

KINGSTON MANSION //



Set on an enviable plot in south-west London that boasts proximity to the city alongside the local context of a country property, this luxurious, highly customized family mansion houses a family of five.



Concealed behind a grandly proportioned but ultimately modest contemporized Arts and Crafts façade, the modern, opulent interior by Staffan Tollgard Design Group is a space in which the family can entertain, indulge, and most importantly, have fun.

Two opposing design pressures informed the look and feel of the interior – home to three young children, the house needed to function practically as a family home – but equally important to the clients was a home that would feel and look luxurious. Compromise has been struck, and the resulting space offers ranging functionality with a flow between ‘playful’ and ‘indulgent’ that feels natural and enhances the usability of the home.

The house indulges in the strength and form of natural materials, building a strong textural base around which statement pieces of furniture achieve the ambiance of a boutique hotel or spa. The space is modern and striking, and importantly, unified. A consistent use of materials in the interior architecture and joinery along with a decorative motif through all levels of the house extending to the façade ensures stylistic coherency.

The elegant design motif and the consistent use of natural stone and timber displayed in simple form in the modernized Arts and Crafts style is given depth and presence with a few statement design pieces. In the entrance hallway, an open gallery-like atrium, the triple-height void is filled with

crystalline statement pieces. A glass staircase, expertly detailed by Nick Baker Architects, sits beneath an enormous bespoke glass hanging sculpture and a complementary glass standing sculpture, creating a harmony that is unique and instantly impressive upon entering the house.

Of course, one of the standout ‘fun meets luxury’ boutique inclusions in this house is the swimming pool. The sleek, dark, cave-like indoor pool feels like an elite spa, offers mood lighting for creating the ideal atmosphere and gives the family the option to soak while they watch a movie projected on the wall.

This expansive house has an amazing range of rooms, each beautifully designed to be practical for family life, and unique as well as matched to the lifestyle and desires of the clients. A careful modernization of an inviting traditional style seeps from the façade to infuse the interior with classic warmth balanced by contemporary practicality and style. Painstaking attention to detail and desire in the design and building process has resulted in a carelessly chic house that blends effortlessly into the lives and personalities of its owners.

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