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### ***Professional Qualifications***

1978-1982 BA Hons – RUTC Higher Surrey University Degree in Design & Architecture  
1980-1982 Dip AD Diploma Membership of the CSD (then SIAD)  
1980-1983 RIBA Ind. Pt.2 Architecture - Oxon  
1982-2006 M.C.S.D. – Professional Membership of The Chartered Society of Designers (C.S.D.)  
2007- F.C.S.D. – Elected to Fellowship of The Chartered Society of Designers (C.S.D.)

### ***Livery Companies & City Institutions***

Freedom of the City of London (1997)  
1997 – Present The Worshipful Company of Furniture Makers - Master (2013/2014), founding  
Chairman of Corporate Membership, founding Chairman of Fundraising  
2015 – Present Worshipful Company of Upholders  
2016 – Present The Worshipful Company of Art Scholars  
Great 13 (Masters of Livery Companies in 2013)  
City of London Ward Clubs; Billingsgate, Broad Street (Dep. Chairman), Castle Baynard, Cheap, Tower  
and United Wards.

### ***Other Societies and Institutions***

British Furniture Confederation (BFC) – Chairman  
Founder of the Design Guild Mark (2007)  
Royal Academy, Patron  
V&A, Directors Circle  
Associate Member of the RIBA (Royal Institute of British Architects)  
BCFA  
FIRA International (Director)  
City Architecture Forum  
The Brompton Association (local civic amenity society) - Treasurer

### ***Clubs***

East India Club  
Woburn Golf Club  
The Sloane Club

### ***Charities***

Worshipful Company of Furniture Makers incorporating the Furnishing Industry Trust.  
Hodgkin Lymphoma/ CLIC Sargent

## **Summary**

Jonathan was born in London but spent his pre-school years in Bombay, India and returned to the UK in 1969 for Prep and Public School. Jonathan initially trained as an Architect / Designer and practiced with leading architectural practices such as Aukett & Heery International in the early 1980's on office & business park projects for companies such as IBM, Boots, Sainsbury's, Merrill Lynch, Citibank and Esso amongst others.

After a period with Officescape Ltd and Facility Group managing interior furniture and fit out solutions to Forbes 500 & Times 1000 companies, he was headhunted in 1988 by Rosehaugh Plc, a leading property company as Group Marketing Director. Here Jonathan led new initiatives in the sales & marketing of major developments such as Broadgate, Ludgate and Kings Cross in the City of London.

Jonathan then took up a fresh challenge to manage and develop Maine Engineering Ltd a UK manufacturer of steel equipment and furniture to the office, oil and marine industries including the Royal Navy. There followed the design and development of many new and innovative furniture and storage products, which are the generic benchmarks for leading office environments today.

Jonathan is currently KI's (Krueger International) Group Managing Director – E.M.E.A.. Jonathan has spent the last 23 years founding and building the intercontinental operations of KI, a global leader in the manufacture of contract furniture solutions to the Business, Education, Healthcare and Government sectors. KI is a privately held, employee owned company and global leader in the manufacture of contract furniture. The company has 3,000 employees worldwide and a turnover of circa \$1 billion.

Jonathan sits on the Boards/ Committees of the principal Industry Trade Associations and founded The Design Guild Mark in 2007, now the leading recognition for the design of volume production furniture in the UK. In 2011 and 2014 respectively, Jonathan founded the highly successful Corporate Membership and Fundraising Committees at The Worshipful Company of Furniture Makers, a City Livery Company and the industry's charity. Jonathan was installed as Master of the Furniture Makers 2013/2014. Jonathan and Jessica Hindle commissioned, and were the principle donors in a joint project with the V&A, to produce the book 'Modern British Furniture Design – since 1945', by Lesley Jackson. The book is now widely recognised as the most authoritative book on the subject and is on its third print run.

**Wife:** Jessica was a Commodity Broker at Prudential Bache in the 1980s (First woman in Europe to pass and qualify to Chicago Board of Trade). Jessica is a Liveryman of the Worshipful Company of Arts Scholars & Collectors.

**Son:** Jeremy, a neuropsychologist, is a founding partner and CTO at an Artificial Intelligence machine learning recruitment app called Headstart – [www.headstartapp.com](http://www.headstartapp.com).

**Daughter:** Jemima, a Psychology graduate of Durham University, is working as an analyst at a Fin. Tech.

## **Career History**

- 2016 – Present:** **British Furniture Confederation (BFC)**  
*Chairman (unpaid)*  
The British Furniture Confederation maintains regular dialogue with Government and other influential stakeholders to ensure that all policies and initiatives support a thriving furniture, furnishings and bed industry. Its' executive is comprised of the heads of the industry's leading associations (BCFA, BFM, FIRA, FMC, LOFA and NBF) and works closely with ACID, AMUSF and the industry's All Party Parliamentary Group.
- 1994 – Present:** **KI Inc (Krueger International Inc) - KI International Subsidiaries**  
*Group Managing Director – E.M.E.A*  
Director of the following subsidiary companies of KI Inc.: -
  - KI (UK) Ltd (UK, Ireland) -
  - KI Middle East FZ LLC (Covering all Gulf regions)
  - KI East Asia SDN. BHD (S.E Asia / Malaysia)
  - Krueger International BV (Benelux)
  - Krueger International GmbH (Germany)KI Inc. (Krueger International Inc.) - A Forbes 500 privately held/ employee owned company (shareholder).  
Headquartered in the USA.  
Group annual turnover circa \$1 Billion.  
One of the leading manufacturers of contract furniture worldwide serving the Business, Education, Healthcare and Government Markets.
- [www.ki.com](http://www.ki.com)  
[www.kieurope.com](http://www.kieurope.com)  
[www.spacesaver.com](http://www.spacesaver.com)  
[www.sebelfurniture.com](http://www.sebelfurniture.com)  
[www.pallastextiles.com](http://www.pallastextiles.com)
- 1990 – 1993** **Storwal International Inc/ Maine Engineering Ltd**  
*Sales & Marketing Director*  
U.K manufacturer of steel storage and marine accommodation solutions to The Royal Navy and the offshore oil industry.
- 1988 – 1990** **Rosehaugh Plc**  
*Marketing Services Director*  
Joined the Board of this leading property developer as the responsible Director on joint venture projects with Stanhope Properties at Broadgate, Ludgate and Kings Cross amongst others. Merged APR (Applied Property Research) into the J.V.as a subsidiary.
- 1987- 1988** **The Facility Group**  
*Account Director*  
An Office Furnishings & Interior Design Consultancy.
- 1984 – 1987** **Officescape Group**  
*Principle Designer/ Controller – New Business Manager*  
Interior Designers and Building Contractors.
- 1983- 1984** **Heery International Inc**  
*Architect/ Senior Designer*  
One of the first U.S Architectural Practices to come to the UK/ London. Part of the start up team.
- 1980 – 1983** **Michael Aukett Associates (now Aukett Fitzroy)**  
*Architect/ Interior Designer*  
A multi-disciplinary Architectural practice.