



# CITY RENOVATION

## A STYLISH TRANSFORMATION

OUR CLIENTS APPROACHED US ON THIS PROJECT PRIOR TO COMMENCING RENOVATIONS, WHICH IS ALWAYS OPTIMAL IF YOU ARE THINKING OF RENOVATING YOUR HOME. IN THIS CASE, FOR EXAMPLE, IT GAVE US MUCH MORE SCOPE TO COMPLETELY REDESIGN AND RENOVATE THIS GALWAY CITY FAMILY HOME. WORDS BY GRAINNE HULL O' NEILL PHOTOGRAPHY BY ALAN SMITH



**W**e redesigned everything from the spatial plans, joinery and lighting right through to the finishes.

The original internal spatial plan did not have any curved soft internal walls or central curved sweeping stairs. The original entrance hall, corridor and rooms were square and lead off a rectangular hall, landing and straight stairs. Our clients' request was to soften the space and make it more stimulating - and to introduce much more natural light, so we set to work on redesigning the existing layout together with plans that they had already sought for an extension. After a few meetings over a variety of layouts, we developed a final spatial plan that we were all very pleased with.

Entering the house through the front feature door, one is instantly struck by the 'wow' factor our clients wished for. We created a specifically designed curved staircase, positioned in the centre of the house. All of the corridors and the rooms on the first floor flow serenely from that central feature. In the hall and landing we designed a unique curved corridor with double height void and a high ceiling detail, which allows natural light to gently and beautifully illuminate the centre of the house. The detailing of the feature skirting, architrave, doors, coving and staircase can be immediately appreciated and admired. The staircase and hallways are subtly lit with LED lighting and soft overheads. All lighting levels can be controlled throughout the house.



The kitchen flows effortlessly through feature glass folding doors into the living room. The glass folding doors help to separate the kitchen and dining area from the living space, while still allowing natural light into the kitchen.



The magnificent staircase sits majestically on the solid marble floor, which extends throughout the ground floor corridors. The marble continues into the kitchen and dining area where it meets the timber floor in the open plan living room.

The bespoke cream and walnut kitchen is located at the rear of the original house. The island was designed as the central hub of the kitchen, containing functional items as well as a casual high level seating

area. The kitchen flows effortlessly through feature glass folding doors into the living room. The glass folding doors help to separate the kitchen and dining area from the living space, while still allowing natural light into the kitchen. And given the flexibility of the spatial design, if the family wishes to open the entire space as one, they have the option to do so.

The living room occupies the new extension at the rear of the house and, with its large windows and

doors, natural light pours once again into the open space. The living room continues the warm and welcoming look - and with the inset solid fuel fire detail, fresh fabrics, rug and feature wall paper; this is a truly bright and uplifting space to retreat to. The palate of colours and fabrics chosen for the open plan kitchen and living space creates lovely warmth and a more intimate mood at night, while augmenting the feeling of space at the same time.



On ascending the central stairs, one is greeted by the rich luxurious carpet which is complemented by the feature wallpaper on the curved wall. All of the bedrooms flow aesthetically from the central curved landing, with shared en-suites with bespoke wet areas. We located the master bedroom with large walk-in wardrobe and en-suite in the new extension on the first floor above the living room. The feeling of space in the master bedroom is greatly enhanced by the high ceiling with a concealed up-light detail. Relaxing and luxurious fabrics and wallpaper give this suite a feeling of understated yet supreme elegance.

This newly extended and renovated home has been redesigned with much improvement, showing how a small investment in expertise can go a very long way indeed. Now this is a beautiful home that is also a showcase of good design, blending innovative curved corridors, double height voids, feature curved first floor landing and a palate of inviting colours and textures. All in all, this is a tribute to detail, splendour and style.





## Get the look...

**Interior Architects and Interior designers**  
Architectural Spaces 091 533800

**Window treatments, Blinds and Curtains, Feature Rug and Wallpaper**  
Architectural Spaces 091 533800

**Kitchen and Wardrobes**  
Laval Fitted Furniture, Jarlath Niland 091635836.

**Stairs:** F W Joinery Francis Murphy

**Painting:** Pat Mc Evoy

**Coving:** James Thompson

**Windows:** Munster Joinery,  
**Carpet:** Carpet & Rug Centre

**Dining table and chairs:** Craughwell Furniture

**Lights:** Peter Murphys

**Couch:** Craughwell Furniture

**Fireplace:** Murphy Heating Kinvara

**Window Treatments Fitting, Design, Advice and Fitting:** Spectrum Solutions