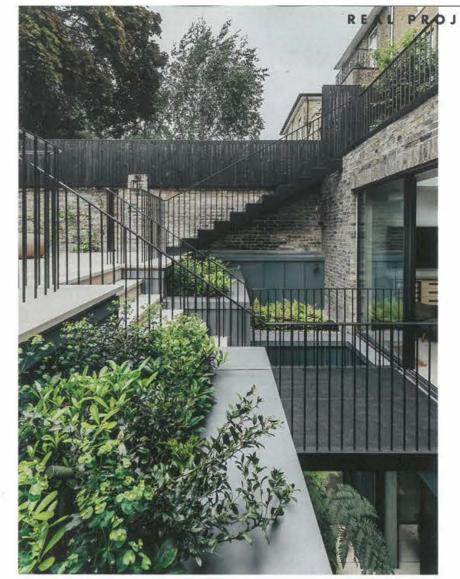


Opening up

International architecture and interior design studio Michaelis Boyd (www.michaelisboyd.com) was appointed to reconfigure a period Georgian townhouse in Chelsea into a contemporary family home. The renovation sensitively harmonises the existing internal fabric of the property, opening up living spaces and incorporating a new roof, basement and rear extension for additional space — efficiently making use of the site and its narrow footprint, improving space, light and flow.

An extension beneath the garden is accessible via a courtyard and a perforated steel bridge, which connects the additional space with the existing property. Zinc detailing and cladding contrasts with the delicately preserved period vernacular of the original building, and full-height doors provide a smooth transition to the outside.

A statement staircase connects all five floors, and landings are interposed with multiple open stairwells, glass lightwells and Crittall openings to allow natural daylight through each floorplate.





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