

# MOSMAN OF STEEL

The challenges  
of realising an  
architectural vision

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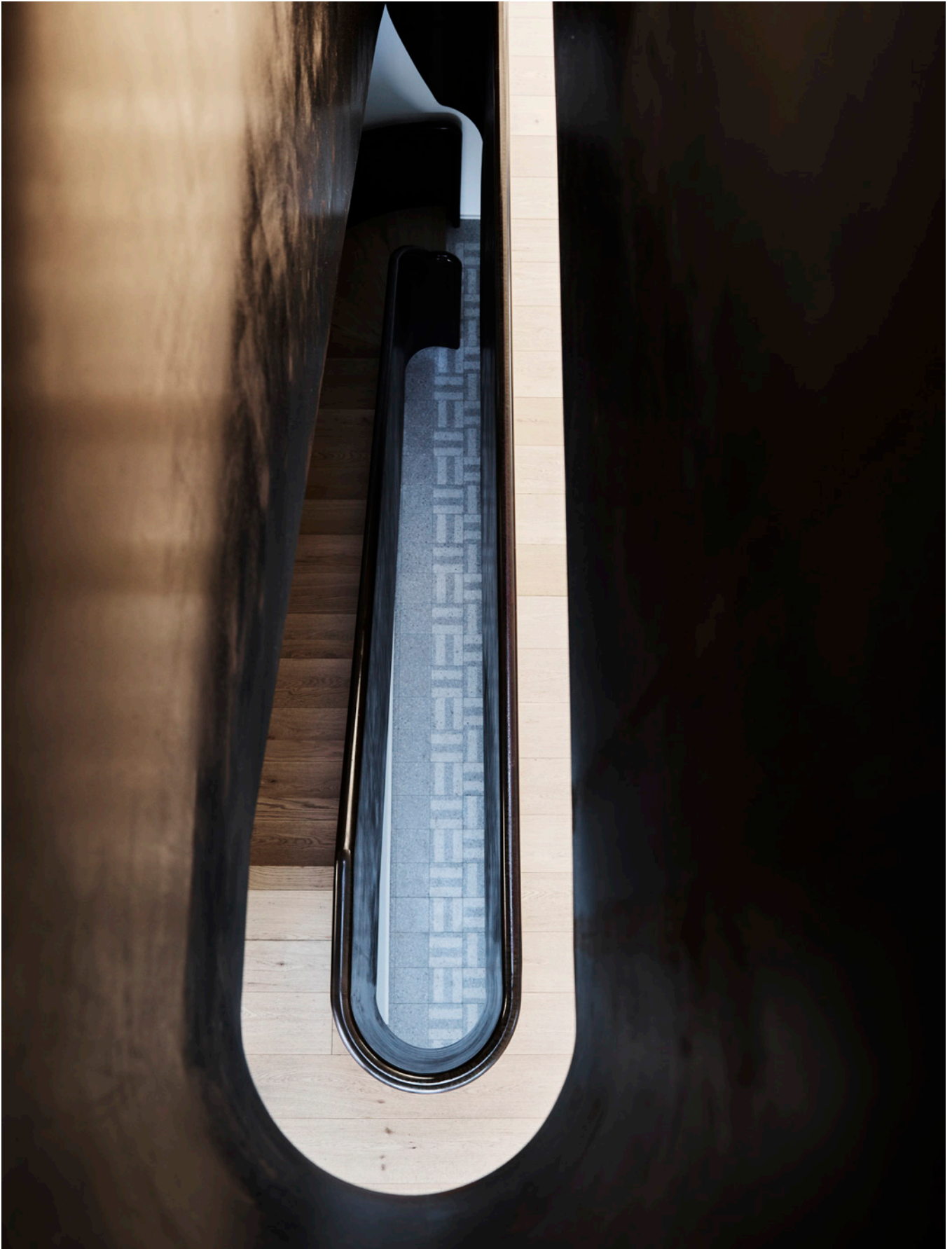




This dramatic staircase was designed as the sculptural centrepiece of this Mosman home by designers Meacham Nockles McQualter.

Don McQualter's original vision was to create a grand sculptural element which connected all three levels of this Mosman home.





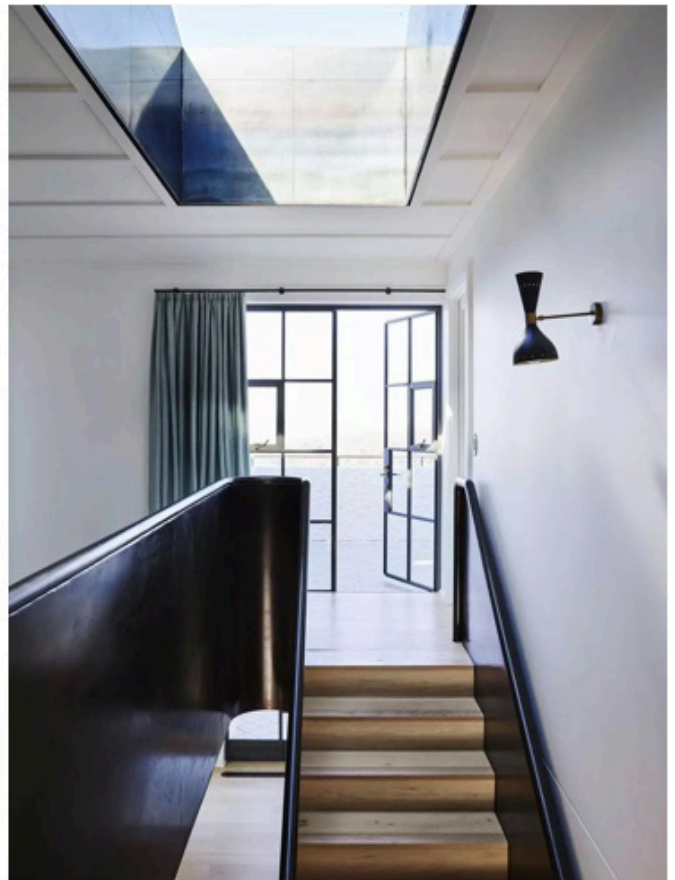
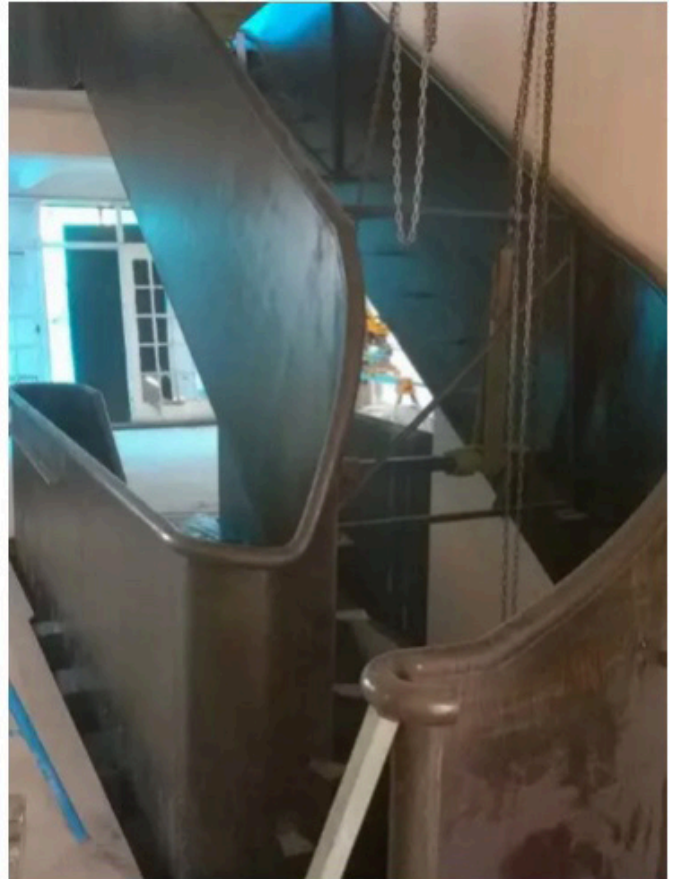
Realising the architectural intent on this project was no mean feat from a building point of view. The staircase was designed to be finished as blackened steel (rather than painted) which is a beautiful, but unforgiving finish to work with. To achieve the material beauty of the design, it was essential to complete the stair assembly without multiple welds and connection joints as they would be highly visible and would detract from the beauty of the finish.



The site was incredibly steep, access was limited, and the only way to create the desired finish was to complete the steel staircase in full sections to avoid any visible welds.

OneUp Building directors Rick Simmons and Scott Somerville spent many a sleepless night worrying over the logistics on this project, and at one point even considered using a helicopter to drop the staircase into place – an idea quickly shut down by the local authorities.





The in-situ shots above show the complexity of the install, which involved the creation of a rail cart system to access the site via a ramp, with the stair sections guided into place, squeezed through the front entrance and chain lifted into the stair void and massaged into position.





The end result is a truly beautiful sculptural element spanning the full three levels of the home.

The photo (on right) shows just how proud (and relieved!) OneUp Building director Rick Simmons is with this beautiful project.



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## MEET THE ONEUP TEAM

Rick Simmons (left) and Scott Somerville (right) have a deep love of building and good design, and are passionate about every project they take on.

As co-owners and managing directors of One Up building, Rick and Scott have worked together for over 20 years. They are both licensed builders and carpenters, and building is in their blood.

Having gained their early experience working alongside their mentors in luxury home construction and management in the eastern suburbs of Sydney, the pair have gone on to build a business with a reputation for exceptional attention to detail, and an ability to realise an architect and client's vision, without compromising on the design integrity.

Rick's key role in One Up Building is project management, which involves communicating with clients and stakeholders to ensure the smooth transition between each stage of the project.

Scott is responsible for ensuring each project meets One Up Building's own rigorous standards for quality and excellence by personally overseeing the selection of all of the materials and inspecting the workmanship at every stage of the project.

Our clientele and reputation has evolved by providing quality, service and reliability. Repeat business and long standing relationships are testimonial to the dedication we offer.

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