

PROJECT DETAILS

Total value: £173,000 (inc. VAT)
Size of project: 512m²
Build time: 13 weeks on site for construction/installation over a 14 month period based on the stages of the house build
Designer: Tectonic – landscape, architecture and garden design
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Contractor: Project managed and sub-contracted under Tectonic



Clean and CLASSY

DESIGN: TECTONIC
PHOTOGRAPHY: OLLIE NEAVES

Early summer flush of purple flowers punctuating the garden from the *Allium hollandicum* 'Purple Sensation' and *Allium* 'Purple Rain' bulbs

MATERIALS USED

Porcelain

Global Stone Landscaping Supplies, globalstonepaving.co.uk

Furniture

Westminster, westminsteroutdoorliving.com

Greenhouse (Pure Range), puregreenhouse.co.uk

Specimen trees

Paramount Plants & Gardens, paramountplants.co.uk

Instant hedging

Readyhedge Ltd, readyhedgeLtd.com

Trade and retail plant suppliers

Europlants UK Limited, europlants.net;

Rochfords, rochfords.net;

Langthorns Plantery, langthorns.com;

Classiflora Imports Ltd, classiflora.com

Pop up lawn irrigation and controllers

Herts Irrigation, hertsirrigation.co.uk

Discrete sound system

ElectricUs Audio Visual, eav-way.co.uk

Outdoor kitchen BBQ

Archway Sheet Metal Works Ltd, archwaysm.com

Slatted western red cedar fence

Southgate Timber Company Limited, southgatetimber.co.uk



Above: Structural evergreen planting like *Pittosporum tobira* 'Nanum' and *Ilex crenata* 'Dark Green' (replacement to *Buxus sempervirens*) punctuated with repetition of herbaceous planting forms and colour

Right: Bespoke garden room at the end of the gently sloping lawn framed by specimen olive tree and the outdoor kitchen/BBQ;
Far right: View down garden showing repetition of *Magnolia grandiflora* standards and herbaceous beds. *Phyllostachys nigra* and olive tree next to house



A new impressive garden was designed by Tectonic to complement a luxury home being constructed. The company came up with a well structured design for its client, which was adorned with engaging additional features

The design brief was to create a modern outdoor space to complement the new four-storey luxury home that was under construction. The south facing garden was excavated down to a depth of 1.2m to allow for an easy transition from indoors to outdoors. Structural calculations and detailed construction drawings were used to construct reinforced retaining walls around the perimeter. The client's main criteria were 'no steps' and that a large lawn was retained.

The design was a contemporary, clean, functional living space that will be utilised throughout the year mirroring the zones created with the

house to create a beautiful outdoor living, dining and kitchen area as well as a bespoke garden building to be used for the children, and also as a home gym with a toilet, storage and housing the VRV heat exchange unit for the main house.

The geometry of the design focuses on the key outdoor areas with a journey upwards along a gentle incline, punctuated by custom made raised planters on a grid that created rhythm through the garden and vistas across the lawn to the five large *Magnolia grandiflora* trees.

A bespoke outdoor kitchen was designed with a cantilevered roof containing all the mod cons such as a sink, fridge/freezer, custom made



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Above: Bespoke cantilevered floating roof over the outdoor kitchen/bbq area

Right: Living, dining and cooking areas directly mirroring the layout of the interior of the house

clay oven and even a rotating doner machine to enjoy BBQs year round. The client commented: “It was imperative to have certain aspects to satisfy the way we live and cook, and these were met extremely well.”

A specialist dimmable and independently controlled lighting system and discrete satellite sound system were also added to create an entertainment area for the evenings.

Pittosporum tobira ‘Nanum’, *Ilex crenata* ‘Dark Green’, bamboos and *Magnolia grandifloras* were used to add winter structure, whilst herbaceous perennials and grasses have been used to soften straight lines. **DG**

