

Portland House

green landscape

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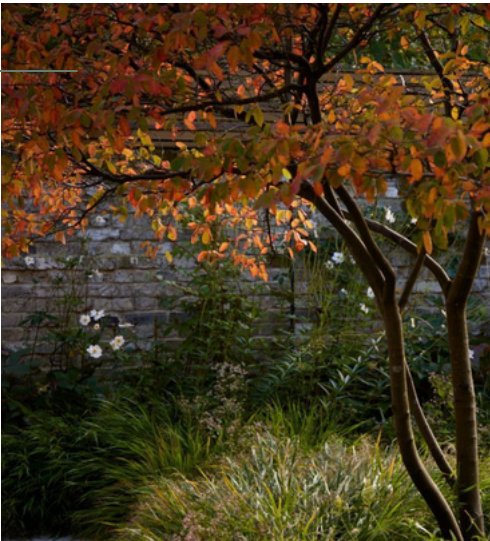
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Landscape Vision

Textural Schemes

invite seasonality to a sensory garden through the considered selection of plant species



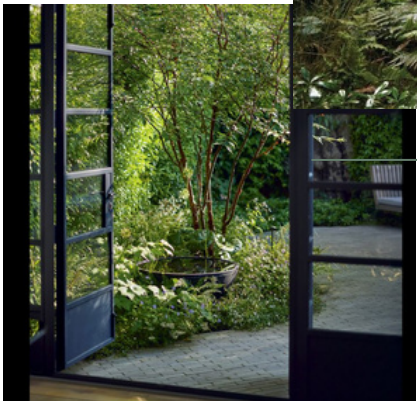
offer calming and relaxing planting diversity that attracts insect and birdlife to an inner-city courtyard



create a distinctive and enduring central garden space to the property, complementary to heritage and contemporary architecture



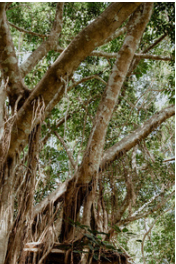
experience the positive energy of plant life from an array of interior vantage points.



Planting Schemes

Considered Combinations

achieve the desired aesthetic of a lush green ecosystem that supports healthy biodiversity within a city garden



appeal to the senses desire for seasonality through romantic bursts of colour, intoxicating fragrance and comforting movement



ensure proven, hardy varieties to support an evolving city-garden of distinction



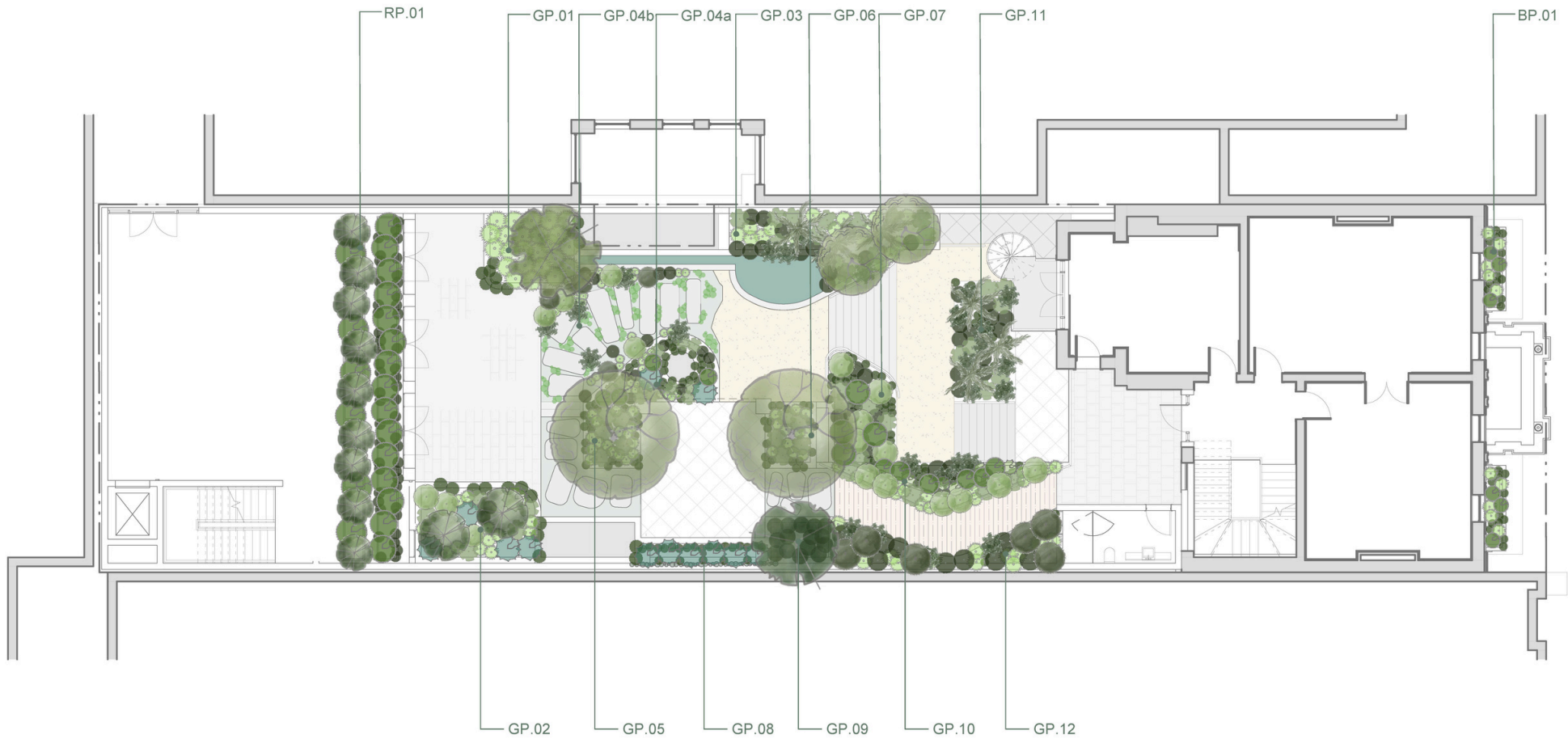
invite soft planting transitions and natural flow through garden areas



support multiple micro-climates throughout one lush and layered verdant inner-city sanctuary.

perform well in diverse environments from low light cooler 'forest floor' conditions, to full sun open rooftop levels

Planting Concepts



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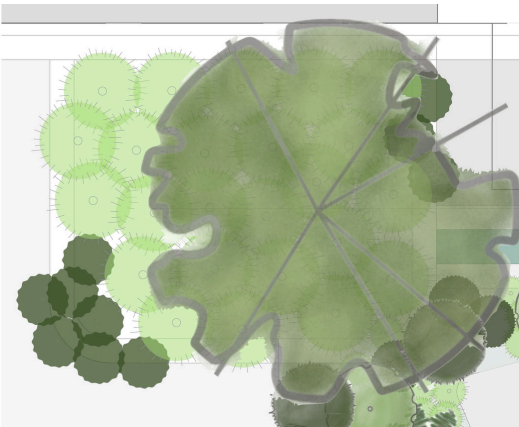
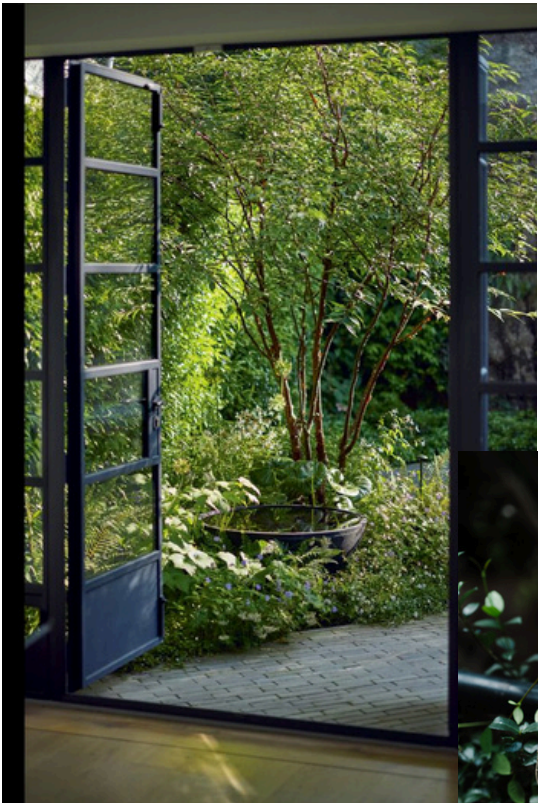
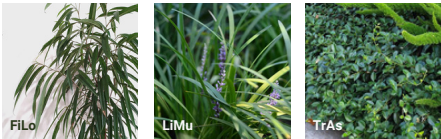
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A single, multi-stemmed *Ficus longifolia* rests within a sea of *Liriope muscari* and *Trachelospermum asiaticum* asymmetrically spilling from the planter corner.

With architectural branch structures, the *Ficus longifolia* (Narrow leaf fig) suggests elements of the rainforest and throws subtle shadows within the available light..

Planting Schedule

CODE	BOTANICAL NAME	COMMON NAME	MAINTAINED AT	DESIGN INTENTION
FiLo	<i>Ficus longifolia</i>	Narrow leaf fig	Multistem Tree	Architectural trunk featured
LiMu	<i>Liriope muscari</i> Evergreen Giant	Turf Lily	Strappy	Sea of underplanting
TrAs	<i>Trachelospermum asiaticum</i>	Asiatic Jasmine	Ground Cover & Spill	Soften hard landscaping



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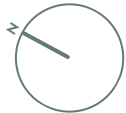


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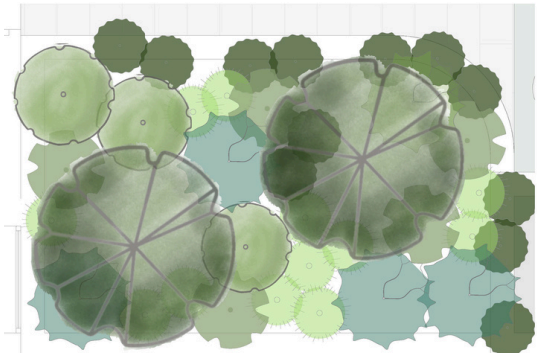
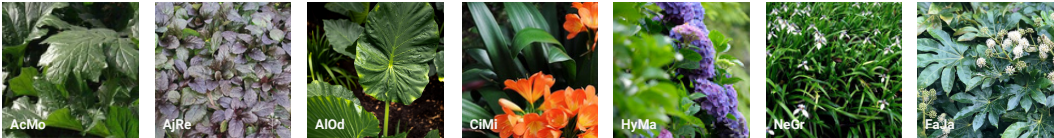
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Plant selections complement a striking heritage building within the shaded aspect where large bold deep green foliage of Alocasia and Acanthus accented by splashes of orange flowering Clivia sit within layers of blue Hydrangea macrophylla.

In time the strappy Neomarica will be visible from the carpark as it begins to spill through the void, and the ground cover mass planting of Ajuga offers seasonal interest and textural variation within the garden planter understory.

Planting Schedule

CODE	BOTANICAL NAME	COMMON NAME	MAINTAINED AT	DESIGN INTENTION
AcMo	Acanthus mollis	Bear's breeches	Medium	Leaf and light
AjRe	Ajuga reptans	Blue bugle	Ground Cover	Textured diversity
AlOd	Alocasia odora	Giant Upright Elephants Ear	Medium	Bold foliage
CiMi	Clivia miniata	Clivia Lily	Low	Splash of colour
HyMa	Hydrangea macrophylla	Ball Hydrangea	Medium	Summer Bloom
NeGr	Neomarica gracilis	Walking Iris	Strappy	Foliage diversity
FaJa	Fatsia japonica	Japanese Aralia	Medium	Enjoys full shade. Structural shapes



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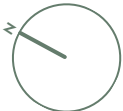


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TOWN PLANNING
SECTION: GP.02

A unique combination garden of seasonality with delicate spring greens, autumnal gold through crimson, and bold deciduous trunks for winter. Soft fern foliage border and spill to the water's edge complementing both the delicate small leaf maple, and the bold confident leaf structure of the Ligularia and Hosta. Strappy Neomarcia offers additional life and movement within the garden planting while Cyathea cooperi provides structure and height.

Planting Schedule

CODE	BOTANICAL NAME	COMMON NAME	MAINTAINED AT	DESIGN INTENTION
AcDi	Acer palmatum var. dissectum 'Seiryu'	Seiryu Japanese Maple	Tree	Elegant foliage, seasonal change
AdFr	Adiantum fragrans	Maidenhair Fern	Medium	Soft foliage
AsEl	Aspidistra elatior	Cast-iron plant	Medium	Enjoys shade
AsMy	Asparagus densiflorus Myersii (Fern)	Foxtail Fern	Low	Foliage diversity
CyCo	Cyathea cooperi	Australian (Lacy) Tree Fern	Tree	Height and structure
HoPl	Hosta plantaginea 'Grandiflora'	Fragrant Plantain Lily	Low	Foliage variation, summer scent
LiRe	Ligularia reniformis	Tractor Seat Plant	Low-Med	Bold foliage
NeEx	Nephrolepis exaltata	Boston Fern	Medium	Foliage diversity
NeGr	Neomarica gracilis	Walking Iris	Strappy	Foliage movement
PaTe	Pachysandra terminalis	Japanese Spurge	Ground Cover	Garden diversity
PIVe	Plectranthus verticillatus	Swedish Ivy	Ground Cover	Seasonal diversity



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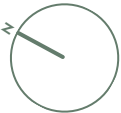


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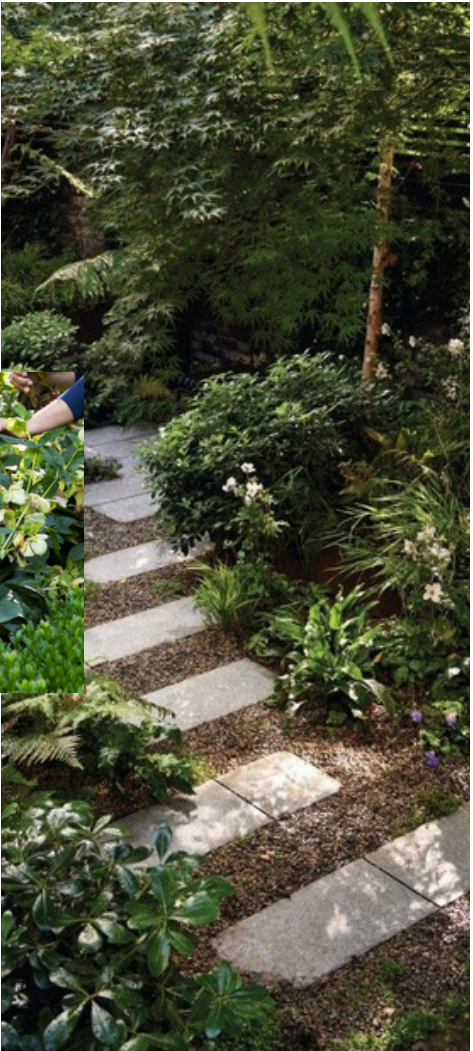
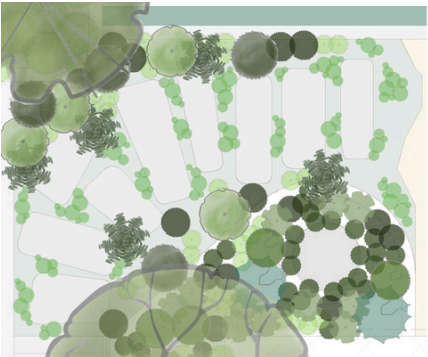
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Rich combination planting with contrasting foliage and soft blooms offers seasonal interest and textural variation through autumn and spring. A sensory garden of winter fragrance with Daphne odora and groundcover Asiatic jasmine encouraged to spill through the carpark lightwell.

Textural pathside greenery flows with the naturalistic curvature of functional stepping stones and architectural water element. Low bluebells and a carpet of native violet organically fill the spaces between each stepper.

Planting Schedule: GP04a and GP04b Stepper

CODE	BOTANICAL NAME	COMMON NAME	MAINTAINED AT	DESIGN INTENTION
AzWd	Azalea "White Dragon"	White Dragon Azalea	Medium	Spring, Summer Autumn Bloom
BeCo	Bergenia cordifolia Bressingham White	Heart leaf Bergenia	Low	Summer Bloom
DaOd	Daphne odora	Winter Daphne	Low-Med	Winter Fragrance
HeOr	Helleborus orientalis	Lenten Rose / Winter Rose	Low	Winter Bloom
HyMa	Hydrangea macrophylla	Ball Hydrangea	Medium	Summer Bloom
HyQu	Hydrangea quercifolia	Oakleaf Hydrangea	Medium	Seasonal Foliage and Bloom
IrGe	Iris x germanica	German Iris	Low	Seasonal Diversity
IrJa	Iris japonica	Fringed Iris	Low	Seasonal Diversity
LiMu	Liriope muscari Evergreen Giant	Turf Lily	Strappy	Seasonal Diversity
StBy	Stachy byzantina	Lambs Ear	Low	Foliage texture and tone
TrAs	Trachelospermum asiaticum	Asiatic Jasmine	Ground Cover & Spill	Foliage spilling through lightwell
AdFr	Adiantum fragrans	Maidenhair Fern	Medium	Naturalistic pathway
AsBu	Asplenium bulbiferum	Mother Spleenwort	Medium	Naturalistic pathway
AsEl	Aspidistra elatior	Cast-iron plant	Medium	Naturalistic pathway
PhAu	Phlebodium aureum	Blue Star Fern	Medium	Naturalistic pathway
ScBl	Scilla bluebells	Spanish bluebell	Low	Splash early spring bloom
ViHe	Viola hederacea	Native Violet	Ground Cover	Soften steps



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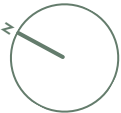


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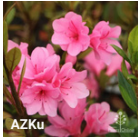
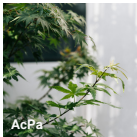


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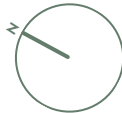
Balanced garden planters with loose Japanese influences accentuate a single specimen Acer palmatum boldly rising from lush greenery within each planter. Subtle drifts of Liriope muscari layer through heavy underplanting of Azalea kurume Kirin with textual bursts of hot pink spring blooms. Pachysandra terminalis flows as a ground cover before gently spilling over each planter edge.

Planting Schedule

CODE	BOTANICAL NAME	COMMON NAME	MAINTAINED AT	DESIGN INTENTION
AcPa	Acer palmatum	Japanese Maple	Tree	Specimen Tree - seasonal changes
AZKu	Azalea kurume 'Kirin'	Kirin Azalea	Medium	Zen influence- spring colour
LiMu	Liriope muscari Evergreen Giant	Turf Lily	Strappy	Soft drifts
PaTe	Pachysandra terminalis	Japanese Spurge	Ground Cover	Spill to soften edges



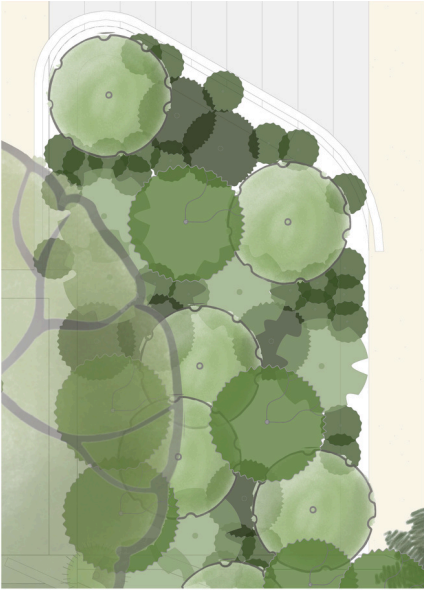
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A lush garden of bold foliage accented with the occasional flower throughout the seasons. Azalea White Dragon lightly blooms through spring, autumn and winter; a splash of late winter Clivia orange, White Hosta in summer and the delicate fragrance of Ornamental Cardamom through late summer and early autumn.

Planting Schedule

CODE	BOTANICAL NAME	COMMON NAME	MAINTAINED AT	DESIGN INTENTION
AzWd	Azalea "White Dragon"	White Dragon Azalea	Medium	Spring & Autumn Bloom
CiMi	Clivia miniata	Clivia Lily	Low	Summer splash of colour
FaJa	Fatsia japonica	Japanese Aralia	Medium	Enjoys full shade. Structural shapes
HoPl	Hosta plantaginea 'Grandiflora'	Fragrant Plantain Lily	Low	Potential summer bloom
LiRe	Ligularia reniformis	Tractor Seat Plant	Low-Med	Enjoys full shade
PaTe	Pachysandra terminalis	Japanese Spurge	Ground Cover	Spill to soften edges
PhXa	Philodendron japonica Xanadu	Xanadu Philodendron	Low-Med	Leaf structure
EiCa	Elettaria cardamomum	Ornamental Cardamon	Medium	Delicate fragrance. Bold leaf



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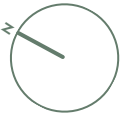


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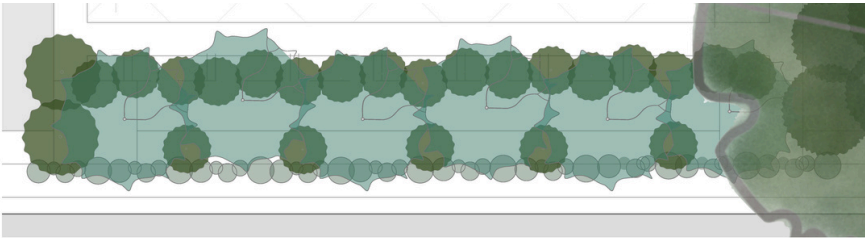


TOWN PLANNING
SECTION: GP.07

Simple single line of large growing Oakleaf Hydrangea with diverse foliage displays from delicate spring greens to autumnal claret and generous blooms throughout the seasons. Trachelospermum will offer a ground cover before lightly spilling over the planter façade. Boston Ivy clings to the wall at the rear of the planter providing further seasonal change from cooling greens to autumnal reds to deep winter tendril structure.

Planting Schedule

CODE	BOTANICAL NAME	COMMON NAME	MAINTAINED AT	DESIGN INTENTION
HyQu	Hydrangea quercifolia	Oakleaf Hydrangea	Medium	Large growing. Seasonal diversity
PaTr	Parthenocissus tricuspidata	Boston Ivy	Climber	Seasonal variation
TrAs	Trachelospermum asiaticum	Asiatic Jasmine	Ground Cover & Spill	Foliage spilling through lightwell



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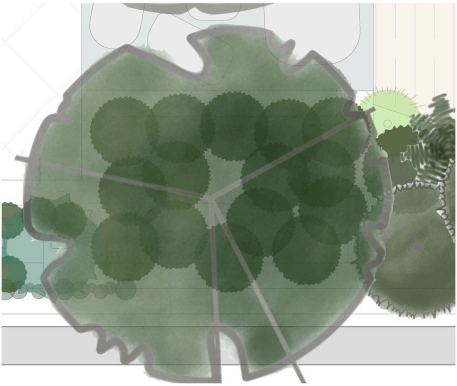
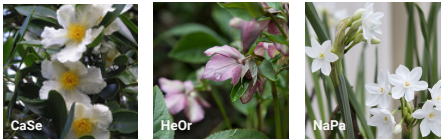


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A single Camellia sasanqua Setsugekka specimen shaped to highlight bold branch structures, punctuates a sea of Helleborus underplanting with throws of romantic winter blooms and complementary Narcissus Paperwhite known for bursts of intoxicating winter fragrance.

Planting Schedule

CODE	BOTANICAL NAME	COMMON NAME	MAINTAINED AT	DESIGN INTENTION
CaSe	Camellia sasanqua Setsugekka	Camellia Setsugekka	Tall Shrub-Tree	Specimen Tree highlighting branch structure
HeOr	Helleborus orientalis	Lenten Rose / Winter Rose	Low	Winter bloom in low light
NaPa	Narcissus papyraceus	Paperwhite daffodil	Low	Fragrant late winter bulbs



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SECTION: GP.09

A series of terraced gardens from the lower calm, cool fern planting that suggest a relaxed arrival before transitioning the stairs towards lush foliage of Japanese Aralia and vibrant White Dragon Azalea that enliven the senses as the light opens within the upper gardens.

Planting Schedule

CODE	BOTANICAL NAME	COMMON NAME	MAINTAINED AT	DESIGN INTENTION
AdFr	Adiantum fragrans	Maidenhair Fern	Medium	Soft foliage
AsBu	Asplenium bulbiferum	Mother Spleenwort	Medium	Soft foliage
AsEl	Aspidistra elatior	Cast-iron plant	Medium	Enjoys shade
AzWd	Azalea "White Dragon"	White Dragon Azalea	Medium	Spring, Summer Autumn Bloom
CyCo	Cyathea cooperi	Australian (Lacy) Tree Fern	Tree	Forest floor. Taller, slim fern
DeDa	Dennstaedtia davallioides	Lacy Ground-fern	Ground Cover	Soft and calming
FaJa	Fatsia japonica	Japanese Aralia	Medium	Enjoys full shade. Structural shapes
NeGr	Neomarica gracilis	Walking Iris	Strappy	All year visual. Spilling flower
PeRo	Pellaea rotundifolia	Button Fern	Ground Cover	Delicate groundcover
SeVa	Selaginella Variety	Lesser Clubmoss	Moss like	Soft, calming, spilling
ViHe	Viola hederacea	Native Violet	Ground Cover	Soften steppers



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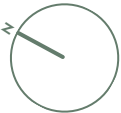


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SECTION: GP.10

A calming entrance designed as a welcoming place of pause or cooling respite on a hot summer day. Mirroring the naturalistic planting of the temperate rainforest floor, low ferns, soft groundcovers and spilling moss varieties support the undergrowth of more dominate tree structures in Dicksonia antarctica and Cyathea cooperi that encourage the accent towards the open garden spaces of level one.

Planting Schedule

CODE	BOTANICAL NAME	COMMON NAME	MAINTAINED AT	DESIGN INTENTION
AdFr	Adiantum fragrans	Maidenhair Fern	Medium	Soft foliage
AsBu	Asplenium bulbiferum	Mother Spleenwort	Medium	Soft foliage
AsMy	Asparagus densiflorus Myersii (Fern)	Foxtail Fern	Low	Delicate foliage
CyCo	Cyathea cooperi	Australian (Lacy) Tree Fern	Tree	Forest floor. Taller, slim fern
DeDa	Dennstaedtia davallioides	Lacy Ground-fern	Ground Cover	Soft and calming
DiAn	Dicksonia antarctica	Soft Tree Fern	Tree	Forest floor. Taller tree fern
NeEx	Nephrolepis exaltata	Boston Fern	Medium	Soft foliage
PeRo	Pellaea rotundifolia	Button Fern	Ground Cover	Delicate groundcover
PhAu	Phlebodium aureum	Blue Star Fern	Medium	Foliage diversity
SeVa	Selaginella Variety	Lesser Clubmoss	Moss like	Soft, calming, spilling



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TOWN PLANNING
SECTION: GP.11

A soft garden of diverse foliage shape, colour and seasonal bloom, the elevated walkway planting elevates any visitor’s mood with a bright, open garden space.

Planting Schedule

CODE	BOTANICAL NAME	COMMON NAME	MAINTAINED AT	DESIGN INTENTION
AsMy	Asparagus densiflorus Myersii (Fern)	Foxtail Fern	Low	Delicate foliage
AzWd	Azalea "White Dragon"	White Dragon Azalea	Medium	Spring, Summer Autumn Bloom
BeCo	Bergenia cordifolia Bressingham White	Heart leaf Bergenia	Low	Summer Bloom
LiMu	Liriope muscari Evergreen Giant	Turf Lily	Strappy	Seasonal Diversity
PaTr	Parthenocissus tricuspidata	Boston Ivy	Climber	Seasonal variation
TrAs	Trachelospermum asiaticum	Asiatic Jasmine	Ground Cover & Spill	Foliage spilling



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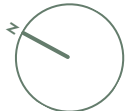
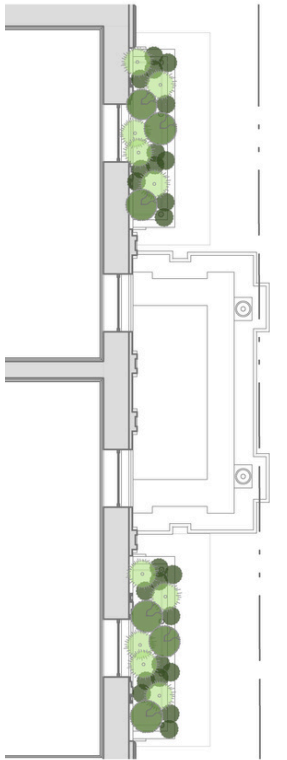
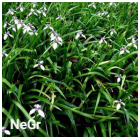
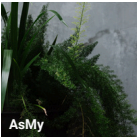


TOWN PLANNING
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Two balcony planter boxes offering all year greenery equally admired from the level two offices and Collins Street level. The Walking Iris and Asparagus Fern combination provides gentle foliage movement while the Pachysandra allows soft foliage to spill from the planter edge. The evergreen planting combination requires little maintenance.

Planting Schedule

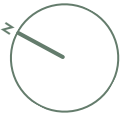
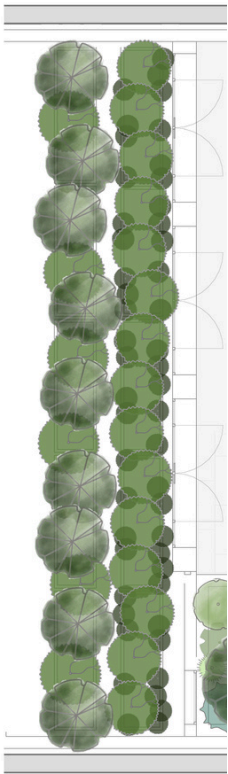
CODE	BOTANICAL NAME	COMMON NAME	MAINTAINED AT	DESIGN INTENTION
AsMy	Asparagus densiflorus Myersii (Fern)	Foxtail Fern	Low	All year interior/exterior visual
NeGr	Neomarica gracilis	Walking Iris	Strappy	All year visual. Spilling flower
PaTe	Pachysandra terminalis	Japanese Spurge	Ground Cover	Spilling Collins St Aspect



A point of textured quality and movement for the eye to rest upon a series of freestanding planters. Combination planting of Acuba japonica foliage contrasting yet merging naturally with Nepales blue bamboo and layers of White dwarf Periwinkle ultimately spilling from the planters edge.

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HiPo	Himalayacalamus porcatus	Nepales blue bamboo	medium -Tall	Movement
AuJa	Aucuba japonica Rozannie	Japanese laurel	small - medium	Foliage contrast
ViAl	Vinca minor Alba	White dwarf Periwinkle	Ground Cover	Through combination & spilling



Enduring Gardens

Seasonal Care

Enduring gardens: Care rituals

The Portland House garden design deliberately combines plant species and positions to prosper within the diverse microclimates of 8 Collins Street, Melbourne.

Thoughtful planting schemes have been designed to allow for simple replacement of individual plant specimens without compromising the full garden aesthetic.

The day-to-day wellbeing of the garden is easily achieved by the owners or a horticulturally trained maintenance contractor providing routine and cyclical care.

A customised garden maintenance program should be created post garden installation to include:

Establishment Period

(First 3 – 6 months)

Nurture garden with routine maintenance activities and monitor plant health and performance. Monitor irrigation and watering cycles, adjust where necessary.

Ongoing/Routine Maintenance

(Every 4 – 8 weeks)

Plant Health monitor plant performance including presence of pests & disease. Identify and address issues.

Cultural practice weed control and removal of plant waste material.

Planter condition monitor drainage, refresh substrates if needed.

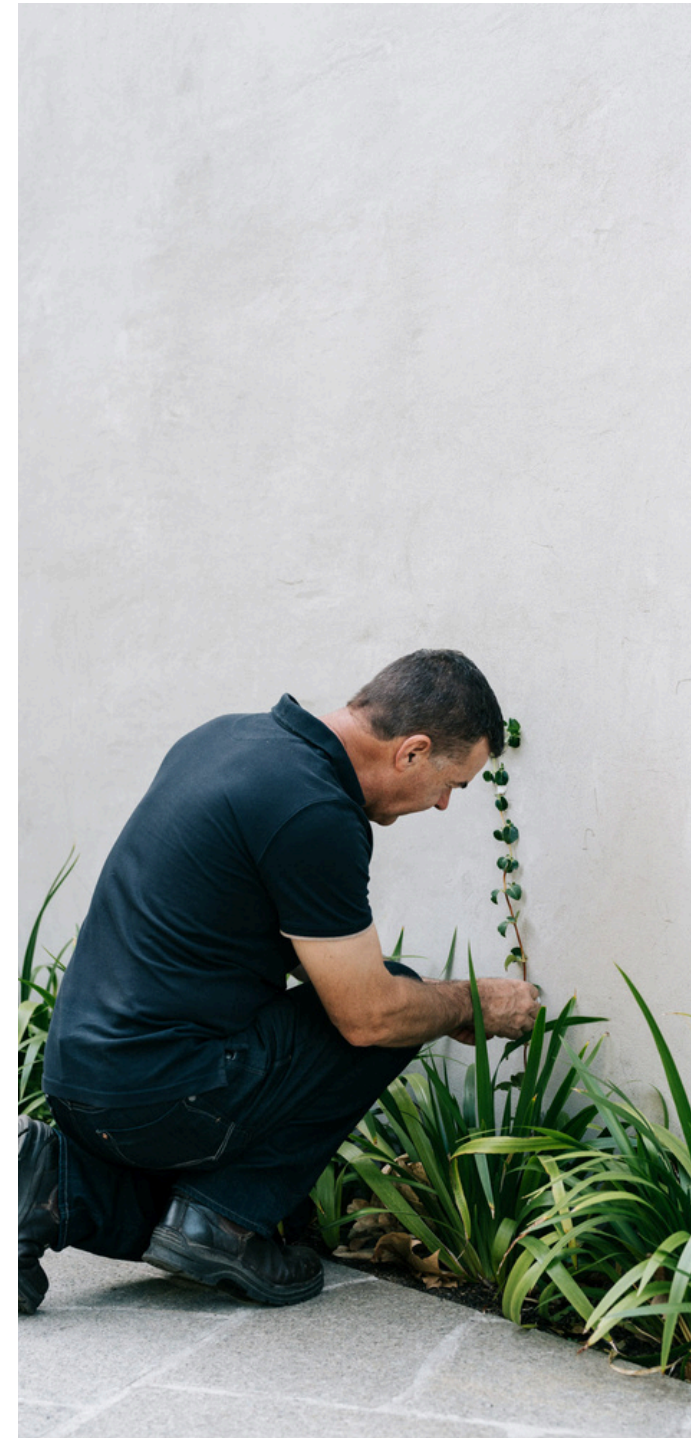
Cyclic Maintenance

(Contracted specialist Horticultural team every 3 months for years one & two; then every 6 months years three onwards)

Performance Review planting performance review and individual shaping (pruning) to design vision

Plant Nutrition slow-release fertiliser + liquid fertiliser specific areas.

Full inspection Irrigation and watering routines. Review drainage from planters.



Planting Medium + Drainage

Container Medium: Premium Organic Potting mixture with suitable wetting agent. Slow-release fertiliser applied during planting.

Garden Mulch: Premium Dark / Fine Organic Blend, max particle size 12 - 20 mm. Hand place mulch for best plant preservation (blow-in mulch not suitable for this site).

Planter Drainage: 30mm thick drainage cell to the base of all planters. Non-woven Geotextile to line top of drainage cell with minimal laps. Drainage outlet and egress including overflow drainage outlets to Architects details.

Irrigation

- Fully automated, predictive watering, time-based irrigation system of multiple watering zones
- Subsurface dripline to all garden planters.
- Combination micro-spray and subsurface dripline to fern gardens.
- Irrigation specialist to provide as-built drawings for ongoing maintenance and management.

Garden Lighting

Electrical Low Voltage lighting (ELV) to be determined in consultation with Techne Architecture highlighting selected garden specimens.

Thank you

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