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THE POWER LIST

Welcome to our review of the most influential people within the industry – the ones we think have shaped the office landscape the most in 2017 and will continue to make an impact in the coming year and beyond



MARK DAVIES
Principal director,
TP Bennett

Davies joined TP Bennett twenty years ago and 2017 saw him lead the design for the new UBS offices in Broadgate, a truly landmark scheme in scale and quality, as well as variety of workspace. He has also been involved in a new HQ for the Bank of Tokyo as well as the interior design and fit out of finance firm Markit's new base at Ropemaker Place in London.



JULIAN DE METZ
Director,
dMFK

Positing that if you're putting slides or table football into offices, you should change your career or go on a yoga retreat made de Metz's Shredder one of 2017's most entertaining. Underpinning that is some seriously strong workplace design expertise such as that found at the Office Group's 91 Wimpole Street, where a West End oasis was created.



MICHAEL FERN
Director,
Edge

As he led the tour around Landsec's impressive HQ in London's Victoria, Fern cut an authoritative yet animated figure, describing how the subtler shapes and textures in an office reception can strongly impact the sense of arrival. He describes himself as a 'forward-thinking design strategist, with a real love of the creative process' – we couldn't agree more!



**FERGUS FEILDEN
EDMUND FOWLES**
Founders, Feilden Fowles

This duo found common ground during collaborations as students at Cambridge University and the natural next step was forming a practice. Their self initiated, self-funded project for their own studio recently won them a Wood Award and rightly so, it's a lesson in rational, low cost office building and with its Douglas fir timber frame feels warm and homely too.



THOMAS HEATHERWICK
Founder,
Heatherwick Studio

We recently featured Thomas Heatherwick in our December issue for the dramatic kinetic façade at the Shanghai arts centre. With an aim to make "the physical world around us better for everyone," Heatherwick's keen eye for detail and ability to challenge traditional rules of design and architecture certainly make the world a better and more beautiful place.



DARA HUANG
Founder,
Design Haus Liberty

Dara has a warm, easy-going manner in person and a track record showing achievement and ambition in workplace design. With experience at Herzog + De Meuron and Foster + Partners and qualifying in architecture from Harvard, she set up on her own as Design Haus Liberty and hasn't looked back. We reported on her work at creative agency Analog Folk.



RICHARD HYWEL EVANS
Director,
RHE Studio

Richard Hywel Evans founded London-based studio RHE in 1997. Since, he has overseen more than 50 projects worldwide, with a design ethos of sustainability and ingenuity at its core. After an initial inspection of Republic, his large-scale rejuvenation of a 1980s building during research for our April cover story, we look forward to seeing it in its completed glory.



GUY IVESHA
Founder & CEO,
Maslow's

In a crowded co-working marketplace, Ivesha's recently opened Mortimer House in London's Fitzrovia cleverly combines a place to work with added 'wellness' – with a meditation room and gym. Courtesy of designers AvroKO, it's high-end enough to impress potential clients. We'd expect nothing less considering his pedigree in hospitality.



GAVIN KING
Director,
SpaceInvader

With projects such as AstraZeneca's offices in Cheshire under SpaceInvader's belt, it's little wonder King is one of the designers we regularly keep in touch with to get the lowdown on the latest workplace trends. With SpaceInvader studios in Manchester and Leeds, King can be relied upon to keep us from being too London-centric as well.



KATRINA KOSTIC SAMEN
Managing partner,
KKS Strategy

Since 2004, Katrina Kostic Samen has been integrating a vast amount of experience and knowledge into award-winning spaces around the world. After kitting out the office of Landsec's new HQ (the first workplace to achieve both WELL Certified Silver and BREEAM Outstanding), she took up a new position as senior vice president at the British Council for Offices.

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