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So, why doors?

I'm a product designer, and together with my business partner John Williamson, we identified a need for a complete door solution, external and internal, from design right through to installation. The result was The London Door Company, now trading for over 25 years.

What look do you go for?

It depends on the style of the property. Many we produce are for period homes and it's vital that we keep in with the rest of the architecture. All our doors are bespoke, so we're able to exactly match the style of door to the period of someone's home. A door made using the same traditional workmanship as the original will not only enhance the look but also add value to a property. Remember, your front door is the first thing most people look at.

What inspires you?

Too many things to mention, but clean, functional design is inspirational. I'm admiring the new chair designs for Tablemakers, our sister company that makes bespoke tables and dining chairs.

How do you source your products?

We encourage the use of acocoya for our external doors as it matches the positive properties of tropical hardwoods, but uses fast growing timber from sustainable sources. It's incredibly durable and stable, and is non-toxic.

Why have you headed to north London?

Having been in south London for such a long time, we were finding that a lot of business was coming from north of the river. So we opened a showroom in Highbury – as we're largely a service business, we like to be based near our clients. We are looking to further increase our presence across north London. Giving a local service means we need to operate on a local level. The ideal setup would be to have showrooms that cover only a few postcodes; eventually we will have locations stretching from Ealing right over to Essex.

What are you coveting?

An original Le Corbusier chaise lounge would be nice...

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