

Jonathan Paul - rethinking design by studying life



Jonathan Paul, calls himself 'the eternal student'. It is an interesting definition from a man who many will know is at the top of his profession. He is, after all, the industry award winning senior designer, behind One Way Kitchens, in Southport - one of the UK's most exclusive kitchen design studios. His talent has given him an impressive portfolio of design work, which is as diverse and influential as his client list. The title of 'Professor' would seem more appropriate but Jonathan insists that he is still a student. He says that his subject is 'life and living design'. It is a fascination that has given him a unique understanding of the right balance between function and form in every aspect of domestic living. This insight is reflected in his designs. He is no longer restricted to the traditional kitchen, instead his work encompasses all areas of the home. No room is viewed in isolation, instead his designs seamlessly blend through kitchen, lounge, reception and entertainment areas. Bedrooms and bathrooms are all within his

scope and sphere of activity.

Jonathan explains his thinking:

"When I started out, a kitchen designer was simply that - a person who designed kitchens, full stop. A client would want a new kitchen, it was taken for granted that it would occupy the same space as the existing kitchen. It would sit within the same four walls, good or bad, right or wrong, that was that. Many kitchen designers still work like that - but it can be restrictive and there is a better way.



I initially studied interior design, then kitchen design and for many years now I have worked as an interior architect. Today, I am

often commissioned to oversee the complete home design project, from draft and detail drawings to structural change and facilities management. Also TV and audiovisual inter connectivity, lighting, blinds and the selection of soft furnishings. At One Way Kitchens I am supported by an amazing logistics team, plus an interior designer and fitters who are each expert in their field.

Someone said that if I lived in Italy, 'the home of classic design', I would be known as 'il Maestro', but an Italian client of mine once referred to me as 'lo Studente della vita', he explained that it means 'a Student of life' - it's a description I much prefer. ■

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For those wishing to discuss their ideas with Jonathan, it is advisable to call 01704 544622 first, to arrange a personal appointment.



“ A wall is a boundary, I believe that barriers or boundaries are there to be overcome. In my designs, I am not prepared to be restricted by walls, floors or ceilings. The kitchen is an opportunity, the starting point for turning the whole home into a special place to live. ”

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