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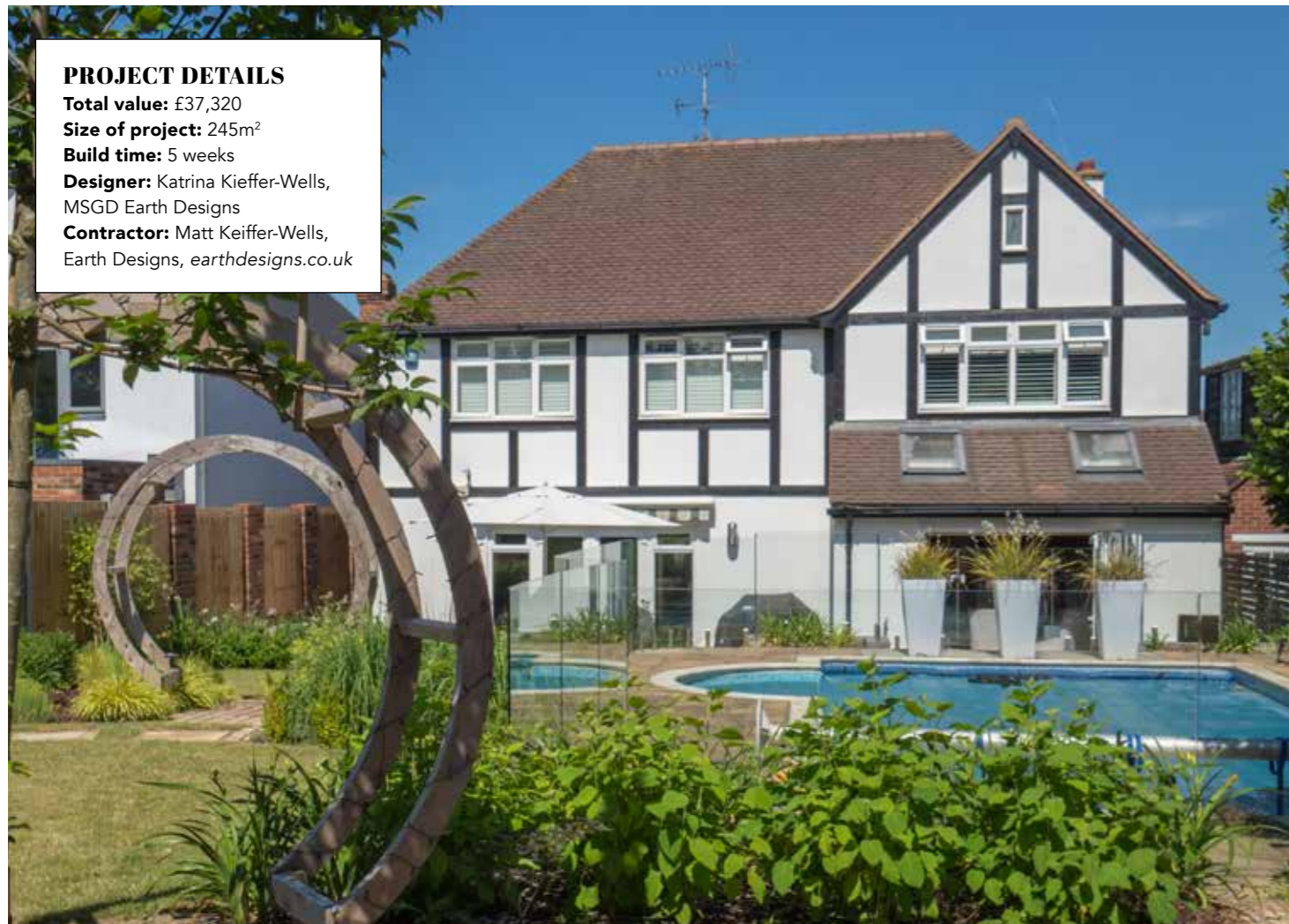
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The new owners of this property wanted to modernise their garden to match the interior of the house, which was home to a family with teenage children and a new baby on the way



PROJECT DETAILS

Total value: £37,320
Size of project: 245m²
Build time: 5 weeks
Designer: Katrina Kieffer-Wells, MSGD Earth Designs
Contractor: Matt Keiffer-Wells, Earth Designs, earthdesigns.co.uk



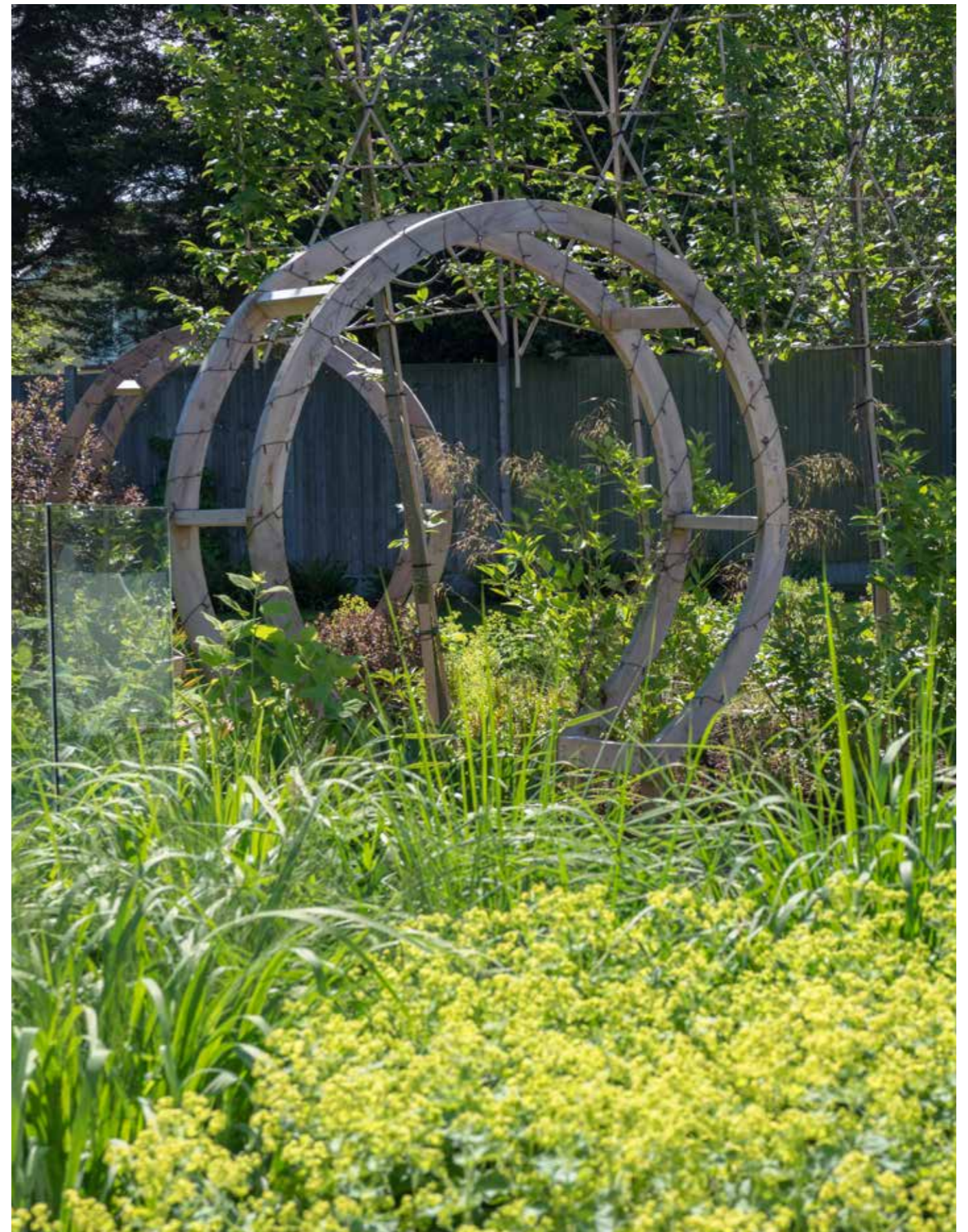
The owners had recently purchased a property in Essex with a large, sprawling garden complete with a pool and pool house. Katrina's main brief was to modernise the garden, in keeping with interior renovations, and design a garden that worked for the whole family. The clients had teenage children and another on the way, so needed the garden to cater for all ages, with spaces for spending time together as well as pursuing individual activities. The challenge was to unify and modernise the rambling garden, while giving everyone in the family the outdoor space they needed. So, to meet this challenge, the company decided to combine new elements with some of the existing features. There were some raised beds and a patio that the clients wanted to work into the redesign, so the paved area outside the house stayed in place,

with the addition of some new rattan furniture which made it a more welcoming area. To reflect the modern interior, the surrounding raised beds were rendered and painted in a dark grey colour, adding block planting in green and white for a fresh and vibrant look. A new cedar fence provides a beautiful, modern timber backdrop to the swimming pool, while a trio of oversized illuminated planters at one end – planted with tall flowering plants – gives it a luxury holiday feel. The addition of a fire pit to the circular patio beside the pool house makes this the perfect summer evening hangout with friends. Taking inspiration from the patio, the new design for the main garden follows a circular theme. A series of circular lawns, separated by sandstone pathways have been added at intervals throughout the garden. Wooden 'moongate' archways lead you from one to the next, acting like

doorways between the spaces. Their height creates an interesting variation in levels and provides a perfect frame for climbing plants. Beds and borders follow the fresh green and white theme, with white flowering agapanthus, anemones and daylilies block-planted alongside vibrant greenery like euphorbia and hebes. White clematis and jasmine climb the arches and pleached

MATERIALS USED

Flower circle arch: from Grange, grangefencing.co.uk
Fire pit: from primrose.co.uk
Sandstone setts: from Butterfields, Luton, hbutterfield.co.uk
Plants: from Provender Nurseries, provendernurseries.co.uk (trade only)
Cedar slatted fence: from Contemporary Fencing, contemporaryfencing.com



Previous page: The pool sits alongside and blends in with the new garden design **Clockwise:** Pleached trees give privacy from the gardens beyond and lush green and white planting gives vibrancy to the garden; looking back from the fire pit area towards the house



Clockwise: The existing patio was worked into the new design; a fire pit sits outside the pool house on a circular patio; planters are rendered in keeping with the modern theme of the house



‘Kat’s designs are innovative yet practical, and Matt’s workforce were reliable and efficient. We are over the moon with our new garden and we can’t wait to see what it looks like during the different seasons.’ – *Lauren Dean*

hornbeam trees help to divide the open spaces.

By dividing the space in this way different family members can enjoy the garden at their own pace. Places for relaxing and playing sit alongside each other without causing disturbance. And a concealed play area at the rear means messy play equipment can be hidden from view. Meanwhile, the repeating circular patterns create a feeling of continuity and unity, so the garden flows easily from one area to the next. **DG**

