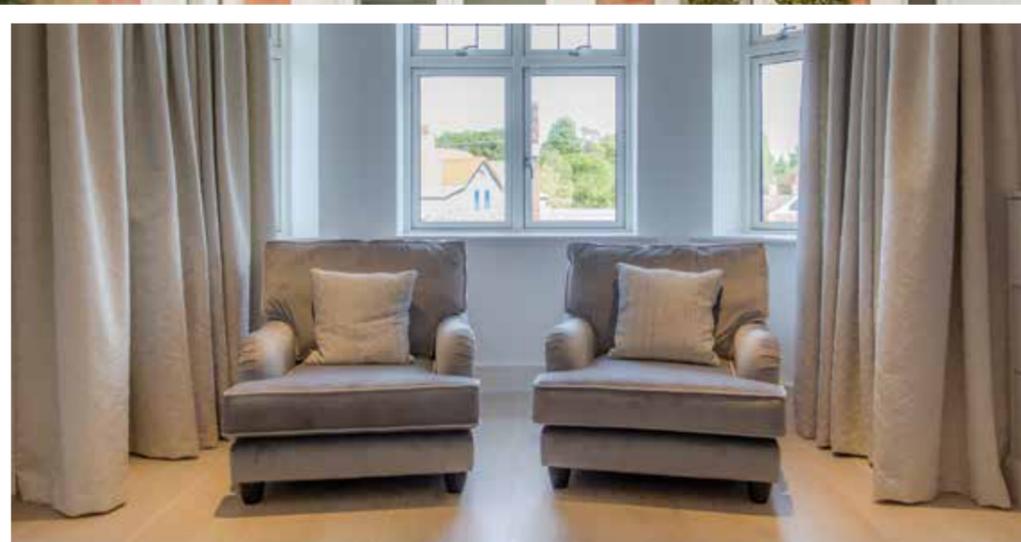


An elegant renovation in Foxrock

Stripping and beginning again...

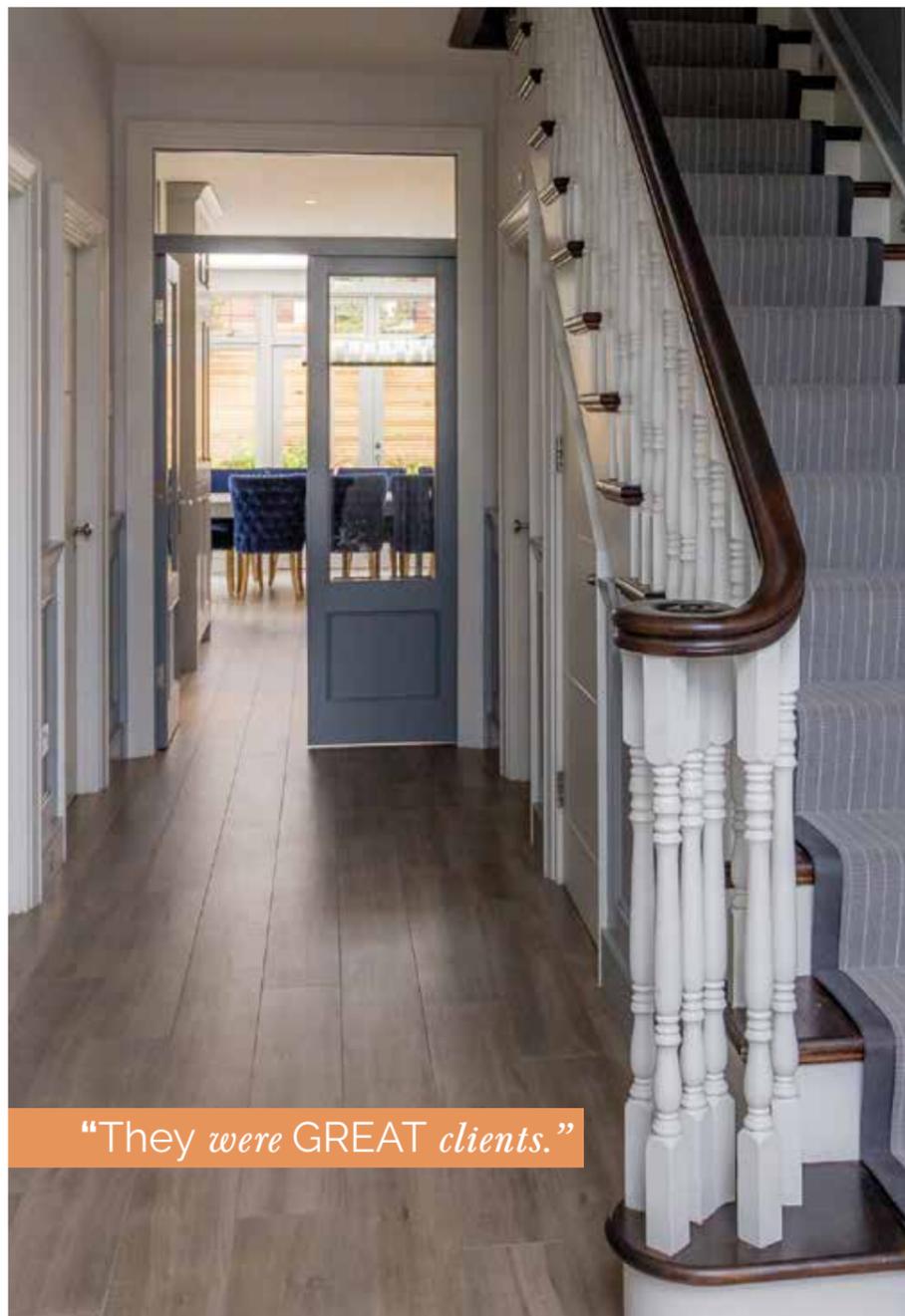
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An elegant renovation project took place in Foxrock in recent times and Mark Davies of Arc Design in Wicklow was the Architectural Technologist and Designer over this project. "I've got a working relationship with the client so that is how I became involved with this project," said Mark Davies.

"We knocked down the garage that was attached to the side of the house and we built a single storey extension and in doing that it made the kitchen bigger and we were able to open the house out on to the garden more. We also added a two storey extension to the house.

"Originally there were a lot of mature trees on the site and we took down specific ones because they weren't allowing a lot of light into the building. Before the work began, the house was quite nice but the owners decided to strip the house right back to its bare walls and begin again," added Mr Davies.



“They were GREAT clients.”



In terms of insulation, the extension has full fill cavity and 150mm PIR board. The house has hollow core concrete floors. The existing house was dry lined.
 “The house is an A rated house that runs on gas and it has mechanical heat recovery ventilation; it is a very warm house,” explained Mark.

“We wanted to get as much light as we could into the kitchen, dining area and television room. When we were building the extension on the ground floor we put a big window in the roof so that has brought in a lot of light.”



Arc Design is an award winning, chartered architectural technologist and design practice that was founded by Brian Davies and his son Mark Davies in 2007. The practice maintains a medium sized, passionate design team that operates from its offices in the beautiful surroundings of Willow Grove, Delgany, County Wicklow.

As to his overall thoughts on the project?
 “It’s a gorgeous house! The house is spread out over three levels. It’s a six bedroom house and each bedroom has an en-suite. They also have a cinema room and a playroom. There is everything in this house!
 “There were no difficulties encountered throughout the build. Work began on the house in November 2017 and work was finished in April 2018; it was a very quick turnaround. The clients were very good at making decisions and sourcing the materials.
 “They were great clients to work with and they finished the house really well. I’m very happy with how the house turned out; it was a lovely job to do,” concluded Mark Davies.

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