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EXPANSION:

EXTENSION AND REFURBISHMENT OF 1990S DETACHED HOUSE, CLONSKEAGH

Sterrín O'Shea Architects (SOSA)'s specialist one-stop-shop service incorporates extensions and refurbishment projects, including protected structures. The key focus is selecting sustainable technologies and materials to create light-filled flexible living environments. As well as offering a full RIAI service, she also provides design only for tighter budgets. "Sometimes it is hard to justify using an architect for a small project but it is often that initial gut reaction by a trained professional that is so critical to the success of a project," she says.

In this project, the existing hipped roof kitchen extension was demolished to allow for a new bright, airy open plan kitchen/dining/living room with large picture windows opening to the south-west facing garden. The utility, WC and cloakrooms are accommodated in an oak clad 'box' in the centre of the plan where it is darkest. This form separates the study at the front of the house from the rear open plan room. A large sliding door allows the study to be closed off from the hall when necessary while also concealing a shelving /filing unit when open. The vertical iroko cladding, which matches new iroko windows, is carried across the brick facade of the existing house and conceals the gate to the side passage/shed.

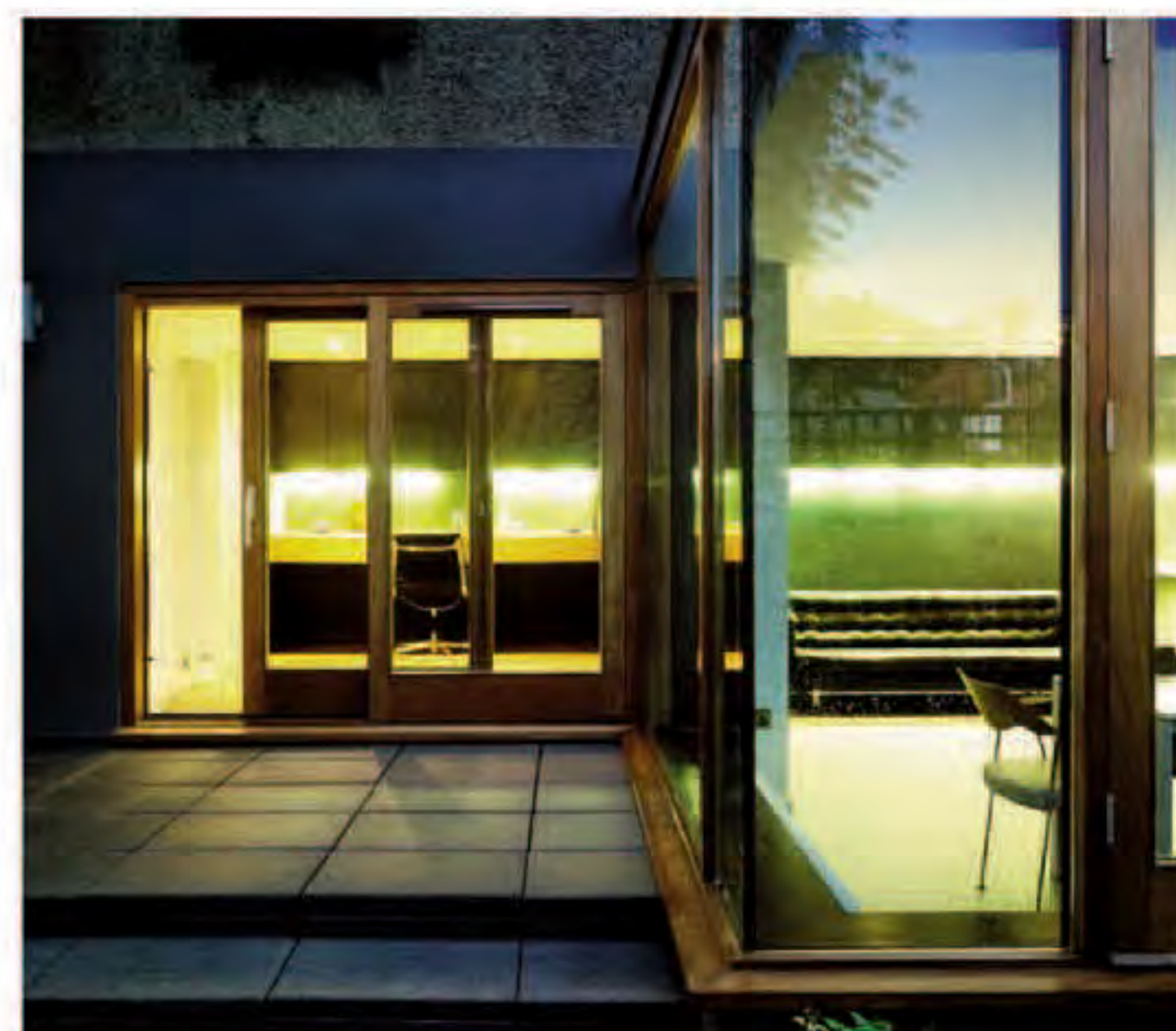
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EXPANSION



EXTENSION/REFURBISHMENT OF A 1930S HOUSE IN GLASNEVIN

Also by SOSA, this called for demolition of the existing dilapidated 1960s rear extension to allow for a new extension to the side of the original return among the apple trees. It took the form of a glazed bay which projects into the side garden and a timber clad top lit kitchen alcove off it to the rear. The design of the bay allows east and south light into the otherwise dark return. The glazing to the bay is carried higher than the ceiling level to maximise light and its corners are fully glazed to merge inside and out. The view of the garden from the library in the rear reception room is maintained as you can see through the new glazed bay, day and night. The new WC and laundry are housed in the dark part of the plan. The study area is kept comfortable by continuing the floor level from the hall, reducing the floor to ceiling height. The entrance hall, formal reception rooms and bedrooms in the main house, spanning 110 sq m, were fully refurbished. The bathroom was upgraded to modern day standards. The kitchen and fitted furniture was designed by SOSA and manufactured by Langrell Kitchens

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