

# ARCHITECTURE

Grand ideas to use in your grand design

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## Prize build

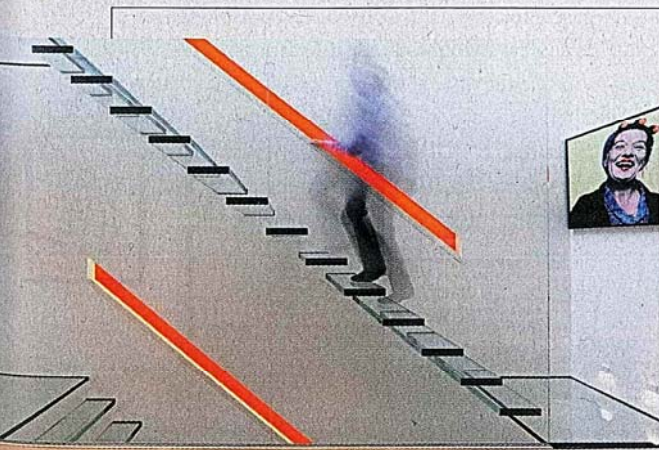
Architect Rural Design (01470 521 555; ruraldesign.co.uk) scooped a prestigious RIBA award for sensitively adapting the ruins of a former mill to create this family home in the Scottish Highlands. New timber structures, including a two-storey bedroom block, have been carefully added to the existing stonework, purposely highlighting where the original walls end and new ones begin.

## DIARY DATE

Open House London returns on 22 and 23 September with some exciting additions to its line-up of unusual properties to explore. Visit the Gherkin, the newly built Heron Tower and more than 700 other architectural houses, innovative estates and private spaces around the capital for free. (openhouselondon.org.uk)

## Shining example

GDM loves the stainless-steel cladding and 3D face of this timber-framed home in Nagoya, Japan. Briefed to design a space that would also accommodate three cars in a tight plot, Studio Sklim (sklim.com) moved most of the living space upstairs into a daring 3.2m wooden cantilever (most architects only stretch to 1.5m), which creates parking space below and also allows views of the nearby Misakimizube Koen national park.



## STEPPING UP

This cantilevered stairway, glass steps and glazed panels feature in a small mews house in London's Notting Hill. Costing around £72,000, they allow natural light to penetrate into the basement and roof extension. Paper Project (020 8947 0420; paperproject.co.uk)

