



The Narrow House by FORMStudio

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Nestled in the heart of London's theatreland, the **Narrow House** sits proudly within Covent Garden's bustling, lively mix of theatres, shops and residential areas. Architects **FORMstudio** transformed the former late 19th century office block, originally a townhouse, back into a contemporary four-bedroom home. The project was such a success that it was commended in the Sunday Times British Homes Awards. Tall, terraced, deep and narrow, the property features a stunning kitchen clad in **HI-MACS® Alpine White**, the perfect material for a sleek, seamless look which is practical as well as clean and contemporary. The architects chose HI-MACS® for the island unit, worktops and surround to the hob because of its extremely flexible application that is hygienic and ultra-chic.



The 6m double-height kitchen/dining space incorporates plenty of workspace and storage with a generous island unit complete with sink, tap and handleless drawers taking centre stage in the crisp white scheme. Floor to ceiling cabinetry provides plenty of storage for cookware, crockery and dried ingredients with built-in appliances to continue the seamless feel. The fresh colour of the HI-MACS® surfaces are highlighted and enhanced by niche lighting in the recessed shelving display, along with under-cabinet lighting over the hob area. Slim dark bronze pendant lights hang in a row of three over the island unit to enhance mood and atmosphere while providing a contrasting accent colour against the HI-MACS® solid surface material.



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The Narrow House also includes a master bathroom suite with the bath panel and dual round 'Noon' countertop washbasins in HI-MACS®. The monochrome suite, with a generous sized bath, spacious shower, WC and bidet to complement the double vessel basins, uses oak wall panelling, Carrara marble and grey wall tiles to add warmth and soften the look. The downstairs cloakroom, concealed by a magnificent oak structure, is classic and compact with a linear rectangular 'Base' HI-MACS® basin, set within an alcove that features a large mirror above and heated towel rail to one side. All basins are from the Dutch brand **Not Only White**.



Added features of the Narrow House include tranquil external spaces, plenty of natural light and a split-level studio floor on top with terraces to the front and rear. There's even a home cinema and gym for today's multifunctional lifestyle.

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FORMstudio aims to create places that can be inhabited and experienced by people in a natural and instinctive way - enjoyable places with a tranquil sense of simplicity.

INFORMATION ABOUT THE PROJECT DESIGN

Project name: Narrow House, Covent Garden

Architect: FORMstudio, www.formstudio.co.uk

Interior designer: Elizabeth Bowman

Bathrooms: Not Only White

Material: HI-MACS® Alpine White www.himacs.eu

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HI-MACS® elements: Kitchen cabinet door fronts, island, worksurface, bath front panel and bathroom basins



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