

## NATURAL HABITAT

As part of a collaboration between luxury property developers Regal Homes and world-renowned interior designer Kelly Hoppen, this house was always destined for big things

Simple yet opulent... traditional East meets modern West... neutral eclectic... the signature style of globally acclaimed designer Kelly Hoppen MBE has been described in many ways during her 35 years in the trade. And her creative flair is shown in all its glory in her renovation of this five-bedroom home in the St. John's Wood conservation area in London.

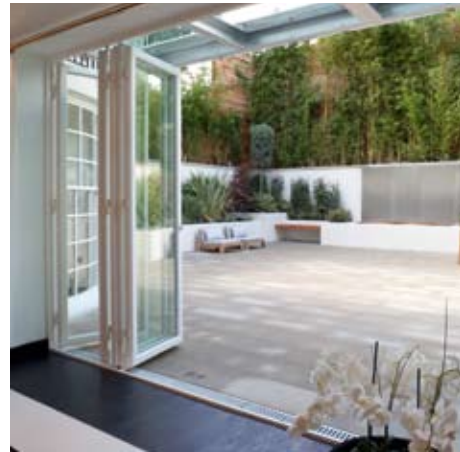
Though the house was refurbished without a specific client in mind, the targeted buyer would be discerning when it came to both design and quality, as Paul Eden, acquisitions consultant at Regal Homes says: "Together with Kelly, we are able to bring high specification properties to the market, which are both visually stunning

and cater to all of the modern day lifestyle options. We enable our potential buyers to purchase a property that they can move into hassle-free and literally just add their own personal touches."

Upon entering, a hand-made 'floating' black oak staircase now sweeps through the centre of the house letting light flow throughout, making a remarkable first impression and setting the tone for the rest of the interior. The luxury factor is continued with couture finishes, quality fittings and the latest in programmable lighting and audio visual systems installed throughout. Feature chandeliers and concealed lighting help to accentuate the variety of textures and design quirks in every scheme. "From the limestone and

marble to the metal leaf and wooden inlays, no expense was spared in the detail that has gone into these schemes," says Kelly.

The kitchen is housed in the newly created basement, overlooking a walled courtyard garden complete with a custom-made fountain, glass staircase and spectacular lighting effects. With a poured resin floor in white gloss, white painted walls and white cabinetry, the kitchen could easily have looked stark, but thanks in part to a clever use of lighting, the atmosphere remains homely and welcoming. Recessed downlights sparkle over the island surface, uplighters scatter soft diffused light on the walls, and mirrored splashbacks help to reflect the natural light pouring in through the large glazed doors and windows. ● ● ●



### Advice from the designer

“Transforming an architectural gem into a workable and comfortable family home can be achieved through visually linking the suite of rooms, so that one signature runs throughout. Installing character and warmth, while being sympathetic to the qualities inherent in the architecture is of great importance.” *Kelly Hoppen, interior designer*



The basement has been designed as a real family space, with a living room and small dining area open-plan to the kitchen. Leading from the cooking area is a large utility room, study and cloakroom. This created its own challenges, as Graham Barnard of Matrix, who designed the kitchen explains. “The kitchen is central to the family area, with no obvious place for it to live, so choosing the right materials, colours and textures was essential. It had to be impressive without dominating the space, and had to complement Kelly’s distinctive style. We gave the large island plenty of room around it, which is a must when more than one person is going to be using the kitchen at the same time, and we chose simple, uncomplicated lines to allow Kelly’s furnishings to take centre-stage.”

The kitchen, formed using SieMatic’s SL909 range in Lotus white lacquer from the minimalist SL collection, centres around a 5.5 metre long CaesarStone quartz topped island, complete with a sink and an induction hob. Behind this, a wall of tall units provides plenty of discreet storage and neatly houses the Miele ovens, microwave, warming drawer and coffee machine.

“I am most pleased with the island, which gives the kitchen an almost theatrical feel, with the island ‘stage’ being the place to prepare, cook and entertain or be entertained,” says Graham. “I also love the Gutman Futura downdraft extractor at the bar end, which steals the show every time it rises out of the worktop!” ●●●



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“Taking a newly renovated property and making it feel like home is achieved by the use of wonderful combinations of materials on fabrics, window dressings and accessories. These imbue the interior with a softness, and build up layers of comfort, warmth and cosiness in what is a very large house.” *Kelly Hoppen, interior designer*



The master suite is designed to be sensual and serene, featuring an upholstered bed by Meridiani and layers of soft furnishings in a variety of textures. Two dressing rooms lead from the room, one of them on to the master bathroom, clad in a pure white Thassos marble. Here the tranquil feel is continued with a curvaceous freestanding bath and double washbasins by Rifra, a bespoke shower enclosure and ebony oak furniture providing a sophisticated contrast to the cool whites of the scheme.

Further suites and bedrooms follow a similar theme, exhibiting a charming blend of refined materials, metallic accents, understated shapes and smart colours that somehow combine to create different

versions of Kelly’s signature style. Discreetly distinguished... subtly sumptuous... comfortable classic... “This property has timeless elegance,” as Kelly puts it. “I think you could live here for a long time and never get bored with it,” she says. “It feels like you could just walk in, put your clothes in the closet, your art on the walls and all you have to do is live here and enjoy it.” ●

**Details**

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