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Clerkenwell Close, London EC1
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Fog House

Designed by the internationally acclaimed architect David Adjaye, this breathtaking modern house occupies one of Clerkenwell's finest locations, quietly overlooking St James's Church. The interior is flexible, and measures approximately 2,781 sq ft over five storeys.

Adjaye has reappropriated and extended an existing brick warehouse, adding huge amounts of glazing to maximise the natural light. The building is known as Fog House because of the diffused light that enters through a wall of sandblasted glass on the top floor. It has live/work use, and was the studio of the artist Marc Quinn prior to its conversion.

The client's brief was for total privacy, and the front door to the house is on a pedestrianised cul de sac. Entering provides an immediate sense of drama, revealing a double-height space with a galleried study and a library on a steel gantry. Below is a reception room, which has an adjacent wet room and could be used as guest accommodation or as a studio. There is also a garage on the ground floor.

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Each of the three storeys above is largely open-plan, to create a sense of arrival and provide an immediate connection with the church opposite. The first floor is currently used as an office, but could be a bedroom. It has full-height glazing onto a large covered terrace, and bespoke built-in cupboards along one wall. There is a separate bathroom on the landing with glass-tiled walls. The master bedroom occupies the second floor, with a freestanding bath, a large dressing room, and an en-suite shower room. The top floor is dedicated to a wonderful reception, kitchen and dining room, with glazing on three sides and three large opening rooflights. This opens onto a southeast-facing terrace that makes the most of the outstanding views.

The architect David Adjaye first came to prominence at the end of the 1990s, with a number of dynamic London houses for high-profile clients including Ewan McGregor, Jake and Dinos Chapman, Chris Ofili and Alexander McQueen. More recently, the architect's practice, Adjaye Associates, has turned its 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.

Clerkenwell Close is quiet and traffic-free yet within a short walk of the outstanding restaurants and shops on St John Street, Clerkenwell Green and Exmouth Market. St Paul's and the City are within easy reach to the south. Nearby Farringdon (Circle, Metropolitan and Hammersmith & City lines and National Rail) is one of the best-connected stations in London. It provides quick access to the West End and London's major airports, is one stop from King's Cross and St Pancras, and will benefit from the opening of Crossrail in 2018.

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