



MARIA WILLIAMS

INTERIOR DESIGNER

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POST-SECONDARY

2004-2007

KINGSTON-UPON-THAMES
UNIVERSITY
BA HON'S INTERIOR
DESIGN

SECONDARY

2003-2004

HEATHERLEYS SCHOOL OF
FINE ART - LONDON
ART FOUNDATION

2001-2003

ST. CLARES - OXFORD
INTERNATIONAL
BACCALAUREATE

PERSONAL STATEMENT

I am an interior designer with 12 years of work experience in the field. During my career I have worked as part of the team and on solo projects. My portfolio includes a variety of top end projects ranging from five star hotel to luxury villas to small private apartments. International hotels include Luxury Collection, Sheraton, Intercontinental, Swissotel, Hyatt and more. The projects location is spread-out through the world and are located in the U.K., Europe, Russia, Oman, Egypt and Canada. My involvement on projects starts from initial concept development and space planning through to the final decorative elements. Work includes: -Space planning - Concept and style development - Furniture Selection and Design - Artwork and Signage package development - Creating custom artwork pieces for individual projects - Creating custom carpet design for individual projects - Specification writing for all aspects of the design - Liaising with clients - Site supervision

EDUCATION

POST-SECONDARY

2008-2009

KINGSTON-UPON-THAMES UNIVERSITY
MA SUSTAINABLE DESIGN

This course was aimed at practicing designers who wanted to direct their practice towards progressive sustainability and social agendas. It focused on the value of design as a means to address social and ecological concerns in both developed and developing world settings.

Dissertation - Sustainable design of a Sheraton Hotel, Sharm el Sheikh, Egypt
Supervised by Oliver Heath

Work Placement - N-gauge - Sustainability review of head office practices, U.K. I was tasked with analyzing working environment of N-gage head office and creating a report on where improvements can be made to increase sustainable performance of the office.

LIST OF PROJECTS

LEAD DESIGNER:

Kempinski Riga
Westin Milan
Sheraton Sopot
Baku Offices
Sheraton Oman
Sheraton Rostov
Intercontinental Moscow
Kempinski Budapest
Sheraton Baku
Hilton Muscat

WORKED AS PART OF THE TEAM:

Sheraton Warsaw
Swissotel Sochi
The Westbury Hotel
National Moscow
Sofitel Moscow
Sheraton Krakow
Radisson Blu Antwerp

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2006 – 2017

ALEX KRAVETZ DESIGN LUXURY INTERIORS (AKD)

My work at AKD focused on luxury hotels and high-end residences worldwide. As part of the team I've worked with many major hotel operators, from simple guest room refurbishments to complex renovations and re-branding.. The work I was involved with demanded a high degree of organization and a hands-on approach from the initial concept to completion. I was involved with projects from the initial masterplan to purchasing including the finer details like graphics and signage designs. My specific roles included:

- Working as part of a team designing luxury hotel interiors from start to finish.
- Liaising with clients and suppliers, ensuring deadlines were met and records were kept.
- Researching and sourcing new companies and products, keeping a library of available products as a reference for other office members.
- Preparing graphic design packages, which included logo design, carpet design and graphical artwork.
- Concept development; Space planning; Detailed project presentations, including 3-D rendering development with rendering specialist,; FF&E specifications & schedules; Cost Budgets;
- Developing bespoke furniture & lighting packages with suitable manufacturers;
- Co-ordinating tender & quotation information; dealing with contractor/manufacturers queries; Shop drawing review & approvals; Co-ordination meetings; Site surveys, snagging & follow-up.

2006 & 20008

Workied at AKD London p art-time while

2007 & 2009-2011

Worked full-time at AKD head office

2011-2017

Worked full-time at AKD remotely from Moscow . Working directly with the Managing Director on all projects and coordinating with team members in the Paris, & Philippine studios.

For more information refer to www.alexkravetzdesign.com

PROFESSIONAL SKILLS

Able to work in Microsoft and Macintosh operating systems

Fully competent with all aspects of Microsoft Office, Sketch Up, Auto CAD ArchiCAD Illustrator and Indesign, Photoshop for picture manipulation

PERSONAL SKILLS

Strong conceptual skills, being able to visualize schemes and convey this appropriately through concise & dynamic presentations and clear drawings.

Floor planning
Technical hand drawing
Creating mood boards
Excellent communication
Highly creative
Attention to detail

Capable of working on my own and as part of a team

ADDITIONAL SKILLS

Painting – Oil and acrylic
Promarker sketching

LANGUAGES

English – Fluent
Russian – Mother Tongue

Please see my website www.mariawilliamsdesign.com or portfolio for more details

REFERENCES ARE AVAILABLE
UPON REQUEST

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2017 NOVEMBER – PRESENT

SELF-EMPLOYED INTERIOR DESIGNER

I started doing freelance projects in 2017 which has allowed me to explore my own style and work with clients directly. I have learned to work on my own without the support of a big team. While the freelance work is smaller in scale than the hospitality work I did previously, it moves at a fast pace and I work more directly with clients and contractors.

After a couple of residential projects in Moscow, I was commissioned to create a unique loft-style gym. The gym was located in the trendiest part of Moscow I was required to work within tight budgetary constraints and timeframe.

Since moving to Canada my husband and I purchased and renovated 1950's bungalow in Vancouver BC. Renovation our home helped me understand the construction and design industry in Vancouver. I quickly got accustomed to working within the confines of the Vancouver building code with permit applications and city inspections. As this was my own house, I have carried out much of the construction myself. This has given me a better understanding of construction methods in Canada.

RECENT PROJECTS INCLUDE:

Flat in Moscow 54 sq.m

Incorporating the clients wishes while carrying out a full renovation of an old apartment into upscale property.

Studio Flat in Moscow 32 sq.m.

Full renovation. Property was purchased as an empty shell in a new build apartment block. I creatively designed the flat to allow for a lot of storage with a contemporary stylish look and feel while working with a limited budget.

House in Moscow 540 sq.m.

House was bought as a shell with no doors or windows and an undesirable floor layout. The brief was to create a user-friendly layout and give the house exterior a classical look that would attract the buyers.

Red Stone Gym – Moscow 320 sq.m.

Full renovations of a gym in the trendiest part of Moscow – Red October, The brief was to create a loft style gym, where clients will want to go and where they would want to be seen.