

# Design for living

The Angel Resident explores local architect Barbara Weiss' imaginatively renovated home in the much sought-after community of leafy Lonsdale Square



**Sitting room**  
The contemporary touches bring this room alive, making it the perfect space to relax



Stepping into the elegant family home of award-winning residential architect Barbara Weiss, there's that effortless balance of period features, modern liveability and attention to detail that you would expect from an industry figurehead. Weiss' Islington-based practice, Barbara Weiss Architects, turns 25 this year – and this renovated neo-Gothic house in sought-after Lonsdale Square stands testament to her creative success.

'Lonsdale Square is unique,' enthuses Weiss. 'Very beautiful, full of friendly neighbours and a real community. The house faces east-west and enjoys wonderful light and views all the way to Hampstead and Highgate.'

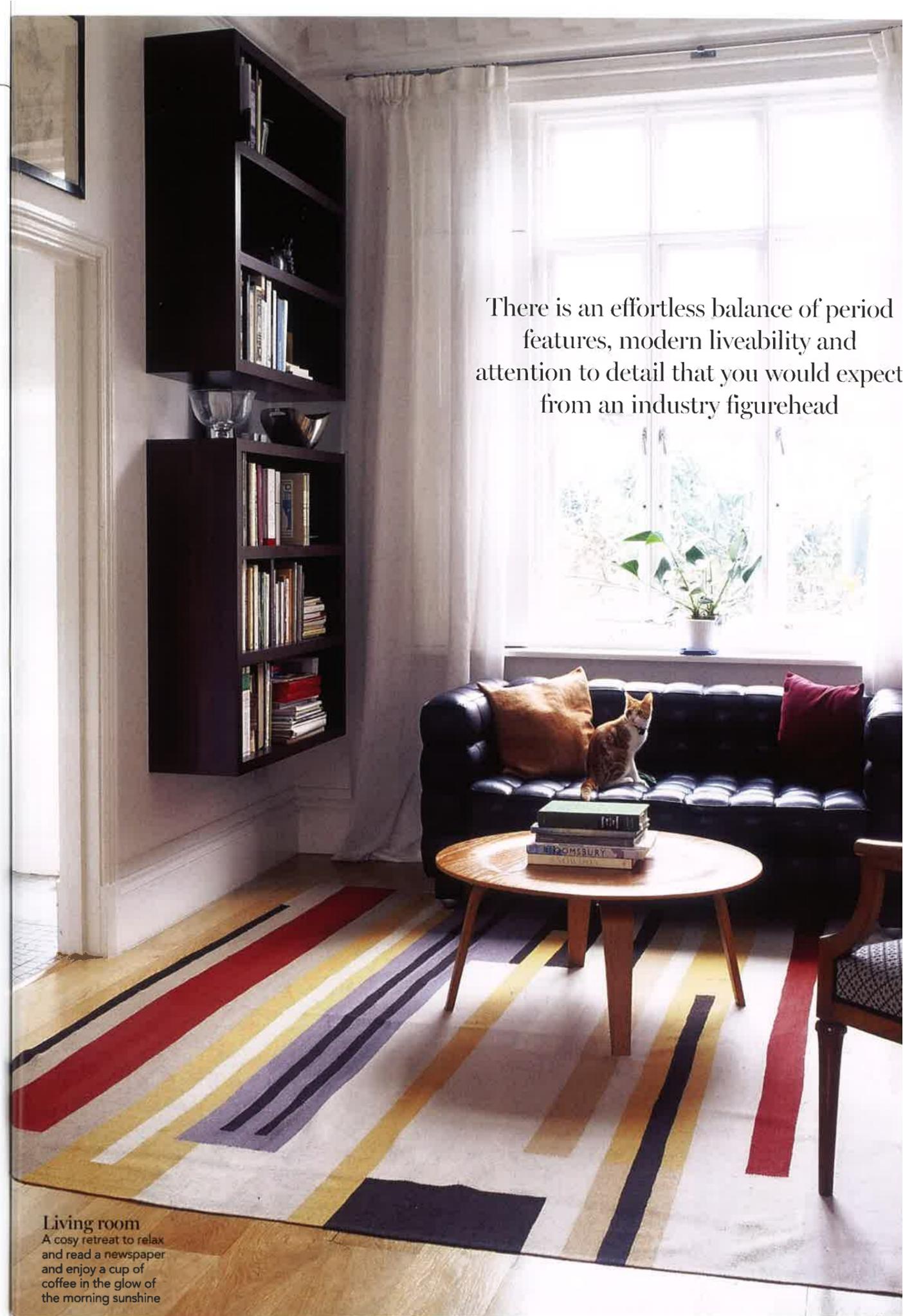
Having worked on high profile projects ranging from Wiener Library to the Central Middlesex Hospital Birth Centre, Weiss admits that refurbishing and renovating your own property is 'very satisfying – you can express your taste without having to compromise'.

The house achieves a clean, tranquil aesthetic while maintaining plenty of warmth and personality; the kitchen and living areas are real family hubs, with a big Italian stone island ('a great place to cook and entertain'), parquet floors and Victorian fireplaces.

Elsewhere, the bedrooms are invitingly spacious, and the bathrooms boast beautiful Brazilian granite worktops and tall mirrors. Outside, the garden is a well-tended haven peppered with mature apple and pear trees, scented in warmer months by wisteria – a quiet retreat, despite the property's convenient proximity to the bustle of central Islington. ➔

\* The property on Lonsdale Square, N1, is on the market at a guide price of £2,795,000 with Savills Islington – for more information, call 020 7226 1313.

**Dining room**  
The stand-out feature of this room are the windows which soak the room with sunlight



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**Living room**  
A cosy retreat to relax and read a newspaper and enjoy a cup of coffee in the glow of the morning sunshine

**Bedroom**

The period feature fireplace is at the heart of this large room with wooden, flooring and nooks and crannies to position well-chosen furniture

**LUXE LIVING**

The white walls and wooden flooring highlight the height of the rooms

*Ideas to steal*

Heals' Jeeves Table Lamp Side by Jake Phipps, £195. (1)

✦ 08700 240 780; heals.co.uk

House of Fraser's Glass Decanters, £12 and £15. (2)

✦ 0845 602 1073; houseoffraser.co.uk

Oliver Bonas Vintage World Map Frame, £59. (3)

✦ 147-148 Upper Street, N1 1RA; 020 7424 5305; oliverbonas.com

Farrow & Ball Wimborne White and Cat's Paw Estate Emulsion, £32.50 each. (4)

✦ 38 Cross Street, N1 2BG; 020 7226 2627; farrow-ball.com

Marks & Spencer Keats Coffee Table, £349. (5)

✦ 5 Liverpool Road, N1 0RR; 020 7837 2744; marksandspencer.com



**Bathroom**  
Beautifully designed with Brazilian granite worktops and plenty of storage space