

# THE MODERN HOUSE



Architect: Vincent Van Duysen  
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**SOLD**

A truly fantastic one-bedroom conversion of refined and unique character situated on the third floor of this impressive and recently renovated Victorian warehouse. The apartment has a triple aspect, with large original sash windows running all along the south side of the building, bringing considerable light into the open-plan configuration. The much-celebrated interior of the flat is the result of a collaboration between designer Ilse Crawford, Belgian architect Vincent Van Duysen and 6a Architects.

The large single space is cleverly divided into three zones - kitchen, living and bedroom - creating a very sociable setting. The bright kitchen has a central island, decorated with Zellige tiles, a large recessed area for storage and a concealed range cooker. Exposed brickwork surrounds the kitchen windows and original double door. The door opens to reveal a Juliet balcony overlooking the quiet street.

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The living area takes a central position in the flat, with floor-to-ceiling cupboards all along one side, providing maximum storage throughout the space and cleverly concealing the front door and entrance to the WC. On the opposite wall, positioned in the gaps between large sash windows, floor-to-ceiling bookcases run the length of the room.

The bedroom is separated from the main living space by another large bookcase which acts, in the owner's current set-up, as a backdrop to the bed. The impressive en-suite bathroom is equipped with his-and-hers basins, freestanding bath and a shower/steam room.



The lighting plays an important role in the function of the space; where there are no walls, ceiling lights on dimmer switches are used to manage the different areas of the room, including or shutting off sections as desired. The decoration of the flat incorporates many of the building's more industrial features, which have been softened by the tone and quality of the interior design.

Ilse Crawford is a leading designer, academic and creative director, and the founding editor of Elle Decoration magazine. Her highly lauded design company, Studioilse, has an extensive portfolio that includes the First and Business Class Lounge concept for Cathay Pacific, Ett Hem Hotel in Stockholm, Soho House New York and Cecconi's restaurant in London.



Her collaborator, Vincent Van Duysen, is a world-renowned Belgian architect and designer who works with domestic architecture and commercial spaces, as well as furniture and decorative objects, and has designed for leading international manufacturers such as B&B Italia, Poliform and Swarovski.

The flat is situated in the heart of Borough, an area teeming with restaurants and close to the popular Borough Market. The South Bank, Tate Modern and the river are within easy walking distance. Borough Underground Station is within a short walk, and London Bridge Station is approximately 0.6 miles away.