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# In Good Company: Harry Handelsman

Harry Handelsman is a property developer and founder of Manhattan Loft Corporation, who has played a creative role in the evolution of London as a modern city. His buildings include Chiltern Firehouse, St Pancras Renaissance Hotel, Hackney Fashion Hub and Ealing Studios.



**When was the company founded?** In 1992, when I brought loft living to London with Summer Street Lofts in Clerkenwell. Despite the recession, all the apartments sold rapidly, and Clerkenwell was soon dubbed the coolest place to live in the city.

**How many staff?** 24

**Where is it based?** We reside at the top of The Edison, an Art Deco, loft-style workspace on London's Old Marylebone Road. The Edison was created by Manhattan Loft in collaboration with architects Adjaye Associates, whose

headquarters are also in the building.

**What is your latest significant achievement/project of note?** My current project, Manhattan Loft Gardens, is one of the most ambitious to date. Based in Stratford, which I believe is destined to become one of the most desirable areas of London, the 42-storey luxury tower will feature a triple-height entrance lobby, seven storey design hotel, two restaurants (including one on the roof garden), three sky gardens, a private club and 248 apartments and lofts. Due to the use of transfer beams on the 10th and 28th floor, it will offer loft style living, unusual for a high-rise. The 'interlocking' design ensures double height ceilings and lateral living space in a way not seen before in a tower. The residential lobby will merge with the hotel lobby, including a lounge and bar, creating an atmospheric community for residents.

**How many residential units the company has created to date?** I have never counted but it must be several thousand.

**I've just discovered...** Park Chinois, Alan Yau's fantastic new London restaurant. Alan is always re-inventing himself and striving for excellence – his new ventures are always creative and exciting.

**Who inspires me...** There isn't one person in particular. I'm inspired by fashion, art, but mostly the history of

architecture – the pyramids and renaissance cities like Venice and Florence. I find beauty in buildings. I'm privileged to work closely with many talented architects and it's the interaction with creatives such as David Adjaye, Zaha Hadid, Richard Rogers and currently SOM, that brings me inspiration.

**I've always been a fan of...** New forms of architecture. I find it fascinating what one can do to create something amazingly beautiful and practical.

**My highlight of the last 12 months...** The purchase of a Yoshitomo Nara painting. I'm delighted to own something so beautiful.

**My next design trip is to...** Next week I'm visiting Berlin, a city I love. I'm planning to have a look at a potential exciting venture. The following week I'm off to Madrid to see very different, but equally fascinating, development opportunities.

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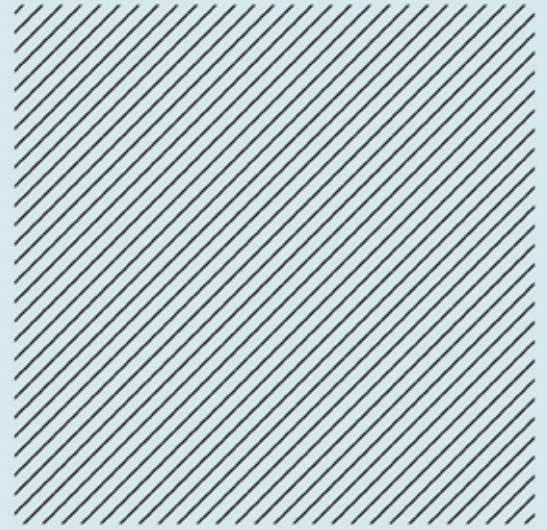


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