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TALL STOREYS

Cool metallic looks and a double height ceiling
make this an unmissable, open-plan kitchen.

PHOTOS PAUL CRAIG WORDS ANNA TOBIN



Expanses of cool stainless steel make this one seriously sleek kitchen, packed with top of the range appliances. A rich wooden floor brings a warm natural touch to the stylish, clinical space.



DESIGN PROFILE

This Victorian end-of-terrace house had been split into four flats and designer Sean Cochrane dramatically converted it back into a welcoming family home, centring around the spectacular double height kitchen. But this kitchen is not just for show, it's been designed as a professional chef's kitchen. The hob and sinks have been sunk seamlessly into the stainless steel worktops to provide an ultra hygienic, seamless finish. Whilst the handleless Kitchenhaus units provide ample storage and add a homely warmth to the scheme.

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Designer Sean Cochrane was given the challenge of turning this Victorian end-of-terrace house, which had been carved up into four flats, back into a five-bedroom single residence. 'We wanted to make floor space as open as possible,' he explains. 'So we took several walls out to open it all up and removed the ceiling at one end to make it double height and to throw out the back wall with these huge five and a half metre back doors. These were made in Germany, as we couldn't find anyone who would be able →



Above A modern wall of exposed brick balances out the cool metallic elements of this light filled room. An eye-catching staircase incorporates clever storage solutions.

Right The five and a half metre high doors pivot to dramatically open up the ground and first floors to the garden. The chandelier adds an extra dramatic touch.





to create them in the UK.'

Sean also constructed a concealed laundry area, behind the wall of kitchen units, which is carefully hidden by a folded panelled door. The doors bi-fold open to reveal the whole laundry area and close to give the effect of a panelled wall, making it both practical and aesthetically pleasing.

Although the room's design is intended to create a very informal feel, the kitchen itself has been designed as a professional chef's workspace as the homeowner was an extremely keen cook. 'This kitchen had to not only look amazing, but had to be equipped with the best the market has to offer in refrigeration and cooking. Sub Zero refrigeration, along with Wolf ovens were chosen for their quality and extra capacity,' explains Patrick Byrne at Kitchenhaus.

As the feature appliances are sized on an almost commercial scale, little usable room remained for the usual food, crockery and

small appliance storage. 'In order to provide for all of the essential practical requirements we had to create a large working island, incorporating all of the cooking and wet services,' Patrick explains.

The island unit is almost four metres long and there are not that many materials that are capable of being manufactured as a seamless unit on this scale. As this could be achieved with stainless steel and this material would add to the sleek professional feel of the kitchen, it was the obvious choice from the beginning. 'It was fabricated in one piece of stainless steel by Barazza, with integrated flush fitting hob and sinks,' says Patrick Byrne.

The pastel shade of the 'putty'-coloured matt laminate units from Kitchenhaus's Laminado Seft collection was chosen to add a gentle warmth to the contemporary scheme and the soft tactile colour perfectly complements the stainless steel of the appliances, the worktops and the warm ➔

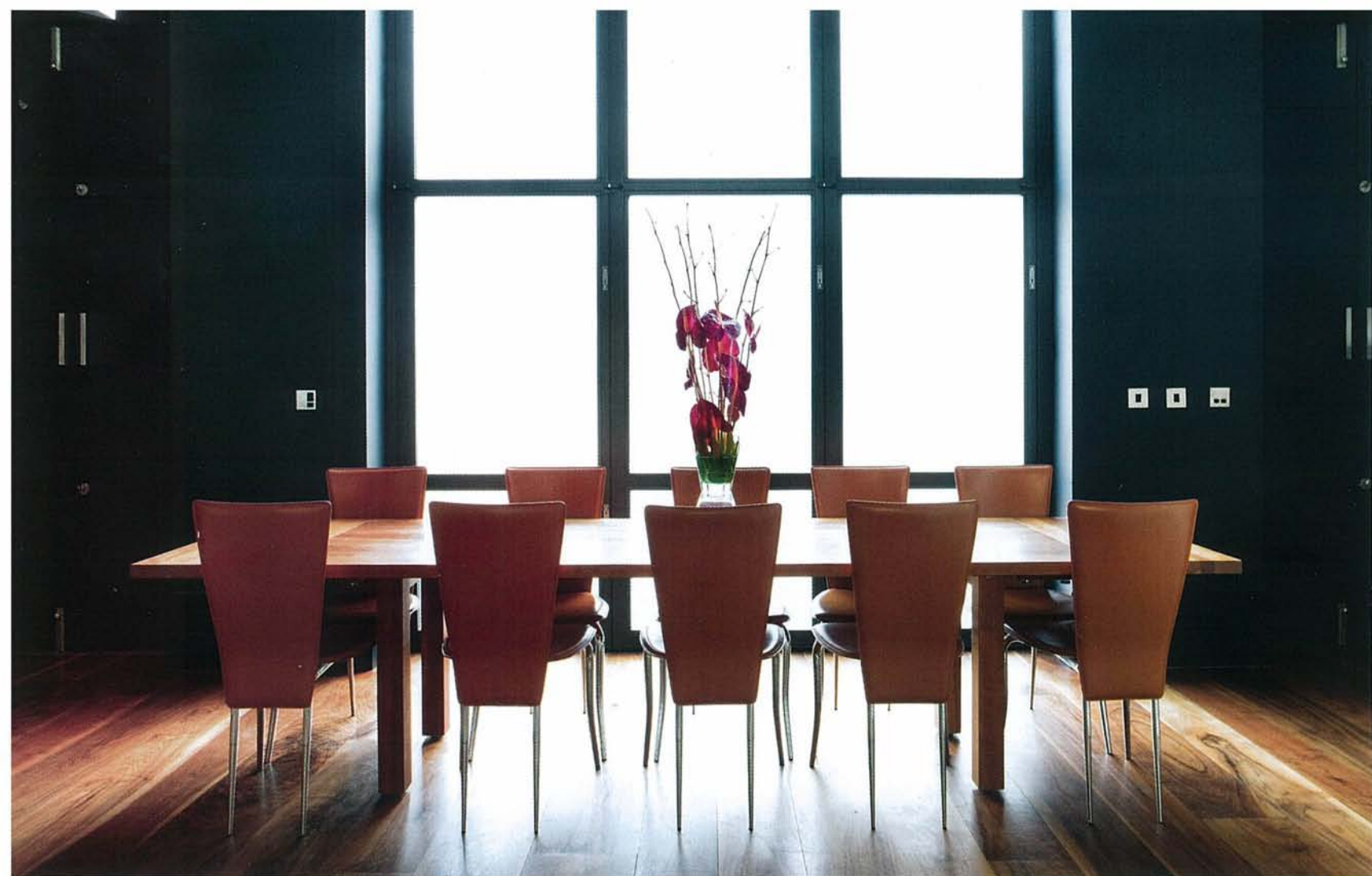
*'It had to not only look amazing, but be equipped
with the best appliances around.'*



Above The slick stainless steel island unit almost floats above the glossy wood flooring, which together with the 'putty'-coloured laminate units throws a warm glow across the room.

Left The worktop seamlessly blends into the matching splashback, whilst the under unit lights reflecting in the stainless steel, create an almost candlelit effect.

Right The glossy rich red and chrome stools add colour to the largely metallic area. Integrated appliances and structural faucets make sure this space is high performing.



tones of the walnut floor. The rich wooden flooring also helps to link the classic traditional feel of the home front with the sleek lines of the modern kitchen inside. 'The black walnut floor has mixed width boards of up to 14 inches and is finished in a natural oil,' explains Sean. 'I always opt for an oiled finish when using wooden floor in a kitchen, because it's very user friendly,' he explains.

New owner Ulrika Nisser is delighted with the open-plan, high-performing kitchen and free flowing living area. She says, 'It's a very welcoming space, where friends can pop by unannounced for a cup of tea or a glass of wine at the kitchen island, from where I can also be looking out for the children, cooking and entertaining our friends and family. I can't imagine it any other way now! It's just lovely.' ■

Above and left The large cherrywood dining table and chairs sit beautifully in the double height space. The huge floor-to-ceiling doors are made with switchable glass that turns from clear to opaque when an electric current is run through them, creating privacy without the need for window dressings.

STOCKISTS INFORMATION

APPLIANCES

ICBDO30U/S double oven, £8,194, at Wolf; ICBWWD30 warming drawer, £2,174, at Wolf; ICBBI36 fridge, £9,000, at SubZero; Dishwasher, £1,530, at Miele; Wine coolers, £570 each, at Caple; Tara Two Hole mixer with profi spray set, £1,163, at Dornbracht.

FIXTURES AND FURNISHINGS

Stainless steel splashback and worktop with integrated hobs and sinks, EPOA, at Barazza; Walnut flooring, from £170 per sq. m, at Timber Neutral; Wall paint Old White Modern Emulsion, £57 for 5L, at Farrow & Ball; For a similar contemporary cherrywood dining table and chairs, try Wharfside; For similar barstools, try the Miami barchair, £109, at The Great Furniture Trading Company; Drop down ceiling light chandelier, designed and priced to order, at Cochrane Design. Flower arrangements, EPOA, at Birksen.

*All prices are approximate. For stockists, see page 160.