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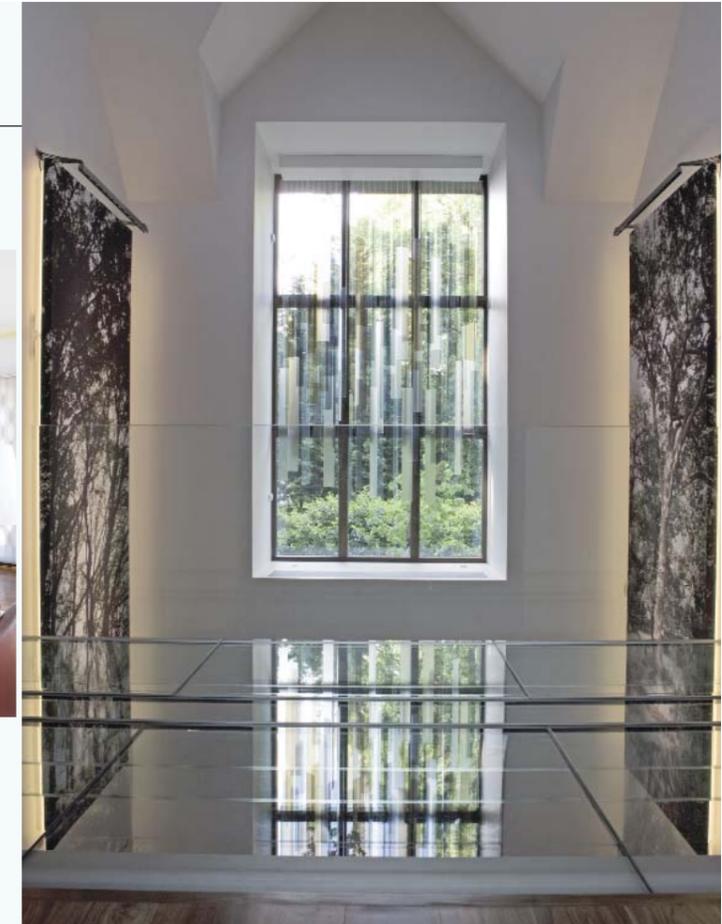


Kingston Mansion, South West London

Practicality, pampering and playfulness were keynotes of the brief for the interior design of this new house for a young family on the outskirts of London. Staffan Tollgard Design Group designed the interior of the whole house and faced the challenge of bringing together the clients' aspiration for a home that had a contemporary boutique feel and at the same time provided the essentials for a family that included three young children.

The designer's solution was to create a home that was stylistically unified - by shape, material, etc - and to play with colour within this framework to enliven or calm specific areas of the house. The house itself has an Arts and Crafts feel and sits in a natural setting with protected trees.

The interior applies certain Arts and Crafts principles to the interior design in a contemporary way and draws inspiration from the house's setting in its use of natural materials. The clients loved the concept of "honesty of materials and construction" and this is reflected in the home's built-in joinery as well as the inclusion of several pieces of bespoke furniture and stone sanitaryware. Also echoing Arts and Crafts principles, the home is personalised with a contemporary decorative motif running subtly through the interior, in elements from architectural detailing to soft furnishings.



- Above: There is a contemporary boutique feel to the space
- Top Left: The home offers both comfort and luxury

Public entertainment spaces include a number of features to give a feeling of luxury and opulence. These include the entrance hallway, where a glass staircase is complemented by glass sculptures, and the swimming pool with its mood lighting and movie projection gadgetry.

Orange was chosen as the key accent colour for the furniture schemes in the main living spaces, being lively, fun and complementing the house's natural materials. In the adult bedrooms colours are kept to more of a minimum to enhance the feeling of a boutique retreat hotel.

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