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s a bachelor, the owner of this home wanted the kitchen in his three-storey mews property to be a place for entertaining. He explains, "I don't cook but I entertain friends a lot. I get caterers in to prepare or cook for my guests and myself or I have takeaways. I wanted a practical kitchen for entertaining but it had to have a wow factor, and be spacious and light as the house doesn't have that much natural light."

The house hasn't been touched since the 50s so when it was bought, it was the perfect canvas for development. Interior designer Mark Howorth of Callender Howorth was bought in to create the fun entertaining space the homeowner desired. Mark explains the look he was going for. "I wanted a definite wow factor with a touch of James Bond coolness, complete with gadgets and bespoke pieces to make the space completely unique." A clean and simple bespoke kitchen in a flat white lacquered finish was designed and made by Callender Howorth to give the modern look required. As the homeowner does not cook appliances weren't at the top of his list, however he did want an induction hob, oven, dishwasher and microwave, which were all were housed within the units. • •

## The owner

This homeowner is the director of a major charity and lives in this 1830s mews house in Marylebone, London



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The large sliding doors lead out to a courtyard with a contemporary three-storey water feature, which gives a tranquil feel to the house. The doors are not only aesthetically pleasing they are also practical too. The homeowner says, "I love the floor-to-ceiling glass windows which flood the space and make it look and feel so bright and gleaming even on a grey day." To make sure the kitchen has as much impact at night as it does during the day lighting plays a key part. Mark says, "We used lots of sexy recessed lighting and an aluminium chandelier above the island to ensure a dramatic look."









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## ADVICE FROM THE DESIGNER

"It is very important to think about how you will use your kitchen. Think about ambience and wow factor. Indirect lighting and plinth lights give the kitchen a more 'club' like feel and make it look more exciting. Consider where people will sit, eat and also cook – having an island can enable someone to cook while others are sitting at the island talking to them. Use a huge vintage or contemporary light above the island – this plays with scale and drama and adds interest and excitement to a kitchen." Mark Howorth, managing director, Callender Howorth

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Mark is really pleased with the final result, "I love the fact that this kitchen works so brilliantly at night, and it feels like you are in a members' club – just the look the homeowner wanted." He never thought his kitchen could look and work as well as it does, it is important with an open-plan space that there is continuity between areas. The homeowner says, "I absolutely love it. It works perfectly for my life and me. The flow is fantastic from the kitchen into the courtyard or into the open dining area. Mark's first design, was instantly appealing and a kitchen that I could not have dreamed of. I use the kitchen more than before because I like to be in the space." •

## Details

Bespoke kitchen in white lacquer finish with bespoke stainless steel splashback, designed by Mark Howorth, managing director, Callender Howorth 020 7336 8560 www.callenderhoworth.com

Miele induction hob, oven, microwave, fridge, freezer, wine cabinet, coffee machine, dishwasher, washing machine, tumble dryer 0845 365 6600 www.miele.co.uk

Franke 2x sinks, 2x taps 0161 436 6280 www.franke.co.uk

Viaduct bar stools, dining table, dining chairs 020 7278 8456 www.viaduct.co.uk

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