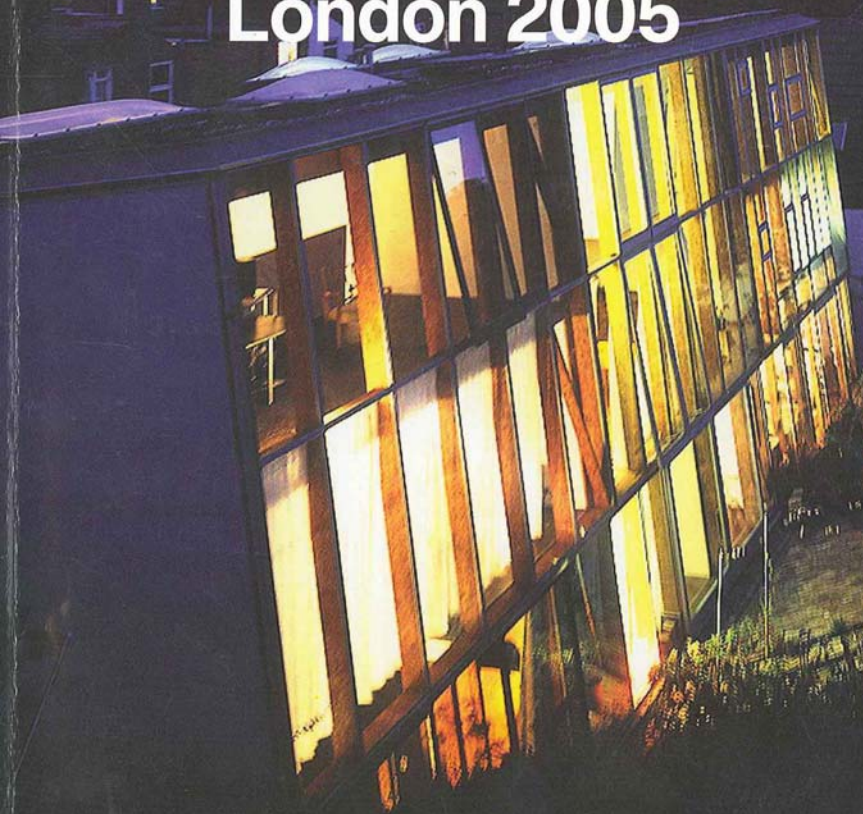


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This entirely new house is set within the last of a series of 'back garden' sites to be developed in an existing mews in Primrose Hill, London. The new two-storey dwelling is set within a split-level site and sits 'stealthily' between its petite neighbours.

The perimeter wall encloses the ground floor private bedrooms and bathrooms. A rendered steel frame that appears to hover above the ground floor forms the first floor L-shaped plan, devoted to living and working, in which a central opening roof light creates an 'outside room' at the heart of the building.

The internal spatial dynamic is set up by the principal entrance sequence: through the double height hall, up the super-sized first flight of stairs and the skinny second flight into the vast open plan living area with framed views across the picture perfect Victorian roofscape.

The house as a 'white box' is the vessel within which boundaries of function and privacy are blurred.



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