

# THE MODERN HOUSE



*London NW5  
Sold*

## Highgate Road

Designed by the world-renowned Minimalist designer John Pawson, this house is a hidden gem. Believed to be a former brewery, the building was converted in c.1986 as a studio for the esteemed artist Michael Craig-Martin, and has been restored to its original glory by the current owner.

Internal accommodation measures more than 1,300 sq ft over two floors. On the raised ground floor is a spectacular 34ft double-height reception room / painting studio with an original vaulted ceiling. The level below contains a kitchen area, large double bedroom, dressing area, shower room and extensive amounts of storage. This floor offers scope for reconfiguration, with enough space for a second bedroom if required. There is also a private outside space at the front of the property.

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The house is one of John Pawson's earliest works, dating from the period when he was in practice with Claudio Silvestrin. The property has many of the hallmarks of Pawson's architecture, including white walls with shadow gaps, bespoke joinery, and a clever manipulation of natural light. It also has some unusual spatial features: the architectural staircase; the kitchen area is located at the foot of the staircase; and the shower room is open-plan.

The property is enviably located within a very short walk of the wonderful green spaces of Parliament Hill Fields and Hampstead Heath. There is a small group of shops nearby, including a local grocer, pharmacy, artisan bread and ice cream shop and the exceptional Bull and Last gastro pub not too far away. Further facilities on Kentish Town Road, including the Underground station (Northern Line). Highgate Studios, which has a gym and a Pizza East restaurant, is just across the road. There are some excellent schools in the area, including Eleanor Palmer Primary School.

John Pawson is the foremost proponent of Minimalism in architecture. His best-known projects include the elegantly austere Calvin Klein store in New York, the breathtaking Novy Dvur Monastery in the Czech Republic, and numerous private residences for clients including Martha Stewart and Bruce Chatwin.

Michael Craig-Martin is a Dublin-born conceptual artist and painter, known in particular for his stylised and brightly coloured canvases of everyday household objects. He is Emeritus Professor of Fine Art at Goldsmiths, where he was influential in fostering the Young British Artists that emerged from the school in the 1980s, including Damien Hirst.

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