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THE property

Ruby House is a luxurious seven-bedroomed, seven-bathroomed gated home, located on a prestigious street in Beaconsfield, Buckinghamshire. The size of the contemporary new build suggests it would be well suited to a large family.

RAISING THE BAR

This magnificent seven-bedroomed home needed a luxurious interior and stunning kitchen that would be perfect for hosting while also functioning well for day-to-day family life.

The modular island is divided into distinct zones: a wet zone, cooking area, and two casual dining zones. The far island module features a sink, Quooker boiling water tap and Gaggenau dishwasher. The section between the breakfast bar and dining table features an induction hob with wok burner and pop-up power socket.



The far end of the kitchen is the cooling area, with a large fridge, freezer and wine chiller, all surrounded by full height storage.



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fter constructing this generous seven-bedroomed property, developer Zafiro Homes called on Stacey Sibley, creative director at Alexander James Interiors, and Roberto Castiglione, senior design consultant at Lida Cucina, to create a lavish interior with an unforgettable kitchen.

What was the brief?

Stacey: “The brief for Alexander James Interiors was to create a luxurious and elegant family home that was contemporary but welcoming.”

Roberto: “For the kitchen, it was to create a design suitable for a family that loves to entertain, but it also had to function on a day-to-day level. I was asked to include a bar, and of course the kitchen had to have the wow factor!”

What look were you going for?

Stacey: “The kitchen and living area is the hub of almost every home, so I wanted to create a space that was inviting and cosy, which can sometimes be difficult when it’s a contemporary space.”

Roberto: “My ultimate goal was to create a kitchen that would be suitable for entertaining, and would take advantage of the generous space and abundance of light from the adjacent orangery. My design has strong linearity and contrast, not only between finishes but textures too. The 60mm-thick glossy Ebony framing around the tall units completes and emphasises the cabinetry. The modular island system defines the different zones perfectly.”

THE designer

“Before embarking on your new kitchen project, establish exactly how you use your existing kitchen and how you would like to use your new kitchen. This will help your designer to plan and design the workflow. Once you are comfortable in your own mind, the design will flow. This is particularly important when considering a zoned kitchen.”

Roberto Castiglione, senior design consultant, Lida Cucina



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Tell us about the kitchen

Roberto: “The modular island system is linked together by a bridge-style breakfast bar. For the cabinetry, I selected a bespoke design from the Lida Cucina Tailored Collection in a combination of high gloss Ebony veneer and Sabbia sand lacquer with inset handles lined in dark brown crocodile leather. For the worktops, Stone Italiana polished Blank wraps the islands, juxtaposed with Antique Brown Satinato granite on the breakfast bar worktop and table. A bar for drinks fills the remaining short wall of the room.”

Tell us about the drinks bar

Roberto: “It was specifically requested, and as with the rest of the kitchen, everything is to hand without having to move to a different zone.”

Are you happy with the end result?

Stacey: “I was thrilled with how well the garden room worked with the kitchen. The whole space found a fantastic balance between contemporary style and cosy family living.”

Adjacent to the bar sits the main wall run, which features built-in Miele appliances placed symmetrically either side of a preparation workspace. Full height larder cupboards flank the ovens while drawers under the worktop provide additional storage. A bronze mirrored splashback completes the look.

THE details

Elite Plus kitchen in Ebony gloss and Sabbia lacquer finishes and Blank white Stone Italiana worktops, designed by Roberto Castiglione, senior design consultant at Lida Cucina lidacucina.co.uk

Interior design by Stacey Sibley, creative director, Alexander James Interiors aji.co.uk

Property constructed by Zafiro Homes zafirohomes.com

Atag IG9271MBB four-zone gas hob with wok burner, KF8178CDL fridge, KF8178ADR freezer, KF8178WDL wine climate cabinet atag.nl

Miele H2661BPCS seven-function oven, DGC6400 steam and combi oven, H6400BMCLS microwave, ESW6214 warming drawer, EGW6210 warming drawer, CVA6431 coffee machine miele.co.uk

Gaggenau DF460162F integrated Vario Power dishwasher gaggenau.com/gb

Quooker Pro3 Fusion Square three-in-one boiling water tap in a chrome finish quooker.co.uk

Blanco 1 BM/2750/CH Mixa-s kitchen mixer in a chrome finish blanco.co.uk

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