

## The art of soulful spaces

On the first day of WOW!house, this summer's most exciting interiors event, COUNTRY LIFE will host an opportunity to hear leading figures in the design world discuss the role of light and materials in their work



*Above:* The Size Group façade, designed by Darren Price of ADAM Architecture, who also created the adjacent Hector Finch Garden Folly. *Right:* The Zeus Bronze wall lantern in medium, £1,182, from Hector Finch

**S**INCE it began in 2022, WOW!house has become a showcase for the world's most inspiring design, attracting emerging and established talent from the UK and beyond. From Kit Kemp, Alidad and Nicky Haslam to Turner Pocock, Emma Sims-Hilditch and Alessandra Branca, it offers a depth and breadth of ideas that annually draws thousands of professionals and non-professionals to both the rooms themselves and an events programme that offers an opportunity to hear some of the most eloquent voices in interior design.

This year, events include a panel discussion titled *The Secrets of Soulful Spaces*, hosted by COUNTRY LIFE, featuring Will Gompertz, director of the Sir John Soane's Museum, Darren Price, of ADAM Architecture, who

has designed the Size Group façade, Emma Finch of Hector Finch and US style editor Robert Rufino. Led by COUNTRY LIFE's Giles Kime, the panellists will explore how a combination of light and materials can imbue space with soul through architectural rigour and meticulous craftsmanship. In particular, they will discuss how, through thoughtful detailing, it's possible to move beyond functional planning to create immersive environments that are felt, rather than merely seen. 

*The talk is at 11.30am, June 2, in the Hector Finch showroom, Design Centre East. Tickets cost £5 ([www.dcc.co.uk/wowhouse/talks](http://www.dcc.co.uk/wowhouse/talks))*



### WOW!house 2026

**Where** WOW!house, Design Centre, Chelsea Harbour, London SW10

**When** Tuesday–Saturday, June 2–July 2

**Entry** Morning/lunchtime (10am–2pm) or afternoon (2pm–6pm). Final entry is recommended by 5pm

**Tickets** Individual £28; two tickets for £45 on weekdays (£40 on Saturdays); concessions from £15. A portion of the proceeds will go to charity partner United in Design

**To book** Visit [www.dcc.co.uk/wowhouse](http://www.dcc.co.uk/wowhouse)



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