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PRESS RELEASE

SURREY HOUSE

Modernist house extension creates multigenerational family home

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TDO has completed the extension of a Modernist house in Surrey, making space for the owners' daughter and grandchild to return to the family home. Set in a generous garden surrounded by trees, the existing two-storey, four-bedroom house was built in 1968, designed by local architect George Buzuk. The new low-lying extension enlarges its 20th century host laterally, making use of the expansive garden, and by adopting a Modernist arrangement of half levels it creates a house embedded in the landscape.

The new 86m² extension provides separate living quarters for the client's daughter and grandson, reinventing the house to ensure it meets the needs of three generations living together.

The property is entered via a two-storey asymmetrical white rendered wall, which conceals a car port and entrance path to the two-storey house beyond. The house itself has a matt white render and sits on a plinth of dark engineering bricks. Complementing the original house, the extension is clad in large, high-gloss white tiles sitting on a base of dark engineering bricks. A new glass link acts as an elegant segue from the original house to the smaller extension on higher ground to the north of the house.

The original house is organised over half levels, with shared spaces on the ground and first half level and bedrooms a half level above. The entrance flows into a spacious 30m² living room, which steps down into a new adjoining 27m² living space and study in the link building, and steps up again to the new two-bedroom extension. The link building, with floor to ceiling glazing, forms the transition between new and old massing; the split-level extension pitches up at an angle, mirroring the existing house and creating an overall massing similar to a butterfly roof.

The link space is purposefully furnished sparsely to provide a gathering and play space for all members of the family, including a young grandchild.

Inside, the new extension integrates seamlessly with the Modernist aesthetic of the original house: exposed brick walls, oak joinery and timber floors. The sense of light and flow through the original house has informed the design of the extension, unifying the two buildings. The resulting home skilfully combines old and new, meeting the needs of three generations.



NOTES TO EDITORS

Site area	1849m ²
Gross Internal Area:	Existing 159.5m ² ; extension 86m ² (total 245.5m ²)
Completion	November 2018
Architect:	TDO
Team:	Dan Booth (design lead), with Tom Lewith, Doug Hodgson, Matthew Powell
Client:	Private
Contractor:	Candor Construction
Structural engineer:	Entuitive
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TDO was founded in 2012 by Tom Lewith, Doug Hodgson and Owen Jones, all graduates of The Bartlett School of Architecture. The practice's first built project, Forest Pond House, a timber-framed meditation space and children's den cantilevered over a garden pond, is emblematic of TDO's approach: it is characterised by simple forms, intersecting geometries and exposed materials.

Significant built works include: Old Church Street, an infill town house in Chelsea (2015); Fab House, low cost modular terrace housing in North Shields, for Places for People and Urban Splash (2018); and the London headquarters for The Modern House, Southwark (2018).

The practice is currently designing modular rooftop housing for a developer in London specialising in the supply of keyworker homes.

Other current projects include: Coach House, a highly sustainable retrofit home in Richmond; Greenwich High Road, a new-build, mixed-use scheme of residential units above a commercial ground floor in Greenwich, which is currently on site; and Great Suffolk Yard, the redevelopment of industrial warehouse buildings in Southwark into a thriving new workspace.

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