

THE MODERN HOUSE



Bevan Street, London N1
Sold

Swarovski House

Designed by the internationally acclaimed architect David Adjaye, Swarovski House is a masterful reworking of an early Victorian terraced property in Islington. The period façade remains, but the rest of the house has been transformed for modern living, with exciting double-height spaces and a wonderful glazed extension giving on to the garden at the rear.

Adjaye has reworked the plan of the house to create various half levels connected by a beautiful timber staircase, with unexpected openings providing views from one space to another. Generous amounts of natural light are brought into the house in clever ways, and the internal timber cladding, which envelopes the kitchen and two-storey dining space on the lower ground floor, creates a visual warmth to the interior.

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Swarovski House is so-called because it was created for a member of the renowned Swarovski family (it has since changed hands). Completed in 2001, it is one of David Adjaye's earlier buildings. At the outset of his career, the architect was focused on producing dynamic private residences, and he was embraced by the artistic community in particular. Artists including Jake and Dinos Chapman, Tim Noble and Sue Webster, and Chris Ofili all commissioned work from him in the late 1990s and early 2000s. More recently, Adjaye has turned his hand to major civic buildings, including Rivington Place and the Idea Store in London, the Nobel Peace Centre in Oslo and the Museum of Contemporary Art in Denver. For more information about the architecture of Swarovski House, see the History section.

The property is located within easy reach of the shops and restaurants on Upper Street. Angel Underground station offers easy access to the West End via the Northern Line, and Essex Road National Rail station is two stops from the City at Moorgate. The nearby Regent Canal offers opportunities for walking, as well as a cycle path to East London. The facilities of Shoreditch and Hoxton, including Columbia Road Flower Market, are a short distance away.

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