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## INSIDE LUXURY HOMES

*Boasting one of the most spectacular vantage points over the Surrey Hills, this imposing 14,000 sq ft Georgian property is located within a large family estate. Interior Designer Laura Hammett was commissioned to complete a full renovation of this detached Georgian house, overlooking the most beautiful rolling hills of Surrey's designated Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty.*



### THE CLIENT'S BRIEF

With a brief to create a classic English family home celebrating the location and the heritage of the building, Laura Hammett combined an elegant, pared back aesthetic with an extra layer of luxury and opulence to honour the Middle Eastern roots of her client.

Symmetry in Georgian properties is essential, so that was a natural inspiration throughout. There is also a very classic and understated architectural backdrop throughout, which was restored and enhanced. As the client has a young family, the designer wanted to create a balance of classic and contemporary, so it felt timeless yet still very personal to them.

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### FLOOR BY FLOOR

The house is incredibly spacious with the ground floor including all the living areas; the lower ground floor, which also opens out onto the vast garden, includes a 15-metre private indoor swimming pool and extensive spa; the first floor has a library, the master suite with his and hers dressing rooms, and some further bedrooms, and the top floor has a large playroom and additional bedrooms.

The large entrance hall is very imposing and has a long elevation of curved French doors leading out onto the terrace overlooking the Surrey Hills. To the right are the formal living areas with a grand dining room with panelled walls, a light touch of gilding and opulent chandelier; the elegant formal reception room with large windows on three walls and a fireplace; and then the glamorous backlit onyx powder room.

The left side of the house is the more informal family side, with a large kitchen where the designer opted for a contemporary take on a classic country kitchen, complete with hanging pan rack dressed with antique copper pans; a sun-filled family TV room; a cosy suede panelled cinema room; boot room; utility room and staff catering kitchen. This area leads you down into the pool and spa which has sliding doors and opens onto the sunbathing deck. There is a relaxation area overlooking the pool and a series of changing rooms, steam room, massage room, gym and other wellness areas. This level feels much more contemporary than the rest of the house.

There are a number of staircases in the house but the main one is off the entrance hall on the formal side and is an original architectural feature. It takes you up to the first floor where there is a large library with more full-height windows and wall-to-wall backlit bookshelves and a grand piano. The master suite consists of a large master bedroom with curved bay window and a bespoke laser-cut leather headboard wall, a four poster bed with separate his and hers dressing rooms and a large marble bathroom. There are a further six bedroom suites for the children and guests and a bright and colourful kids' playroom on the top floor.

### A FAMILY-FRIENDLY HOME

The house feels very opulent and grand in many areas but also extremely useable for the whole family, with lots of practical child-friendly spaces. The dining room, formal living room and master suite are very elegant and use some specialist fabrics and materials, whereas the family spaces feel much more relaxed and informal. The views are spectacular, and each room has large Georgian windows, so the atmosphere is very light and airy throughout.

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