

## PRESS RELEASE



### OPEN HOUSE LONDON - PENTHOUSE APARTMENT, THE PRINT HOUSE

As part of this year's **Open House London** event, **FORM design architecture** will be conducting guided tours of their recently completed penthouse apartment in the Print House, 32 Aylesbury Street, Clerkenwell, London EC1R 0ET.

Tours will be taking place between 10am and 5pm on **Saturday 22nd September** by **advance booking only** on 020 7407 3336 (last tour starts at 4.15pm).

#### THE PROJECT

A sensuous helical stair contained within a top-lit polished plaster drum links the overlapping upper (entry and living) and lower (sleeping) floors of this 230m<sup>2</sup> duplex penthouse; the frameless glass overhead drawing the sky deep into the drum and creating an effect reminiscent of a James Turrell installation.

On the upper floor, the curving marble-plaster lining of the drum unravels like a ribbon into the 22m long living space, animating the entrance area of the apartment and enclosing a study space (with an en suite shower room) that can also be used as a guest bedroom. An in situ concrete 'inglenook' fireplace creates the focal point at the far end of the open plan living space which, glazed on three sides with views across the deck to St Pauls and the Shard, has been modelled in the tradition of a classic modernist pavilion.

On the lower floor, the stair leads to a spacious master bedroom suite with a spa-style dressing/bathing area with a timber bath and wet room shower, a second children's bedroom suite and a utility room.

The penthouse is fitted out to the highest standards throughout, with oak and poured resin floors, programmable low energy LED lighting and sound systems, and extensive fitted-joinery and air conditioning in the principal areas.

Use of high specification solar control glass, heat pumps and mechanical ventilation with heat recovery have assisted in the apartment achieving level 3 of the Code for Sustainable Homes.

Adopting a fire engineered approach to the Means of Escape has negated the usual requirements for fire doors and lobbies, allowing considerably longer escape travel distances than would normally be permitted and facilitating the creation of the large open plan upper floor living space.

Ends.  
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### About FORM design architecture

FORM design architecture is an RIBA Chartered Architects practice based in London SE1. The practice offers a comprehensive range of services from feasibility and development analysis, through to full architectural/lead consultant roles and also interior design/space planning.

Individual solutions are developed for clients which are an intelligent, inventive and sustainable response to the complex matrix of issues that shapes each project. Solutions with a lucidity and apparent simplicity which belie their underlying complexity.

Listening, analysis, discussion and clarification are at the heart of an inclusive approach that recognises the fact that some of the best ideas are generated in the space between people rather than by individuals.

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