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# FAST FORWARD 5 YEARS

THE SPEED OF CHANGE IS INCREASING ON A DAILY BASIS – SO WHERE DO YOU THINK THE INTERIORS OF TOMORROW WILL BE IN HALF A DECADE'S TIME? WE ASKED FOUR SAVVY MINDS FROM THE WORLD OF DESIGN TO LOOK FIVE YEARS INTO THE FUTURE.



**PAUL NULTY**  
Paul Nulty Lighting Design

**How will our living spaces have changed?**

Within five years we will become almost solely reliant on LED technology in our homes. Products with better colour rendering and dimming capability will be available. The level of online interaction with our living spaces will increase. Whether it's a simple text message to say the iron is still on or full feedback on energy consumption, technology will monitor how we live.

**What will be making a comeback?**

The GLS lamp. Wouldn't it be great if legislation became more sensible and legislated against 'lifestyle'? Instead of 'banning the bulb' how about it allows use of the bulb but limits the amount of energy any one person can use?

**What will be the must-have piece of technology?**

I'd like to think it will be a wearable iPhone or personal organiser – anything to make my life easier! Seriously, we now carry a computer around in our

pockets; it can't be long 'til we have heads up displays in our glasses and gesture control!

**What will be the catchphrase of the moment?** Bulbs grow, lamps used to glow...



**ROGER KYME**  
Chief Executive, Ripples

**How will our living spaces and bathrooms have changed?**

More consideration will be given to better use of space in new builds. There'll be new and improved products, better design with concealed pipework and cisterns and more thought given to water pressures and grey water recycling. Super-efficient under floor heating will reduce running costs.

**Who will be the next big thing in this sector?**

The manufacturer that works closest with the construction industry. Water conservation and space saving are key. Bathroom designers are bringing out the best natural colours by using new, exciting, lighting fixtures - there are huge energy savings to be made here too.

**Which object/product will we be using the most?**

Heating and humidity products will have a big role to play, as well as improved showering products. The

new Hansgrohe Select Ecostat finish sets for the IBox universal has no electronics, is totally concealed and saves money. Simply brilliant.

**What will be the must-have piece of technology?**

A built-in system to reuse water – energy efficiency is key. I also like new under floor heating from companies like Thermonet, This can be used under any floor finish, and a bathroom measuring 2m sq can cost just 7p a day to run.

**What will be the buzzword of the moment?**

Greywater. If you're visiting a bathroom specialist just say the word and wait for the reaction!



**SIMON ALLFORD**  
Director, AHMM

**How will our living spaces have changed?**

I hope they will be more responsive to place and no longer tied to regulations that ignore location and obsess with a single standard of light and privacy. In well-served central urban areas we need to facilitate density. The failure to recognise that the most valuable real estate in London would fail to meet any current standards is stymieing essential regeneration and the provision of better homes. We should also be thinking volume – not square footage. Too often in our world the lowest common denominator is mistaken for the benchmark!

**What will be the must-have piece of technology?**

A tablet that automatically switches off an entire organisation's server at 4pm to allow us time to initiate, think and talk rather than respond, act and email.

**Which object/product will we be using the most?**

The pen; it is mightier than the word processor and any amount of InDesign publications.

**What will be the catchphrase of the moment?**

'Universal Use Class Orders'. I am planning to spend the next five years promoting these and the eradication of planning's absurd desire to define activities rather than space and place.



**JANE PRICE-STEPHENS**  
Interior Designer

**How will our living spaces have changed?**

I see a continuation of the trend towards eliminating formal 'entertaining' rooms. Spaces will continue to become much more fluid in how they are designed and used. There aren't as many doors in houses as there used to be...

**Who will be the next big thing in your industry?**

It's not who, it's what. We all need to embrace technology and the impact it is going to have on both residential and commercial space in the future. Moore's law is having a pervasive impact on every aspect of our existence, including architectural and interior design.

**Who or what will be making a comeback?**

It's vintage, darling! Completely at odds with embracing technology, the movement towards sustainability means that vintage and salvaged items will continue to be in high demand as people seek to

find sought-after decorative 'treasures' for their home in an effort to make them more bespoke and individual.



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