

Upper Phillimore Gardens

Private House

Location: London

Completion Date: May 2007

Construction Value: £2.5 million

Client: Private

Engineer: DMC Consulting Engineers

Contractor: 800 Group

Refurbishment of a West London five storey town house.

This 6000 sq foot Victorian town house was substantially rebuilt over a period of 12 months to meet the client's brief which involved the creation of a meticulously detailed and uncompromisingly high quality family home which would also house their extensive art collection.

Various structural alterations were required to support heavy artwork and to remove the traditional roof beams on the top floor. Underfloor heating was installed throughout the basement and ground floors (as well as in all the bathrooms) and comfort cooling was introduced into all the principal rooms. A fully integrated music system was built into the house with invisible ceiling speakers used in bedrooms and bathrooms while the media room featured a surround-sound system with a retractable cinema screen and projector.

Every room was designed to create a completely bespoke space using finishes carefully chosen and designed for each room. The pallet of materials included marble, corian, colour laminated glass, leather and wood. 'Standard' details like door architraves, cornices and skirting boards were specially developed for the house together with other fittings like the radiator covers and ventilation grills. All cabinetry was detailed to the highest specification including solid cedar dressing room cupboards lined in fluorescent glass and a kitchen with glass skirtings and fully fitted interiors to the suit the clients cookware.

The project was completed with specially commissioned furniture and lighting from leading designers including Barbour Osgerby, Bill Amberg and Paola Petrobelli. Of particular note were the two master bathrooms which were clad in extremely rare marbles that completely covered all walls to produce a seamless finish.



