

# Zoom in: Modern Spiral

Bermondsey based FORMStudio is an award-winning architecture practice, with projects ranging from large hotels and urban planning schemes to countless private homes. Here, an unusual triangular house in London's West End was transformed with the installation of a signature spiral staircase linking the five floors.

"The client's brief was to create a high-quality central London pied-à-terre out of an unloved and impractical office building which had lain empty since being used as a builder's site office for the development of a nearby retail store," says Mike Neale, the lead architect on the project.

"We created a sinuous white balustrade to give the building a sense of flow. The material, acrylic HiMacs, enabled us to create a seamless shape, like a giant sculpture. It runs from the basement to the glass roof, like a twisting, folded ribbon, giving a vertiginous 14 metre view that lends the house an unexpected sense of scale."



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