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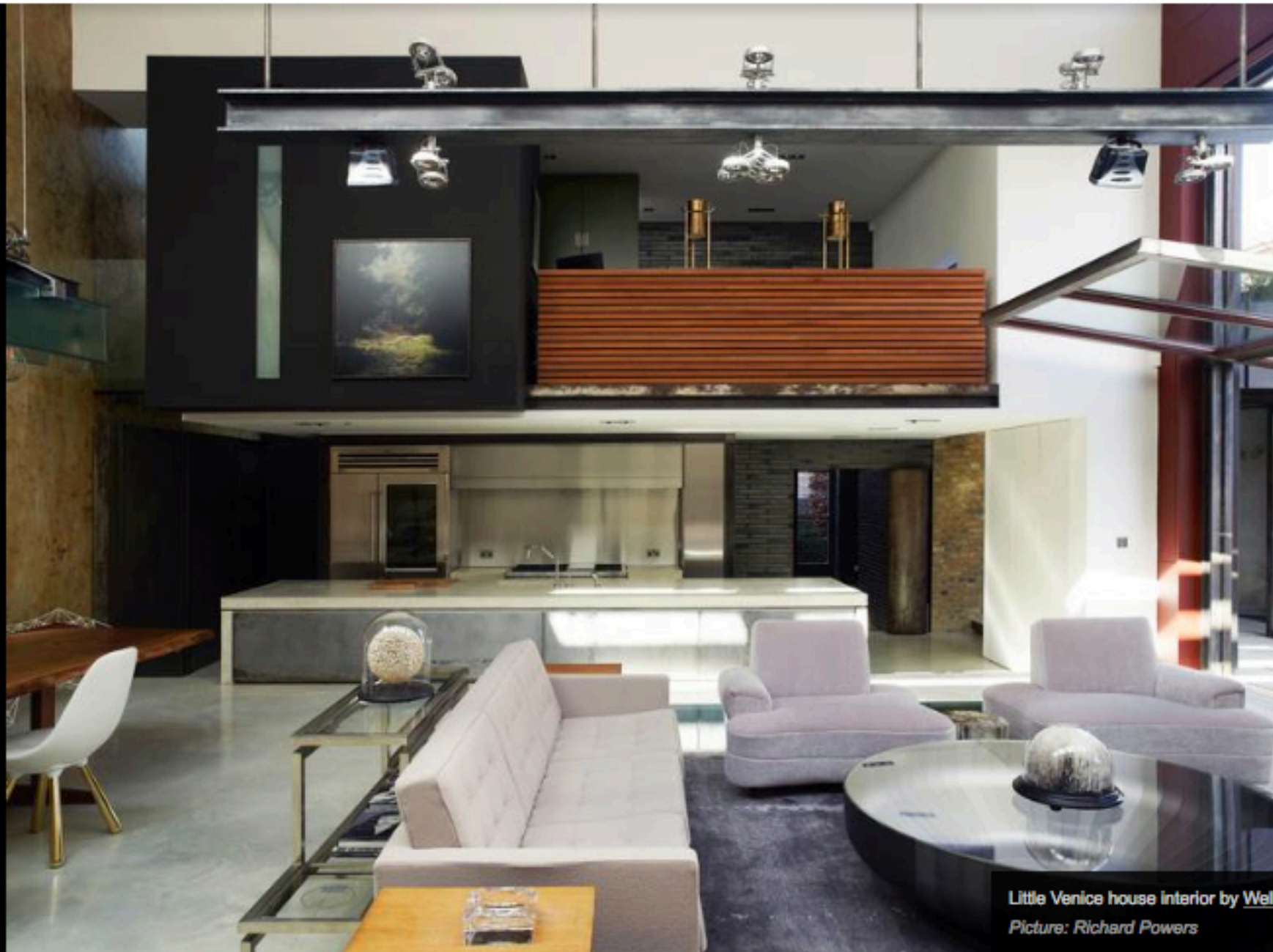
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Little Venice house interior by Wells Mackereth
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Six of the best: London architecture firms

Matt Gibberd profiles six of the capital's top practices.



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We've had the Gherkin and the Shard, and now the Walkie-Talkie and the Cheesegrater are set to further redefine London's silhouette. But away from the high-profile high-rises, a new generation of architects is busy transforming the capital at a more domestic level. Here we take a look at the practices for whom careful craftsmanship is the ultimate luxury:

Wells Mackereth

The practice's recently completed house in Maida Vale incorporates an electrically operated moon-roof and a humungous hydraulic door that pivots open like a catflap for an elephant. But its work is as much about the patina and tactility of things as spatial drama. Wells Mackereth does a lot of work in the luxury retail sector, and uses shopfitters and specially sourced craftsmen to create an estimable quality of finish.



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