the first-time that level of access has been provided in any similar UK World Heritage Site.

All new interventions consist of prefabricated units and hand-crafted, bespoke carpentry that can be inserted into and

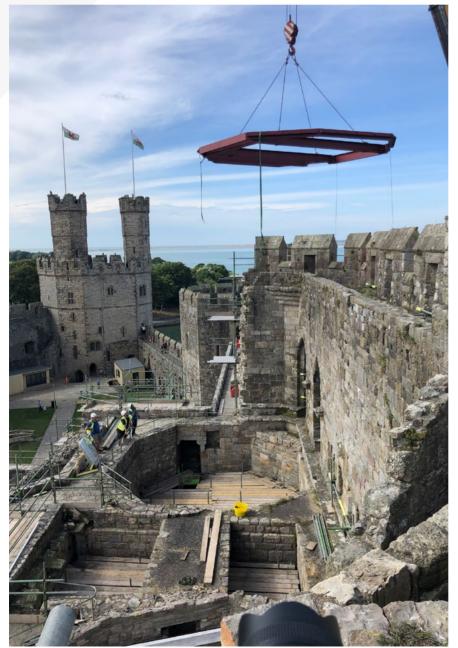
removed from the building with minimal impact on the existing structure. The detail and quality of the materials have been used to celebrate it as the grand gatehouse and high-status entrance to the castle, whilst reflecting the unfinished nature of the site through clearly contemporary additions.

Alongside this, careful conservation work including, masonry cleaning, vegetation removal, repointing, and window tracery repairs, has been carried out to the gatehouse itself and adjoining walls to help to protect the medieval structure for generations to come.

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The latest systems from CRL make light work of installation and maintenance while always focusing on safety first.

steel for durability and strength. Designed for use with 12mm toughened glass or 13.52mm toughened laminated glass, the top and bottom rail provide reassurance and safety should the glass fail.

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This means it is perfect for multi-functional garages as it allows you to access your items without having to lift the whole door. This is very convenient when you need to store or retrieve gardening tools, bicycles or other bulky items.

The Salisbury is constructed from high-grade galvanised steel and comes with two-point locking and concealed hinges for security, as well as sturdy weatherproof sealing.

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# SUSTAINABLE ADVANCEMENTS

At Precision's new sustainable product launch for the roofing industry

Michael Hewitt, Sales Director of AT Precision explores the importance of ever growing sustainable advancements, although highlights the lack of in the fenestration and roofing industry. He goes on to explain how this matter inspired AT Precision's recent sustainable product launches of 2023.

The fenestration and roofing industry are noticing the increase in demand for new sustainable innovations due to the rise in concern for climate change and the nature of some of the resources used in these industries. We have therefore felt the increasing pressure to reduce our carbon footprint and environmental impacts and produce new advancements to tackle this pressing issue.'

In 2023, AT Precision began their evolutionary movement towards creating sustainable innovations for both the fenestration and roofing industry. They successfully produced and launched their RTR bars used for window extrusion, made out of 100% recycled PVC, which would have otherwise gone to landfill.

After their huge success rate in this product launch, their ammunition to further reduce their environmental impacts grew, following the launch of 'EcoLath' for the roofing industry, the eco-friendly alternative to timber used for roof battens and joists, also made from 100% recycled plastic.

The backbone of this initiative is their in-house recycling scheme, which involves collecting unwanted or unused plastic offcuts from customers nationwide, taking these to their recycling plant where their state-of-the-art extrusion machine



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Due to the nature of AT Precision, the company is also making this sustainable alternative more competitive in price, up to thirty percent cheaper than timber.

grinds the offcuts down and molds the recycled plastic into pvc roof battens and joists.

The £475,000 investment towards the recycling scheme has acquired an abundance of advantages for those who choose to use the recycled joists and roof laths over the traditional timber material. An astonishing fifty plus life expectancy, no knotts, rotting, warping or bending for a hasslefree installation, to name a few. Due to the nature of AT Precision, the company is also making this sustainable alternative more competitive in price, up to thirty percent cheaper than timber. Introducing unprecedented advantages for roofers nationwide, promoting cost-effectiveness and astounding durability.

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# **#EUREXTRAROOM**

#### Office and gym most desired extra rooms says new study

A new nationwide study on UK homeowners has revealed what they'd use extra space for in their homes if they had the opportunity.

The #EUREXTRAROOM campaign by leading home improvement specialists Eurocell which has launched their new extensions offer, lists an office as the most desired extra room with more than a third (34%) stating this is the first thing they'd add to their house if they had the opportunity.

Nearly half (47%) of those polled wish they had more space in their home and 17% said they're actively looking to move so they can have more space for their family.

Eurocell spoke with Matt
Lanninge, a bespoke estate agent
and property consultant at The
Property Expert about this result
"The results of the survey are
unsurprising. This year we have
seen more and more homebuyers
coming to us with requests for
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change. We expect to see this
demand for extra space to grow
even further over the coming
years."

Further results from the #EUREXTRAROOM campaign show that following an office, a gym is the most wanted extra room (26%), then a reading room (24%) and a snug (23%).

The top five rooms homeowners want to add:

- 1. Office 34%
- 2. Gym 26%
- 3. Reading room 24%
- 4. Snug 23%
- 5. Dining room 22%



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This year we have seen more and more homebuyers coming to us with requests for larger kitchens and home office spaces when looking for new homes as their needs and lifestyles change.



With this in mind, more than half (55%) in the survey said they'd considered getting an extension built on their home to create extra space for their family. But of those who've considered it, the cost of it (62%) was the main reason for holding them back from following through with it. Other reasons for not going ahead were the risk of the price changing during the build (30%) and the hassle and mess it would cause (25%).

Beth Boulton, marketing director at Eurocell commented: "Launching our conservatory replacement service to homeowners means they can update their unused, outdated conservatories into modern, usable spaces without the time and hassle of an expensive extension. The results from our study show that having extra space in our homes is a priority for nearly half of homeowners, and no doubt the change in the way we live postpandemic has impacted the way we use that space.

"Creating a home-office has never been more popular as working from home remains a permanent option in the UK, and with that, the opportunity to get more from your house like a gym and family rooms, proving a reading room, snug, and dining room to spend more time with your loved ones. We expect the demand for this to stay, as the housing market forces more to adopt the 'don't move, improve' notion"

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Mayfair - A true testament to Croft's impeccable craftsmanship, the Mayfair Lever is intricately crafted and effortlessly chic. The exquisite detailing of the design, paired with the sleek polishing, creates a statement lever for a truly decadent aesthetic.

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# **CAPELLA SYDNEY HOTEL**

#### Make Architects + BAR Studio

Located 400m from Sydney Harbour, the heritage-listed former Department of Education building, part of the historic Sandstone Precinct, has reopened as the 5-star Capella Sydney Hotel. Make Architects was appointed by Pontiac Land Group to sensitively restore and remodel this former Edwardian Baroque-style governmental landmark for new uses, significantly opening the ground floor to be fully accessible to the public for the first time. with BAR Studio designing the refined new interiors throughout the hotel.

The design team worked closely with consultants and stakeholders, including Heritage NSW and the City of Sydney, to reveal the original character of the protected building, which dates from 1912 and was designed by government architect George McRae. The grandeur of McRae's architecture, with its Florentine-Palazzo style sandstone facade and marble-clad vestibules, lends itself to a future role as one of the world's leading hotels.

With 192 guest rooms, event spaces, and 3 different bar and



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restaurant offerings, Capella Sydney forms a landmark home that is connected to the life of the city center. This sense of belonging has been integral to the overall design vision for the project.

Originally built in two halves over a century ago, the former 8-story building occupies an entire city block. Its reconfiguration has been a major undertaking, especially as the integrity of many internal spaces has been compromised over the years by ad hoc changes made to the building's fabric. McRae's original design intent has been restored wherever possible. including the reinstatement of its internal garden courtyard, now named Aperture, on the ground floor. The surrounding spaces have been imaginatively repurposed for new uses, such as a variety of publicly accessible restaurants and bars and meeting and function rooms.

The former Department of Education's gallery on level 6 has been preserved and transformed into the award-winning Auriga Spa, featuring a stunning 20m swimming pool, fitness suite, and private treatment rooms. The space is top-lit with copperlined heritage roof lanterns that have been carefully restored and reimagined to draw in and diffuse the daylight into this unique well-being destination. Innovative engineering was required to insert



the pool into the existing structure. Four additional floors have also been added to the building, taking it to 11 stories. This complementary modern extension, with bespoke fluted fins and curved glass corners, has been set back to respect the original sandstone structure. A variety of guestroom offerings have been designed across both the heritage and extension levels. In the existing building, rooms are designed to showcase the existing window proportions and minimize the impact on the original structure while ensuring modern amenities are incorporated.

The new extension levels have presented Make with an opportunity to reimagine the roofscape. Designed as a fifth elevation, it now makes a positive contribution to the cityscape for those occupying high-rise buildings neighboring the hotel. Bespoke perforated screens and fluted cladding conceal the plant and services on the roof. The interiors by BAR Studio embrace the existing built fabric and create a counterpoint to the once-utilitarian interiors. The design narrative responds to the rationalism and functionality of the original architecture while weaving in design gestures that speak to the buildings' era and origins, like the use of black steel and steel-framed glazed screens and doors that make a subtle

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A neutral base palette of warm grey stone and dark and light timber takes its cue from the building's original architecture and design elements while creating a sense of a soothing urban sanctuary.

reference to the Age of Industry. A recurring motif of timber or metal-framed portals plays an important role in the definition of spaces, finishes, art, and objects.

A neutral base palette of warm grey stone and dark and light timber takes its cue from the building's original architecture and design elements while creating a sense of a soothing urban sanctuary. Era-inspired design features, such as the black and white marble floor, antique mirrors, and the introduction of contemporary arches throughout the drinking and dining spaces, are a modern take on the elegance and glamour of the time.

The design signature of bold portals carries through to the guest rooms, with dark wood and metal framing elements of the existing building as well as 'zoning' the different areas of the rooms. Campaign furniture - rooted in the need for flexible travel pieces in bygone days - has inspired freestanding wardrobes and minibars, as well as an integrated leather screen.

Externally, the hotel now creates



a natural connection between the street at Farrer Place and Capella Sydney's skylit inner courtyard. The team has designed an arrival sequence that welcomes the public through a journey from existing to new, further strengthened by the curation of public art and heritage interpretation between spaces. Art curation by Freeman Ryan Design and The Artling brings an extra layer of storytelling, with carefully curated works exhibited across the hotel's public spaces as a way to share the area's rich heritage.

Back-of-house facilities are accommodated across three new basement levels, thereby reducing the impact on the heritage fabric above ground. These underground service levels have been strategically planned to operate for both the Education Building and the neighbouring Lands Building and provide efficiencies in energy use while minimizing the precinct's carbon footprint.

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# **GUIDE TO SUSTAINABILITY**

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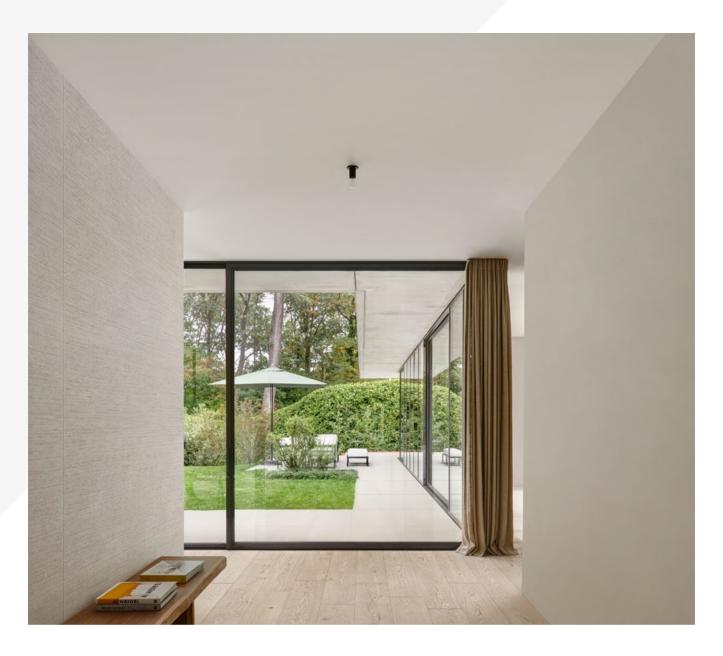
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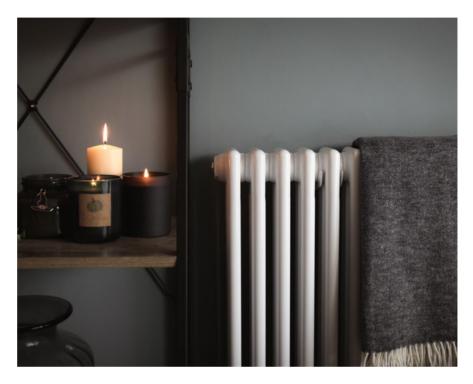
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# Stock holding massively increased following new head office move

As the UK's largest supplier of heat pumps and ancillaries, Go Geothermal Ltd has been able to further increase its extensive product range following the opening in September 2023 of a new northern head office and warehouse.

The move to state-of-the-art premises in County Durham has enabled us to almost double the size of our previous premises and the new warehouse in particular provides us with the ability to increase our stock holding by three and half times equating to £1.6 million worth of renewable energy products, with space to grow to £5 million.

The 16,400 sq ft premises at Maple Way, Newton Aycliffe, will help us maximize distribution into Scotland as well as the rest of England and Wales, and is complemented by our existing commercial office in the Midlands.





#### **Expansion**

The expansion of the head office forms part of Go Geothermal's growth strategy and will provide our customers with even more availability and choice on our products, which include air and ground source heat pumps from the world's leading manufacturers, such CTC, Vaillant, Viessmann, Bosch, Waterkotte, Clausius & Stiebel Eltron, as well as biomass, underfloor heating, solar, MVHR and many other renewable energy technologies.

In addition to the warehouse and offices for our staff, the new premises will also house one of our national heat pump training centres, which provide installers with hands-on training and experience in the installation of CTC heat pumps.



Our entire offering has evolved from working closely with our customers and we actively manage our product ranges, enabling us to provide a first-class service.

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# **A SYNTHESIS OF CULTURES**

#### Yaniv Pardo Architects

A 3-story addition above a 2-story eclectic-style listed building, designed by architect Yosef Minor in 1924. Europe in an oriental style, romantic oriental architecture. On the ground floor, there is a commercial façade in the basement, and on the upper floors, there are 24 small apartments.

We aimed for a design that would reflect a synthesis of cultures and tell the story of the various periods in the life of the city that had left their mark on the building. The new architecture contrasts with the existing context, maybe even "harms," and undermines the principles of the old building. Nevertheless, the whole creates an ensemble, a certain mix of the old and the new. The goal was to create a sharp contrast, to present an inherent project, but most importantly - to use this contrast to highlight the beauty of the old building, a building by a prominent architect that very few of his

buildings still exist in the country. The new design pays tribute to the traditional pitched arches of the old building but uses contemporary language, geometry, and materials while trying to maintain the original scale and ratio between open and closed. The unconventional treatment of the Corten facades and curtain walls gives the building a sense of weightlessness and elegance, an extraordinary appearance within the structure.

This urban infill contrasts with the existing building and its neighbors in height, roof type, color, and materials. At a close look, it has nothing to do with the surroundings. Yet from a distance, from the street perspective point of view, this impression blurs, and the new building becomes an integral part of the urban fabric that tells the history of Tel Aviv.

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# FUTUREBUILD CONFERENCE 2024

#### Be part of the change

The Futurebuild conference is back in 2024, and it's taking a stand for change. The time is now for serious climate action and collectively we can make a difference. Through collaboration, we can share our visions and drive positive action.

The Futurebuild Conference is more than just a sustainability event, it's a call to action for change. This highly respected gathering of influential innovators and collaborators tackles the big issues head on and is inviting all those involved in the built environment to take part in the conference sessions to inspire and drive change to achieve a better built and natural environment for the long term.

Sponsored by Soprema and One Click LCA and curated by the Edge think tank, the Conference Programme is focused on embracing change, with the three daily themes: Pathways to change, Levers for change and Sharing visons for change.

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The full programme can be found here with speaker details and biographies.

The aim of the conference, as with the whole Futurebuild knowledge programme, is that attendees should leave feeling more empowered and inspired to make changes to support the environment in their own work.

Commenting on sponsoring the conference programme, Debby Dawson sponsor of Soprema said: "At Soprema, we believe in building a sustainable future, and our commitment to ecofriendly solutions is at the core of



everything we do. That's why we're joining hands with Futurebuild, a platform that shares our passion for sustainable innovation."

Johanna Jarvinen of sponsor
One Click LCA added: "The One
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Paving the way towards a better
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surrounded by other organisations
and industry leaders who share
the same values, wanting to
proactively drive the industry
forward and change how we build
for the better." -

Now is the time to take action through collaborative engagement. We ask you to take part, join the discussion and be part of the transformative change. The industry is ready and action is coming.

Futurebuild 2024 Conference Programme will take place in the Main Arena from 05-07 March 2024 at London's ExCeL

For more details and exhibitor enquires, visit www.futurebuild.co.uk

Don't miss out on Futurebuild 2024. Visitor registration is now open.



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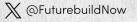
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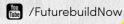
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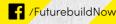
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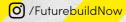


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# INNOVATIVE ARCHITECTURE MADE POSSIBLE BY BRICK SLIPS

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#### Introduction

In many cities, and London is the biggest example in the UK, space is hard to come by. To create extra room in your property you're forced to go down into a basement with the challenge that presents, or up on top of the property.

Both of these solutions require careful planning and some innovative thinking to realise the ambitions.

#### Design and Brief

To create extra space in a Victorian London terraced house, Andre Kong Studio set to work to create an innovative loft extension.

The L-shape of the building gave something to work from in adding not only extra space, but functional space with light, character and style.

The proposal was essentially to create 3 new rooms, each following on from the previous in a stepped fashion, to mean that there was light from a rear-facing window on each phase.

#### **Cladding Requirements**

This design would mean the external cladding would have to complement not only the existing structure's brickwork but also blend



with the roof tiles that it was nestled amongst. As a roof extension, using full bricks would have limited the possibilities, or required steel beams for reinforcement to take the weight required. Therefore the architect contacted The Brick Tile Company about using brick slips on the project, to enable a lighter build, whilst even increasing the thermal performance.

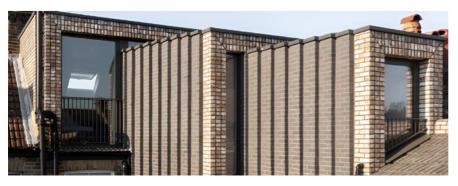
To create the desired transition, the architect selected two of our offline products to be made to order just for the project - blend 31 smooth blue brick slips for the stepped

sides, and blend 74 for the lighter rear aspects more in keeping with the property and area bricks. Due to the design, the majority of blend 31 was actually done in corner brick slips, and the versatility of slips also meant that extra brickwork design could be used with blend 74, as opposed to a simple stretcher bond.

#### The Final Project

From a challenging brief, the architect has created a masterpiece which both appears to blend in seamlessly at the same time as standing out. The project wouldn't have been able to happen without brick slips, and we're delighted to have had the opportunity to be a part of this amazing home, and have our products shown in such a fantastic manner. It's a testament to the usefulness of our product, as well of course of the innovation and skill of Andre Kong Studio in creating it.

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# 2024 DESIGN TRENDS FOR A DIGITAL WORLD

Vicaima opens the door to fresh inspirations for construction in the AI era

It's a common exercise in any sector of activity - to foresee macro-trends, understand phenomena and draw up plans to respond to those same expectations of a future that is always more innovative, challenging and non-linear. The complementary worlds of architecture, construction and design are no exception and are the forerunners of boldness and disruption of norms, an attitude that brings them closer to the frontier between the beauty of evolution and the power of change.

As one of Europe's major players in the design and production of cutting-edge solutions for interior doors, technical doors, frames, wardrobes, panels and furniture pieces, Vicaima identifies some of

the focal priorities that are already being followed by professionals in the field and whose relevance is expected to increase this year.

One point will be common to all sectors - the transformative power of artificial intelligence (AI). Whether for interior design and decoration or in construction processes and software, disruptive technologies will have an influence on the efficiency within the different phases of a project, from the generation of 3D models, integrated project management or the selection of decorative elements, enhancing the creativity and uniqueness of spaces by combining the analytical capacity of digital tools with the aesthetic and

functional sensitivity of the human insight.

How can we go even further and understand what lines will shape the future of these sectors? Let's go through, in detail, the features, concepts and movements that promise to make 2024 a transformative era.

## Sustainability factors will continue to play an essential role

This year, sustainability will play a role in more than the choice of a decorative product, through elements that reflect the appreciation of local culture, proximity to communities and consideration for future generations.



In the construction sector, the inclusion of products with FSC® (Forest Stewardship Council®) certification, the organization that promotes responsible forest management, is almost a prerequisite, as specifiers seek to look beyond, sourcing and specifying products from organisations who take a more wholistic approach to their ESG (Environment, Social and Corporate Governance) obligations.

In addition, the rehabilitation of existing buildings will become even more important, adding to the value that restoring historical heritage can bring. In the interiors, thermal insulation will be one of the key factors in reducing energy consumption, while guaranteeing comfort for users, maintaining the constant priority of natural lighting for users by providing a warm and appealing environment.

At the same time, acoustic insulation will also be relevant, an important factor when silence is the most audible response to today's demand for tranquility and comfort. Among several growing sectors, 2024 foresees an increase in university residences, which are increasingly necessary in urban centers, where soundproofing is essential for the comfort of young people who use these places to study and work.

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In an era defined by A.I., the different trends indicate that emotion will not cease to exist, but will prove increasingly decisive, responding to the demand for authenticity and connection

## Doors as a fundamental element of personalization

The selection of styles, tones and surfaces has risen to an archetype that promises to become the next design revolution. Today, there is a growing demand for doors with customized designs and finishes adapted to specific needs and aesthetics, a factor leveraged by AI when it comes to analyzing data, lifestyles and preferences.

In this panorama, the authenticity of the choices promises to be revealed in the choice of door finishes, developing surfaces in which texture can be the differentiating factor. Among Vicaima's wide range of options, this creative wave is already reflected in the Dekordor® 3D range of door finishes, which stand out for their modern look and pronounced texture. In total, it offers an exquisite palette of fifteen on-trend designs, in light and dark tones.

In fact, it's precisely the effect of tone and colour that reigns in highly customized projects, as Pantone's choice for 2024, Peach Fuzz, translates in all its essence, which can stand out as a differentiator in any décor. A true invitation to the smooth and profound assimilation of welcoming spaces, symptomatic of the contemporary dynamism that embraces historical tradition with vibrant brushstrokes for a perfect canvas of what tomorrow might look like.

In 2024, spaces will be increasingly "ours", mirroring the personality of those who use them. In buildings designed for housing, hotels, commercial services, healthcare or schools, the details that emanate a familiar and welcoming feeling will be highlighted. For projects looking to develop settings with a tailor-made concept, one of

Vicaima's many solutions can be found in the Wardrobe Transform range - a highly personalized offer that appeals to the senses and imagination of customers looking for a touch of exclusivity.

## New themed projects emerging, from hotels to homes

Rooms associated with an iconic character from a movie or an animated element from a TV series are a throwback to a nostalgic childhood, but they are freeing themselves up as inspiration for themed projects, a growing trend in which physical spaces are also a feeling. Not only in housing, but also in the hotel sector, designs evocative of literature, elements of nature or cities will be less and less uncommon. Creativity will continue to blur boundaries. driving disruption in a new dimension of interior design that is very much present in the Vicaima Infinity line.

In an era defined by A.I., the different trends indicate that emotion will not cease to exist, but will prove increasingly decisive, responding to the demand for authenticity and connection. As a whole, these are the building blocks for architecture, construction and decoration that will continue to create modern and attractive spaces with sustainability and uniqueness.

Follow how Vicaima is adapting to the evolution of this universe, get inspired by all the new launches and find out about new ideas here or visit www.vicaima.com



# **NEW COLLECTION**

## Leading interior brand Parador launches its new parquet collection

Leading interior brand Parador has launched its latest parquet flooring collection to the UK market. The new collection from Parador includes six multi-faceted oak floors ranging from light colours that look as if they have not been treated, to classic natural tones and rich, dark shades that can be integrated into any design and room situation - from highend private homes to large-scale residential projects. Available to shop now at www.parador.de/en/, the collection starts from £120.

With Parador's commitment to ensure minimal impact on the environment, the raw material used in this collection is selected from sustainably managed forests to create high-quality chevron engineered wood flooring that is guaranteed to transform any living space.

The strip planks of the Chevron engineered wood have bevelled edges at a 45° angle. Through the use of left and right strips, the installation is not fixed to a single pattern and can be varied. After installation the blocks form a continuous "V", which is what



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The extension of the historic town hall in Holzwickede offered the opportunity to merge the market square in terms of urban development and to give the town hall itself a new wholeness. The listed town hall, built in 1915, was preserved and recognizable as a solitary structure. At the same time, an angular structure was added to it in such a way that a new urban solitaire was created in which the existing building is a self-evident part of the larger whole.

The new town hall develops around a central hall with square skylights, whose sculpturally modeled walls create a charming daylight situation. The hall forms the foyer of the citizens' hall, is the contact point of the citizens' service, a central place of communication in the town hall, and, last but not least, a museum hall in which the historic building exhibits itself. Together with the new part of the building, it forms a





functional and typological whole. From the dead-end-like short corridors of the historic town hall, a circumferential access system was created that combines simple orientation with short distances. Together with the open staircase in the hall, it has become a daily meeting place.

The color-changing clinker facade of the new building was carefully matched to the color scheme of the old building, thus supporting the interplay between old and new. The design-defining exposed brickwork is also found in the central hall, thus ensuring a low-threshold transition from the outside to the inside. The carpentered interior was finished in oak, which was used here as a homely complement to the powerful masonry. The formal, large civic hall has become a lively forum for Holzwickede's citizenry. A small bistro to the side of the main entrance enlivens the adjacent marketplace with its outdoor catering and also caters for events in the building.

The interiors of the old building were renovated in accordance with the preservation order, and the facade of the old building facing the hall was also restored with craftsmanship. In this way, the atmospheric qualities of the historic town hall, which had been lost over the years, could be made perceptible again.

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### **STEP INTO PERFECTION**

#### Aquacut's unparalleled process for crafting extraordinary steps

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At Aqucut, we embrace the challenge of fabricating intricate step designs, including the enigmatic spiral staircases.

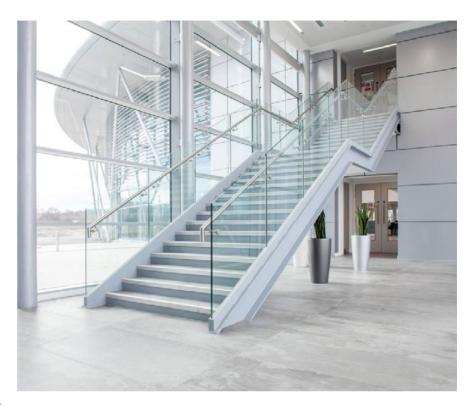
Our secret weapon? High-end computerised laser templating systems, accurate to the millimetre. From the first moment of templating, we ensure that every curve, angle and dimension is flawlessly plotted, setting the stage for a perfect masterpiece.

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A while ago, it became my ambition to stock Solar lighting but until 2018 the U.K. weather and the poor quality of the lights available meant it was not an option that suited our high quality standards.

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Solar lights have "green" credentials are easy to DIY install, many with no light pollution such as the contemporary Endura (pictured) or the Pathmaster (overleaf). Some designs have integrated solar panels, whilst others can be placed in shady areas with the panel placed elsewhere. We are currently developing a brand new Solar Garden Lighting System to power multiple 12v lights at the same time from a single solar panel - watch this space!

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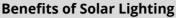


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# USING CONCRETE IN THE HOME

A luxury home project on Sandmoor Avenue, Leeds

Founded in 2009 and based in Yorkshire, Verus Construction, the modern residential specialist has recently completed a luxury home project on Sandmoor Avenue, Leeds. Through the use of polished concrete flooring throughout the ground floor, the specialist team has created a distinctive home that celebrates open plan living, brutalism and minimalist luxury.

Damian Barker, Founder and CEO of Verus Construction, says of the completed project: "In the last decade there's been a real shift in interest toward buildings using concrete as part of attention-grabbing home interiors. We've

seen exposed concrete ceilings and particularly polished concrete flooring spike in popularity, giving the feeling of a simple and honest shell and creating clean and calming spaces. Brutalism as an interior style often makes use of concrete surfaces, creating hard angles whilst still managing to feel both warm and welcoming as interior flooring and walls merge and flow into the outdoor landscape."

#### Cohesive concrete spaces

A polished concrete floor has been used throughout the ground floor of Sandmoor Avenue. Hard-wearing, easy to clean and dust resistant, this industrial look is on trend and

works brilliantly with the underfloor heating installed throughout.

The cool modern concrete style has been mimicked through the use of polished plaster on the fireplace surround to continue the clean lines and connectivity throughout the home. The fireplace blends seamlessly into the surrounding walls and acts as a focal point in the ground floor, connecting the hallway, kitchen diner and living room together to create a calm and connected living space. The cohesion and simplicity throughout the home creates a quiet luxury, elevating the interiors whilst maintaining tranquillity and balance.

The clean aesthetic creates a serene space that seamlessly flows into the outdoors. The industrial style of the flooring has been complemented with pops of colour by the owners to create a trendy and sleek living space.

#### Open plan living

When considering the space,
Damian and his team decided to
create double height glass walls to
complement the concrete flooring
and streamline the eye, guiding
you through the home via the
consistency of the material, creating
a connected space that flows
naturally into the concrete patio
outdoors.

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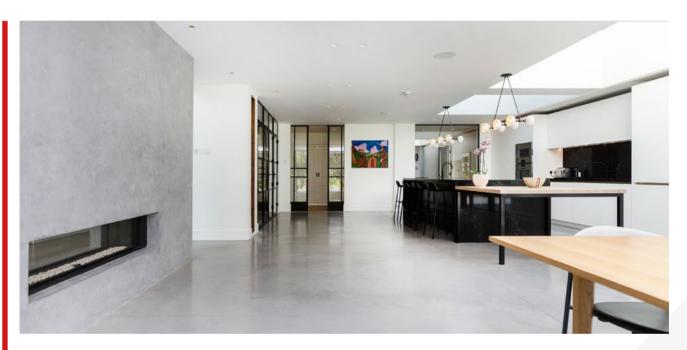
The trend of open plan living spaces has grown hugely over the last few years. Using industrial and natural surfaces such as stone, wood and concrete in your indoor living spaces creates a connection to your outdoor living space. The concrete floor matches seamlessly with the patio flooring to create an open plan space that allows the garden to be an extension of the home.

For more information and to see further projects from the luxury building company, please visit:

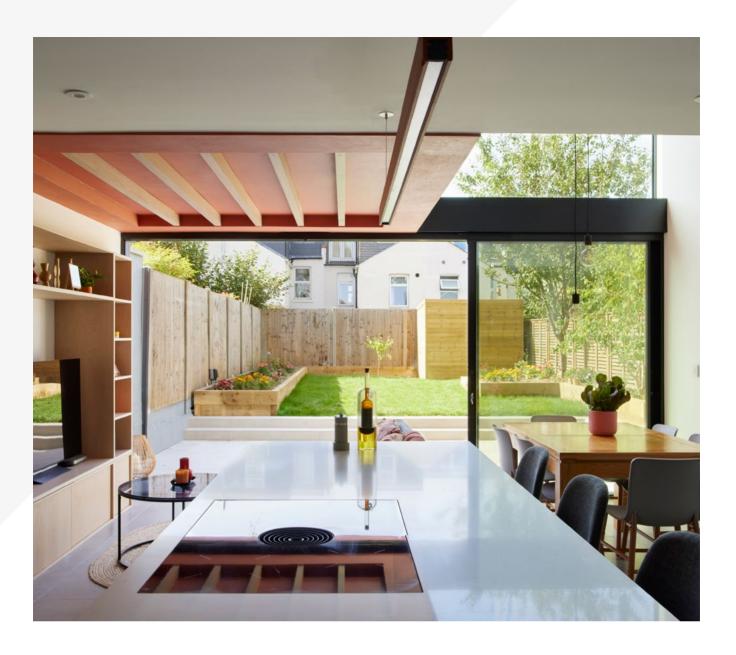
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# EMBRACING DESIGN AND ARCHITECTURAL INNOVATION

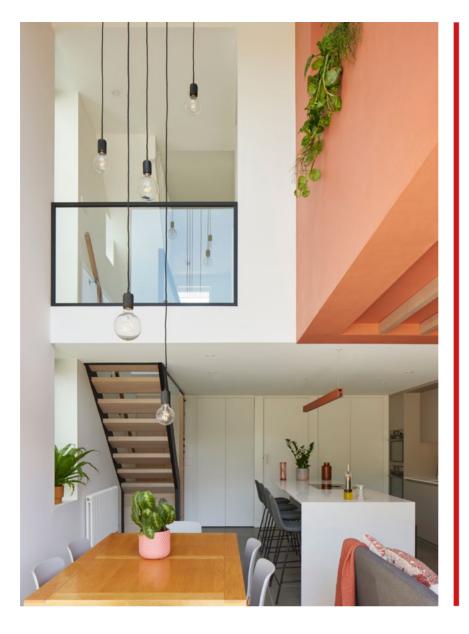
#### Selencky-Parsons

We recently had the pleasure of talking to one of the brilliant minds behind Selencky-Parsons Architects, an architectural firm celebrating a decade of innovative design. Nestled in Southeast London, their portfolio spans 70% residential and 30% diverse projects, each a testament to their commitment to unique, captivating designs.

Selencky Parsons architects recently completed a new project, Bexhill Road, it features some amazing design ideas we can all take inspiration from. With bright coral hues and double height spaces the core living space surrounds an elegantly simple yet impactful cluster pendant piece.

Join us as we sit down with Sam Selencky for a deep dive into this project and their practice.





#### **Bexhill Road Unveiled**

Q: Can you tell us more about the Bexhill Road project?

A: Bexhill Road is an interesting architectural design, with its focal point being the captivating coral pod - a transformation of a derelict space into a striking architectural marvel. This pod not only defines spaces, but also introduces a playful coral hue, showcasing how ambitious design can seamlessly marry practicality to create spaces that captivate and function seamlessly.

Q: The coral pod is interesting, why did you design that part specifically?

A: Our design philosophy emphasizes introducing subtle surprises within a space. The coral pod, with its vibrant aesthetics, became the visual anchor, adding a burst of colour without overshadowing the core design. It's a celebration of the unexpected within the carefully curated space of Bexhill Road.

Q: Were there any successes/ challenges?

A: Success in design often navigates a rocky road. In the case of Bexhill Road, initial setbacks, such as the contractor folding midway, presented challenges. However, creative problem-solving, including adapting materials like Forcrete for the pod, underscored our dedication to delivering innovative solutions in the face of adversity.

#### **Exploring Design Dynamics**

Q: What's the creative process behind your designs?

A: Our creative process unfolds from the inside-out, prioritising

spatial configurations over external aesthetics during the initial stages. Through detailed briefings and mood boards, we aim to align our designs seamlessly with the unique lifestyles of our clients. Take, for instance, Bexhill Road, where our focus shifted from an uninhabitable lower ground space to a double-height spectacle, all made possible with the support of our clients.

O: You create practical and coherent spaces. Is that something that has always inspired you?

A: Undoubtedly, functionality lies at the heart of our designs. However, our inspiration extends beyond the pragmatic, seeking a balance between functionality and delight. It's the harmonious blend of purpose and intrigue that gives rise to truly exceptional architectural outcomes.

### Illuminating Design with Industville Lights

Q: For this project, obviously the lighting stands out quite a bit. What was your process into choosing that fitting?

A: The search for a lighting feature that seamlessly complements the double-height dining space without overshadowing the design cube led us to Industville lights. Their industrial aesthetic struck the perfect balance between subtlety and richness, providing a multi-layered lighting feature that enhances the ambiance without detracting from the overall design.\*

O: Is lighting something that you consider quite a lot for all your projects, or some more than others?

A: Lighting holds a pivotal role in all our projects. It contributes to texture, highlights key features, and creates focal points. It is an integral element in our design palette, influencing the atmosphere and functionality of each space.

\*Customers wanting to achieve this effect can make use of our rewiring service, or can buy lengths of flex which they can have their electrician install for them.

#### **Navigating Design Challenges**

Q: How do you work sustainability into your designs/projects?

A: Sustainability is woven into the fabric of our designs, varying based on project specifics and client preferences. Fundamental aspects such as insulation, triple glazing, and the incorporation of air source heat pumps exemplify our commitment to environmentally conscious design choices.

Q: Does the budget have a significant impact on the design style and how big or small you can go?

A: Budget constraints present challenges, but transparency and realistic cost estimates guide our design process. We believe good design transcends expense, often requiring creative solutions to maximise the potential of a project without compromising its integrity.

#### Beyond Bexhill Road

Q: Are there any other trends in architecture and design to stay on top of?

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A: We consciously avoid popular trends in pursuit of timelessness. While staying open to new technologies and materials, our focus remains on design solutions that stand the test of time.

Q: How do you use technology in your work?

A: We leverage VR into our design process, providing clients with immersive 3D models. This allows them to grasp the scale and ambiance of a space, enhancing their understanding and engagement in the design process.

#### **Explore More**

Catch a glimpse of Selencky-Parsons' on Extraordinary Extensions. For a comprehensive showcase, visit their website.

Thank you, Sam, for sharing your insights into the intricate world of design and functionality. Your commitment to innovation resonates with us, and we eagerly anticipate witnessing more of your architectural wonders.

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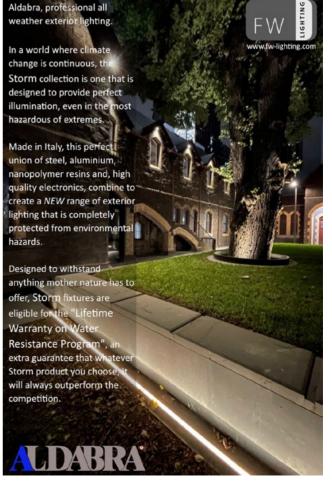
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# DESIGNING LIGHTING FOR GENERATIONS

Franklite is celebrating a very prestigious milestone this year, its 50th year in the design, manufacture and distribution of high-quality decorative lighting

Over the years Franklite has manufactured exquisite products for the retail, commercial and hospitality markets including bespoke project designs.

The passion for lighting has been within the Lissauer family for three generations. Taking his father's passed down knowledge and many years of experience owning a number of lighting shops in various provinces of South Africa Frank Lissauer decided to relocate to the United Kingdom and establish Franklite in 1973.

Growing and developing the business over the years took dedication and countless hours of hard work by Frank Lissauer but these responsibilities were eventually shared when his son, Mark Lissauer joined the business in 1999.

The family owned business has achieved significant milestones over the 50 years which include moving to a much larger purpose built factory in 1990 after quickly outgrowing the previous premises, an in-house laboratory which holds state-of-theart lighting technology which very few other lighting manufacturers within the UK possess, an expansive warehouse and assembly area where products and parts undergo stringent quality control and finally an exquisite showroom.

Franklite's first ever catalogue included the Delft range as one of its first products. The traditional 'flemish' style design has made these fittings classic and timeless. 50 years later this popular range is still available in the current Catalogue 26. Many iterations have followed



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Franklite has a story to tell. They are far more than just a lighting manufacturer; they are creators, visionaries and craftspeople who continue to pride themselves on their manufacturing and service excellence.



Franklite Current Factory

over the years, like the Halle and Mondrian which continue to follow the 'flemish' design style.

2021 was the year Franklite received recognition for winning two awards within the hospitality industry - Best in Tech and Best Retail Decorative Lighting Manufacturer.

Franklite has a story to tell. They are far more than just a lighting manufacturer; they are creators, visionaries and craftspeople who continue to pride themselves on their manufacturing and service excellence. At the heart of Franklite is a highly-skilled team who understand the importance of good product design that will stand the test of time, both technically and aesthetically.

Over the next 50 years the hope is that Franklite continues to grow and remain a renowned family business whilst maintaining the core principle which Franklite was founded - to offer products that balance optimal performance with beautiful aesthetics.

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As makers, it's important to Nigel Tyas Ironwork, that they design everything they make themselves. All designs draw inspiration from a fusion of traditional and contemporary styles. Across everything, they're committed to the principles of the Arts and Crafts movement which puts good design and true respect for their material at the heart of everything they make. Their work features in an array of properties including luxury hotels, private residencies, ski chalets and log cabins as well as several stately homes including Windsor Castle, Bolton Castle and Chatsworth House. Their work has also featured in film and television production both here and overseas.

Working with interior designers

and architects is a regular part of the business as they help translate a client's vision into reality with bespoke lighting pieces or tailor made items that fit the style of a home. The company's links with other local craftsmen for handblown glass or ceramics, along with British made lampshades and brass fittings, allows them to combine elements to make a truly incredible product range that stands out against a sea of familiar products and provides a true heritage that will last a lifetime. And, by managing the whole process in house, the team can ensure the highest quality throughout.

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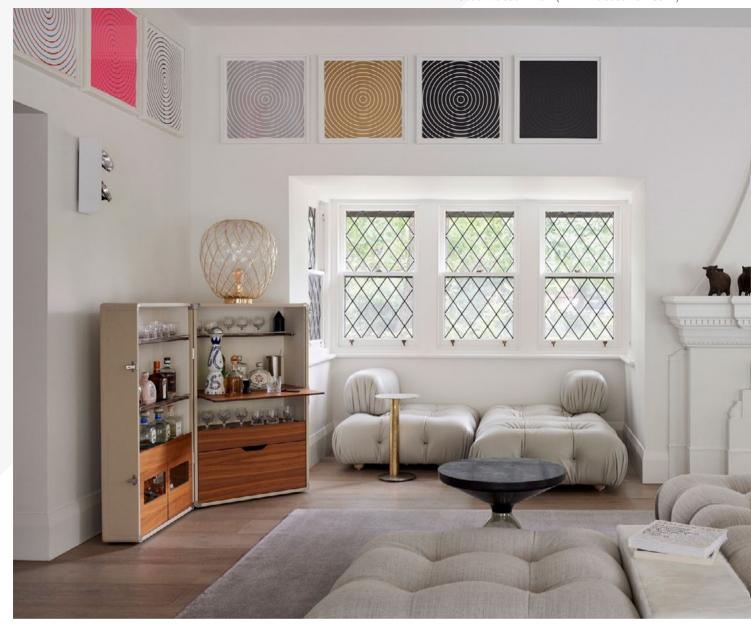


practices. As a small independent craft business, Nigel Tyas Ironwork openly share the story of their products - how they make them - via social media. And, they do all they can to control their carbon footprint, manage energy consumption as efficiently as possible, reduce waste and tackle unnecessary plastic usage. This is both their passion and their pride.

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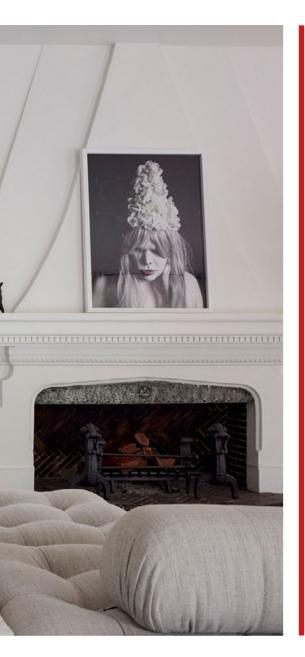
#### Jolson Architecture and Interiors

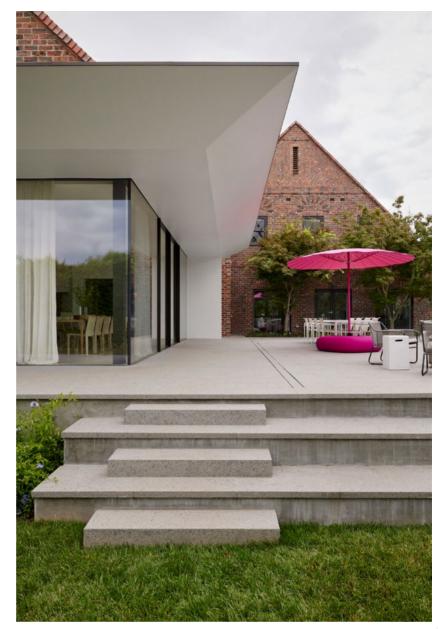
Designed by A. Mortimer
McMillan, the 1930s Arts and
Crafts style home 'Devenescire'
has been rehabilitated with a
comprehensive remodeling that
has been carefully considered. The
original heritage-listed home has
been transformed by a masterful
contemporary design approach
that addresses the modern needs
of a young family living while

celebrating the private garden setting and abundance of natural light. The approach to the project was to celebrate the original heritage building by establishing a simple contemporary architectural dialogue between old and new. The design aims to simply be 'perceived' as a modern insertion into the heritage building, as opposed to establishing an

appendage. The line between old and new is blurred and seamless.

Whilst the overt modernity is carefully restrained, a substantial addition was created by demolishing a majority of the existing building at the rear and reconstructing the back of the home, extruding the shape and materiality of the existing brick





building and steeply sloped roofline. To unlock the heritage restrictions, a new basement level of substantial scale was excavated below the existing home, accessed by a bricked ramp concealed below an automated lid. The new basement level accommodates additional programs, seeking to maximise amenities while maintaining the expansive gardens surrounding the house. Seamlessly integrated into the site works, the basement contains a six-car garage, boat store, home theatre, wellness retreat with gym and sauna, and wine cellar, connected to the home above with lift access. Natural light is brought into the theatre and wellness areas through large north-facing windows cut directly into the new swimming pool, which is suspended above the driveway ramp.

A sophisticated dialog is created between old and new, where contemporary, refined architectural details are inspired by the existing heritage features of the home. The internal spaces are distinctly modern, framed by the character of the original building. The carefully considered design approach accommodates a distinctly modern vernacular housed within the structure of the original arts and crafts building. The new home opens itself up to the substantial garden setting and natural light and facilitates clever and contemporary indoor/outdoor living spaces. A fine white structure unfolds from the walls and forms an angled canopy to frame the exterior pool terrace and gardens, taking cues from the sharp angles of the home's existing roofline.



The interior detailing is devised to further celebrate the exchange between old and new. The strategy is most evident in the kitchen in the way the surfaces angle to form the bench and rangehood, similar to the original angles of the building. Another nod to the original detailing is the diamondlike pattern from the original leadlight windows, which have been etched into the wall paneling of the Powder Room, Lift, and Master Robe walls and doors. The interior is characterized by robust, enduring materials, embracing the texture and character of the home and its connection to light. In the master ensuite, bush-hammered limestone effortlessly responds to the abundance of natural light afforded by the 4-metre lightwell above the

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shower that simply frames the sky above.

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the home, more vibrant, colorful tones connect to works by Jonny Niesche and Del Kathryn Barton. The design for Deventon is shaped by the inspiring opportunities of working within a heritage building to create a contemporary home that elevates the needs of a young family, to create a home that is contemporary, enduring, and carefully considered.

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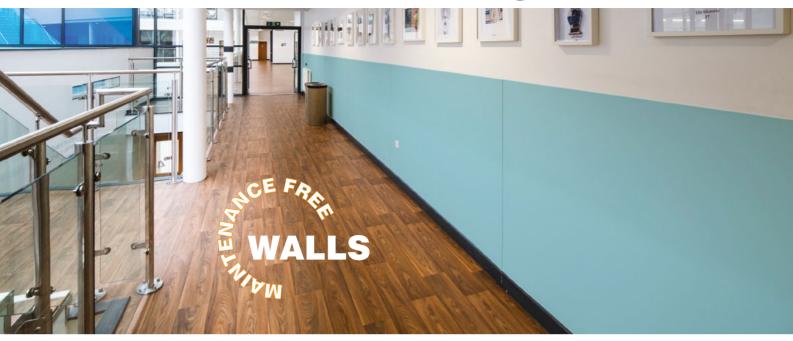
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## **VILLA ABC**

#### Objekt Architecten

For our clients in Lebbeke, we set to work on their existing homes. The layout of the house needed to be rethought to improve its circulation. With 2 teenagers growing up, there was also the need for more space and a new, practical bathroom.

The main intervention became the demolition of the existing volume at the back of the house. Instead, a new volume was added, including a new rooftop dormer. This intervention increased the useful floor area on the ground floor as well as on the first floor. The entire rear façade is made up of glass sections for maximum connection with the garden.

A teardrop-shaped kitchen island

was placed centrally in the kitchen, a place where one can cook and enjoy. The dining area and seating area switched places so that the dining area is in direct contact with the kitchen, and this is through two doors hidden in the kitchen wall.

In the dining area, the existing bay window was furnished with a bench, a place where residents can retreat to enjoy the surrounding meadows and the old catalpa in the garden. Both the floor in this room and the seating area on the street side were covered with a beautiful parquet floor, installed in a herringbone pattern. The other rooms on the ground floor were given a rougher flagstone as flooring, which also continues on the adjoining terraces





to the front and rear. In addition, the stairwell was also redesigned to accommodate a more ergonomic staircase in the house.

The renovated dormer houses a new, more spacious bathroom on the first floor. Through the clever placement of the windows, this space has both sufficient privacy and daylight. Furthermore, the number of bedrooms was not touched, but rearranging the floor created an extra office space and a separate toilet.

Energetically, the house also received an update. Old techniques gave way to new, energy-friendly options. For instance, a heat pump was chosen in combination with underfloor heating and air conditioning. For the exterior joinery, high-quality aluminum windows were chosen that comply with current EPB regulations. In addition, a ventilation system D was chosen where the supply and return of air is fully mechanical. The house retained its original character but was given a contemporary look thanks to the new volume at the back. The new exterior joinery was given two colors.

The fixed panels of the new volume are finished in anodized aluminum. The opening parts and windows of the existing house were given a contrasting dark blue color, a nod to the original exterior joinery. Outside, the façade engineering is refined by a stripped-down structural design

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with the roof structure kept visible. The joinery is structural and the lower, full sections of the walls have been replaced by a flower planter on one side and a bench in concrete on the other.

The interventions carried out ensure that the house has evolved along with the residents' needs. They enhance the quality of life and make the kitchen the heart of the house, which is not only functional but also a place where the residents can enjoy the beautiful views and each other.

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### **WALDENS FARM**

# International Timber provides sustainable Accoya® cladding for contemporary farmhouse

Sustainable Accoya cladding from International Timber has been used for the construction of a self-build farmhouse in Salisbury, designed by award-winning architect practice Adam Knibb Architects.

Waldens Farm is a striking fourbed property located in beautiful West Grimstead with views of the surrounding picturesque landscape. Accoya timber cladding from International Timber features on the exterior of the house alongside traditional stone and contemporary glass, resulting in a truly stunning build.

With a strong farming past to the area, the site's rural context was a key factor in material selection. The cladding supplied by International Timber ties the new house into its agricultural setting and the existing barns and outbuildings on site.

The local Jewson branch worked in close collaboration with Adam Knibb Architects and the builder to design and specify 125mm and 150mm of Accoya, cutting it into three different widths. This was then used for the external cladding of the building to create the biophilic aesthetic and continuous inside-outside connection that the architect wanted to achieve.

A counter batten was placed behind the Accoya cladding to maintain ventilation and drainage of any water and condensation. Insect mesh was also fitted to prevent insects and other pests





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entering into the cavity or gaps around the cladding or ventilation gaps. In addition, International Timber supplied Accoya for use on the ceiling inside the property as well as to create two doors and door frames.

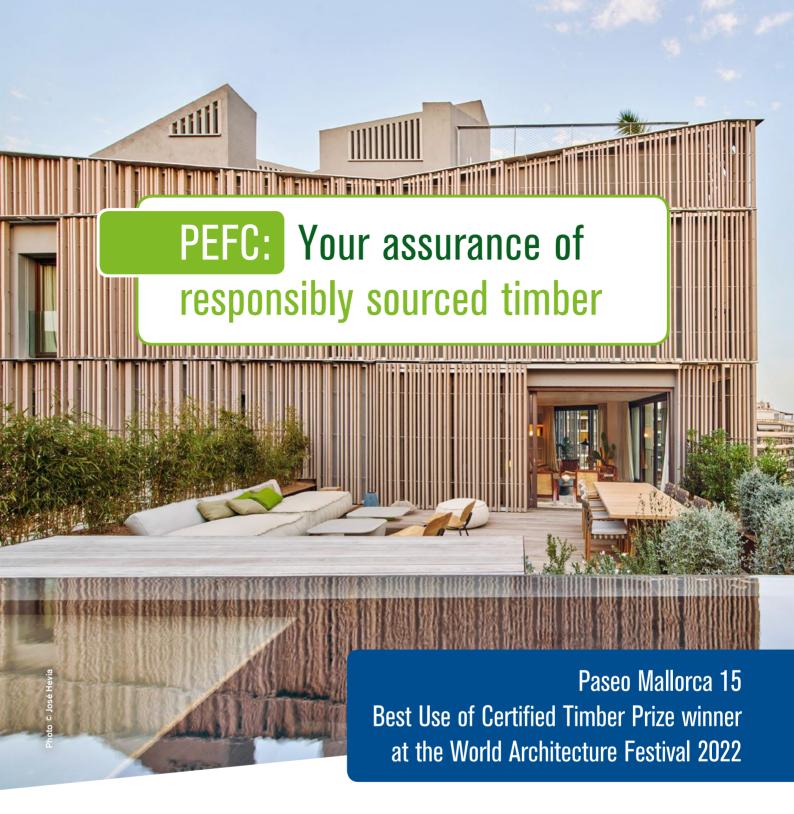
Jon East, Timber Development
Manager at the Jewson Whiteparish
branch, said: "Jewson was
successful in securing the contract
to supply the Accoya cladding for
Waldens Farm due to our close
working relationship with both
the client/builder and the team at
International Timber Parkend. The
team there were, as always, really
helpful and easy to work with."

Bernie Roberts, National Product Manager for Cladding Solutions at International Timber, added: "We are thrilled to be chosen as a supplier for this incredible build. Timber cladding is often specified for self-build projects due to its aesthetic qualities, biophilic design, natural durability and ease of working, and this project was no different.

"Accoya is a great sustainable wood, which is a huge factor as to why it was chosen here. It also has many other great benefits, including the fact it is incredibly durable, has a 50-year above-ground warranty, and is trusted not to visibly swell, shrink or distort, with minimal movement. The fact it also provides a fantastic finish is another great reason to always opt for Accoya in projects such as these."

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