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## Kensington Palace Gardens, London

This residence at Kensington Palace Gardens is a Grade II Listed house, built by Sidney Smirk for a Spanish-born merchant and completed in 1854 for a sum of £4,280. As a result of various alterations between 1866 and 1938, this 19th Century Palladian house also contains 18th Century French Bossier panelling, 18th Century English Palladian panelling, a 1930s staircase and ornate Art Deco bathrooms. The building was restored in 2001 by Giles Quarme & Associates, who were responsible for the renovation and restoration of all the

historic features as well as the introduction of new services catering for the High Commissioner's domestic needs and official duties. The restoration involved works to the unstable top cornice and balustrade, taking down and reassembling bathrooms and drainage and restoring the historic panelling, fireplaces, paintings and fixed furniture. The renovation works included reordering the third floor to accommodate guest rooms and reordering the basement to accommodate guest bathrooms, new kitchens and staff quarters.

**Architect:**  
Giles Quarme & Associates

**Client:**  
The Indian High Commission  
and the Crown Estate

**Main Contractor:**  
Wallis

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**Architectural Ironmongery:**  
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