



LIVING SPACE
EXTENSION

“OUR LOUNGE DINER WAS FAR TOO CRAMPED”

Tito and Ranjana Chaudhuri extended their cramped reception room to add a contemporary dining area with a home office and plenty of space for family living.

Above: Discrete exterior lighting means a patio can still function as part of an interior space at night.

“Ranjana is a Consultant Radiologist and a very busy mother,” Tito explains. “She needed the dinner table for her work and when we ate as a family she would have to clear everything away. I suggested extending the lounge so we could use the existing space as a dining area and the extra space as a lounge and office.

“I did have ulterior motives. As an architect I had a vision of a contemporary addition to my home using materials like steel, aluminium, glass and concrete; and the planners agreed. Walls were made of concrete in large steel moulds with a glass roof, but this was only possible thanks to our neighbours allowing us to bring everything across their land as we had no exterior access to our property and there was no way we could bring the materials through the house.”

“Tito had solar reflective film applied inside the glass,” Ranjana explains. “At night time the roof is completely mirrored. It creates an extraordinarily dramatic effect. I absolutely love it. I took a while to be convinced by his plans but he was right. It’s a wonderful addition to our home, I could sit here all evening. ”

Project Info

Owners:Tito and Ranjana Chaudhuri
Location:Golders Green, North London
Lived in house:approx 5 years
Original valuation:approx £350,000
New valuation:approx £420,000
PROJECT COST: £47,000
ADDED VALUE: (APPROX) £70,000

APPROXIMATE BREAKDOWN:

Professional fees£4,500
Flooring, heating£16,000
Glazing£26,000
Lighting, miscellaneous£4,000
Decorating£1,000

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Above: A fully-glazed roof and wall of patio doors will bring the maximum amount of natural light into extensions that don't have the luxury of facing south.

