

Leaders & Achievers

Campbell Johnson

Owner Campbell Johnson Design

After 10 years away, what has brought you back to Christchurch?

I always knew I would come home because my family is here, but after the quakes, I felt an even greater pull back. I just sort of knew the time was right.

How does your international experience influence your work?

Experiencing different cultures and seeing how people live, work, shop and play has made me more open-minded in how I approach a project. There is much to be learnt from international industry advancements in materials and technology, all aiming to improve the overall spatial experience.

What type of projects do you enjoy?

I have been lucky to be involved in a wide range of interior-based projects, from large-scale retail and corporate headquarters, to speciality boutique and small offices, high-end residential, hospitality and branded experiential environments.

I get most satisfaction from people's reactions to a finished project. When they see it complete for the first time, that's magic!

Do you apply a distinctive style to your interior-design projects?

No, definitely not. I have a process style, but I work with clients to identify and establish their own aesthetic values.

Which of the objects pictured says the most about you?

Right now, it would be the Dulton wisdom-tooth stool. I like the way people react to it, not quite sure what it is or what it's for. Its strong form and quirky appearance compliment a lot of spaces.

