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STATEMENT STAIRCASE

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When Stephen Fletcher Architects reunited a ground and first-floor flat in this west London terrace, the new layout meant there was only one place for a staircase – the centre of the open-plan, ground-floor reception rooms. To maintain the sweeping front-to-back view, the team opted for structural glass balustrades, which surround the tapered oak stairs and allow light to flood the space. The modern addition, which cost £20,000 to install, works well with the Victorian home's original features, such as its newly restored fireplaces, cornices and ceiling roses. (020 7637 1244; stephen-fletcher.co.uk)