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the Samore residence



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The Hillman residence



James Charles

Jo-Anne Wright puts **James Charles of James Charles Design** in the hot seat.

> What is your greatest strength?

Determination and creativity

> And weakness?

Great cuisine

> What is your worst habit?

Too accommodating

> Do you have time for any hobbies?

Of course! Photography, Sports, Art, and Traveling

> How do you relax?

Yoga, Walks, sailing and being with friends

> Which statesman do you most admire (alive or deceased) and why?

Winston Churchill because of his resolve and determination.

> Who has been the most influential person in your life?

Who else – Mum.

> What plans do you have for the future?

Be a father and create a significant influence in the world of design.

> What has been the highlight of your year so far?

The opening of our London office.

> What do you consider your most prestigious project?

Tina Turner's home

> Longest interior project taken?

Hillman residence in Chicago, IL. It was five years in the making from ground breaking to its final completion of the Basement.

> Best business decision?

I believe that will be hiring Lovella and Jonathan – they're Great!

> Which was your most memorable project and why?

The Samore in Beverly Hills, CA. They invited me to the family Christmas Eve party. Mr. Samore – toasted me, saying I had given him and his family everything they have wanted for the past twelve years. It was great to hear, I trust I still have some goose bumps to this day.

> What thing/item has most influenced you design wise?

Since a very young age. The beauty of Simple car designs by Ferrari, Bugatti's and pre 1960 Mercedes.

> What do you see as the major change facing the interior design world in the next 10 years?

We will be held as an industry and as individuals to a higher standard by the layman due to a greater acceptance and increased knowledge of good design by the general populace.

> Greatest eyesore?

MGM Grand in Las Vegas, Nevada because there is nothing grand about the entire place, except for its immensity.

> What is the scariest thing you have ever done?

Breaking in a Wild Mustang in the Arizona Dessert

> What would be your 11th commandment?

Thou shall remember the first 10.